

STONEHILL VILLAGE

Golf Cart Rules & Regulations

In order to ensure the safety of our residents and guests, the use of private golf carts throughout Stonehill Village shall be regulated as follows:

A. Mandatory Golf Cart Registration:

1. Before any private golf cart may be used within Stonehill Village (by a resident or by a guest), it must first be registered with, and approved by, the HOA:
2. Along with the registration application, please submit the following:
 - a. Proof of insurance
 - b. Copy of valid driver's license for primary operator
 - c. \$50.00 registration fee (refundable only if registration application is denied)
3. HOA management will review the application and attachments to determine whether the golf cart is eligible for registration in Stonehill Village. HOA management reserves the right to require a visual inspection of the golf cart before a registration application is approved.
4. The approval of a registration application by the HOA does not extend any liability to the HOA for any damage or injuries caused by a registered golf cart. Stonehill Village and the HOA are not responsible for any accidents, misuse, theft, damage, injury or any other occurrence or mishap arising from golf cart operation within Stonehill Village. Residents who choose to own and operate a golf cart do so at their own risk, and by signing the application for registration, the Resident certifies that he or she will be fully responsible for all damage and injuries that result, regardless of who is operating the golf cart.

B. Golf Cart Specifications:

1. Golf cart must be electric. The operation of gas-powered golf carts is prohibited within Stonehill Village, except by Stonehill Village maintenance staff.
2. Golf carts must be equipped with a rearview mirror.
3. Golf carts must be maintained in good working order. This includes, but is not limited to, performing routine maintenance to sustain efficiently functional brakes, appropriate tires (with sufficient tread).
4. All golf carts must be insured. Proof of liability insurance with coverage of at least \$50,000.00 must be submitted with the registration application, and must be maintained as long as the golf cart is being used within Stonehill Village. Resident must submit proof of insurance annually, or registration may be revoked. Resident must promptly inform the HOA, in writing, of any changes in insurance.
5. Golf cart must display a registration sticker on the front, back, and/or sides of the golf cart, at all times. The registration stickers will be provided to the owner of the HOA.

C. Golf Cart Operation:

1. Registered golf carts and Stonehill Village maintenance vehicles are the only motor vehicles allowed to be used on paved walking trails and sidewalks.

2. Golf cart operator must obey all regular traffic laws, including regulatory signs and the use of directional hand signals when making turns.
3. The driver of the golf cart must be at least 16 years old and have a valid driver's license, or they must be accompanied by a licensed driver who is 18 years or older.
4. Golf carts may be operated on the paved walking trails, sidewalks and roads (where permissible under applicable laws). The operator is responsible for learning an understanding applicable Ohio law regarding the operation of golf carts. No golf carts are permitted on any grass (except designated parking area by the Centre), mulch or landscaped area, or on the private property of any Resident who has not given the operator advance permission.
5. Golf cart operators must observe safe driving practices, which includes avoiding excessive speeds and unsafe maneuvers. Golf cart operators must slow the golf cart down to a walking-speed when approaching and passing pedestrians, bicyclists and motor vehicles. Pedestrians have the right of way in all circumstances.
6. Golf cart operators must be vigilant for people animals and objects in the golf cart's path, and must take appropriate caution to slow down, stop and avoid such obstacles.
7. No golf carts may be stored or left overnight on any common areas.
8. Designated golf cart parking is provided in grass near tennis courts at the Centre. No golf cart may be parked in a manner that will interfere with regular traffic flow through a street or a parking lot.
9. Golf cart operators must adhere carefully to the golf cart manufacturer's safety and operation recommendations.
10. Golf carts shall not carry more passengers than there are seats on the golf cart (i.e. a golf cart with two seats can have a max. of two people on board at one time). Passengers must remain seated with their arms and legs inside the golf cart while it is moving. Passengers are not permitted to ride on areas designed for carrying golf bags or other luggage.
11. No operator or passenger of a golf cart is permitted to consume alcoholic beverages while on the golf cart. No golf cart may be operated by a person who has a blood alcohol level over the legal limit.

D. Consequences for Violation of Rules and Regulations:

1. Violation of any rule or regulation will result in consequences determined in the discretion of the Board of the HOA, including but not limited to:
 - a. Suspension of the operation privileges
 - b. Termination of operation privileges
 - c. Fines (minimum of \$50.00, subject to increase at HOA discretion)
 - i. Six months after effective date of these Rules and Regulations, the operation of any unregistered golf cart within Stonehill Village will result in an automatic \$50.00 fine to the Resident responsible for the golf cart.
 - d. Suspension of use of common areas (temporary deactivation of key-fob)
 - e. Legal action