



FORE YOUR SAFETY!

Promoting Tournament Safety for Employees, Volunteers, Players, and Guests

Developing a Golf Cart Safety Program

The goal of implementing golf cart safety best practices is to minimize the potential for an incident to occur. Best practices can be found in the PGA TOUR Golf Cart Safety Training Acknowledgement Form and the PGA TOUR Golf Cart Safety Video. Safety guidelines instruct golf cart drivers how to safely operate a golf cart at a tournament, but they are by no means the end of the road when ensuring safety. Safety guidelines must partner with operational structure to truly be effective.

Golf cart storage, signage, routing and enforcement must all be considered during the planning of your tournament.

Cart Storage

When setting up a temporary cart storage facility many factors should be considered. The size of the fleet, number of authorized drivers (and functions) and available space is where the planning should start.

Additional areas to consider are maintenance, charging/power, management, hours of operation, security, topography and weather.

Each tournament is different, but it is imperative that plans

are developed for each contributing factor. That said, securing golf carts, elevating chargers, ensuring the ground is free of tripping hazards and managing a check-in/out process is unanimous across all tours.

Signage

The yellow PGA TOUR Golf Cart Safety Rules Sticker should be applied to the steering wheel of every golf cart prior to its operation at your tournament. These rules outline the most essential safety guidelines to follow at PGA TOUR tournaments and provide a quick reminder to the driver to operate in a safe fashion.



Additional signage in the form of directional signage should be installed/placed in key areas around the golf course that alert golf cart operators of restricted areas they should not enter. It's encouraged to create and disperse stop signs and cautionary signage too!

Routing

Restricting golf cart access at certain parts of the golf course during certain hours of the day is also a great way to ensure that golf carts are separated from pedestrians. Although each tournament is different, typically the clubhouse, first tee, entry gates, fan zones and other high pedestrian traffic areas should be golf cart prohibited zones. Creating and distributing a golf cart routing map that highlights prohibited zones and preferred routes to all applicable parties well in advance of your tournament should be considered. **REMEMBER**, most golf cart operators are only there for a week and therefore not as familiar with the property as veteran staff and volunteers.

Enforcement

Although the best practices outlined previously in this document are key to a successful golf cart safety plan, it will not be as effective without a culture of safety as its backbone. The enforcement of not only golf cart safety, but all safety, should be present from leadership all the way down through the ranks. Feel empowered to make the difference and **DO** something!