

Only persons over the age of 16, or persons who have completed the golf cart safety instruction course, 14-15 years of age, shall be allowed to operate golf carts in Destiny East. Upon completion of instruction, operators and their parents must sign documentation and a statement of understanding that they are expected to be



responsible when operating a golf cart. **If they drive carelessly, they could lose their driving privileges and/or be ordered to pay a fine.** The Club Manager must ensure that all golf cart drivers have received proper instruction. All drivers must possess a valid driver's license ~or~ a permit stating that the Destiny East Golf Cart Safety Instruction class has been completed. **Only drivers with a valid driver's license may operate a golf cart outside of Destiny East gates.**

Operating a Golf Cart

These guidelines have been established to protect the drivers and passengers of golf carts from accidents and injuries and reduce the risk of property damage. These guidelines are intended for use by all golf cart owners within Destiny East. This outline is designed to teach operators of golf carts safe driving habits.

Mind your driving speed

Like regular vehicles, golf cars have a maximum speed, but it is not expected that you drive at the maximum speed. A safe operating speed for a golf cart is 15 MPH. Like regular cars, adverse conditions will affect your speed limit. Reducing your speed will give you better control and handling of your



golf cart. It is also important to greatly reduce your speed when making sharp turns.

Keep to designated roads

Golf carts are not allowed on the sidewalks, walking paths or off the paved roads of Destiny East.

Pedestrians have the right of way



Pedestrians always have the right of way. When you are driving through the neighborhood, maintain a safe speed, usually equivalent to a brisk walk, with the anticipation that you may need to stop.

Do not carry more passengers than there are seats

If there are only x number of seats, then only x number of passengers can safely board. Exceeding your passenger capacity is unsafe and many golf cart accidents have been caused by excess passengers on board. All passengers need to keep hands, arms, legs, and feet inside of the golf cart when the golf cart is in motion. All riders in the golf cart must remain seated at all times.

Look, Listen, and Drive

Look around and be aware of driving signs and warnings -- even if they are meant for regular vehicles. These signs are designed to make your drive easier, regardless of what type of vehicle you are operating. Being aware of speed limits, dips, speed bumps, and other driving warnings will keep you safe, and it will help you avoid undue wear on your golf cart. Listen for warnings and other things that might affect your driving -- emergency vehicle sirens, kids playing, other ve-



hicles, etc. Overall, being aware of your surroundings while driving allows you to anticipate and respond appropriately to obstructions or other interferences.

Observe traffic laws

Golf cart drivers **MUST** observe the same rules of the road as automobiles. Maintain adequate distance between vehicles and pedestrian. No person shall operate a golf cart in a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage thereto. Just as an automobile, a golf cart operating after dark **MUST** have adequate head lights and tail lights.



Parking your golf cart

When the golf cart is not in use, the operator must place the golf cart control lever in park or neutral position, remove and secure the key, and set the parking break. It is preferred that golf carts use the golf cart parking area when visiting the clubhouse. Golf carts cannot be parked on sidewalks, in yards or vacant lots.



Golf cart etiquette:

- Be considerate and respectful of others and their property.
- Drive only on paved roads within the neighborhood.
- Keep your stereo or radio at a sound level only you and your passengers can hear.
- Drive safely and ensure your passengers are properly seated.
- Be mindful of your passengers, safety and the safety of others.
- Keep your trash and litter and dispose of properly. Do not litter.
- Pay attention to what you are doing and what others are doing to avoid accidents.
- Do not stop your golf cart in the roadway to talk to others or sight see. Move to an area designated for parking.
- Only allow persons that have a valid license or Destiny East golf cart license to operate the golf cart.
- Be considerate when you park. Don't block others in.
- Don't let underage or unlicensed persons drive your golf cart.
- Use common sense. Be respectful of others.
- Swerving down the road, overloading the cart with passengers, driving carelessly, or recklessly, driving too fast for conditions, being a nuisance, being inattentive, or horseplay on or with a golf cart is prohibited.
- Be aware that you share the roadway with others such as walkers, bikers, and other vehicles. Be respectful and courteous. They have a right to the roadway also.

**Think safety
Act safely
Be safe**



Suspension of golf cart license and/or driving privileges:

- Driving a golf cart at Destiny East is a privilege. This privilege is often taken for granted. Drivers of golf carts must consistently drive in manner that shows that the driver has the skill, knowledge and maturity to operate a golf cart safely in the neighborhood.
- Destiny East may suspend driving privileges for improper, unsafe, careless or reckless driving behavior. Irresponsible unsafe, careless or reckless acts or operation may result in suspension or revocation of driving privileges and/or a fine.
- Neighborhood driving privileges may be suspended or revoked as a result of written member complaints in reference to unsafe, careless or reckless driving.
- Driving privileges may also be suspended or revoked for violations issued for unsafe, careless or reckless driving and/or a fine may be imposed.
- Driving privileges may also be suspended or revoked for accidents which were a result of unsafe, irresponsible, careless or reckless driving and/or a fine may be imposed.



- Destiny East staff may suspend or revoke the driving privileges of an individual that fails to operate a golf cart in a safe manner based on written witness accounts, written complaints, accidents or violations.
- It is the responsibility of the driver of the golf cart to drive the golf cart in a manner that does not place the safety of persons or property in jeopardy. Driving a golf cart within the neighborhood is a privilege which can be revoked for unsafe, irresponsible or hazardous driving.
- Destiny East staff may also issue violations and/or fines for persons operating a golf cart in an unsafe, improper, careless or reckless manner.



**Remember to practice safety,
don't learn it by accident.**