

Revised Rules for Use of Golf Carts in Castle Park – January 2024

Background

The Golf Cart Task Force was assembled in August 2023 to review existing golf cart rules in Castle Park and evaluate/propose any potential changes with the overall goal of improving golf cart safety.

Michigan law allows unregistered vehicles (such as golf carts) on public roads if certain conditions are met. Castle Park meets all those conditions - BUT in order to comply no unregistered vehicles can be capable of going more than 15 MPH to be legal.

Revised Rules for Use of Golf Carts in Castle Park (to be updated in Castle Park Rules and Regulations)

The recommended mode of transportation around Castle Park is walking or biking. Golf carts should be used primarily by people who have physical limitations that make it difficult for them to get around the park. In addition, all golf cart owners and drivers must:

- Have a valid driver's license and drive at a safe speed – under 10 MPH is recommended and never more than 15 MPH
- For the safety of Castle Parkers and to comply with Michigan Law, no golf cart or EV can be capable of going over 15 MPH unless it is fully registered and insured as a car/EV with the State of Michigan
- Not use golf carts between midnight and 6:00 AM
- Remove the key from your cart's ignition any time the cart is parked
- Allow no overcrowding or horseplay on carts
- Use an electric cart (not gas powered) with front and back lights on cart (if driven after sunset)
- If you choose to let your renters use your golf cart, you must fully inform them of the rules. If your renters require an additional golf cart, it must be rented by the cottage owner - not the renters.
- Not park golf carts on any roads or on the Dance Dune (except for those with limited mobility)
- Register their cart with the CPA and keep the registration current
- As part of CPA registration, make an attestation that their golf cart's maximum speed does not exceed 15MPH
- Prominently display the family/cottage last name on the back (or front if back not feasible) of the golf cart and place a CP cart rules sticker on the "scorecard" area of the steering wheel (or somewhere nearby)
- Maintain adequate insurance to protect the CPA against any claims that may arise from the operation of the golf cart within Castle Park.

Additional Recommendations.

- We recommend that families simply prohibit their teens/young adults from using golf carts at night, particularly if alcohol might be present
- Association members are strongly encouraged to consult their attorney and/or insurance agent to understand the potential liabilities associated with cart ownership and ensure that they have adequate insurance coverage
- Castle Park is a community built on mutual trust, respect and teamwork and we are all in this together. The CPA Board plans to communicate these rules frequently to members and help promote a shift in our culture to abide by the rules and hold each other accountable to them. We also kindly ask our Association members to be aware of the rules and point them out to folks/kids who may be in violation or not aware of them