



2024 FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR GOLF CART/ATV POLICY

Fort Bend County Fair Golf Cart/ATV Procedures

The following are basic rules of operating and maintaining golf carts/ATVs used for work and personal transportation on the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds property. All golf carts/ATVs must be tagged with the **appropriate placard** by the fair office prior to operation on the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. **Personal golf cart/ATV will not be allowed to be used on the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds property. All operators of a golf cart/ATV will be required to take an online golf cart/ATV safety class and pass a written exam that will be on the Fort Bend County Fair website before being allowed to operate a golf cart/ATV. The class must be renewed every two years.**

Anyone found violating these rules will be subject to disciplinary action as deemed by the board of directors.

SAFETY WHEN OPERATING A GOLF CART/ATV

The maximum speed of a golf cart/ATV depends upon the terrain over which it is being driven, the weather conditions, and the total weight of the golf cart/ATV and passengers and any equipment being carried. A golf cart/ATV should be operated on the grounds at a speed equivalent to a well paced walk. Golf cart/ATV operators will observe all Texas vehicle traffic laws such as line travel, stop signs, legal passing of other vehicles, etc.

Golf carts/ATV should be operated on the sidewalks and parking lots when possible. Golf carts/ATV should not be driven on the grass if possible.

Most golf carts/ATVs used on the grounds are designed to carry a driver and one passenger. **A golf cart/ATV will not be operated with more passengers than it is designed to carry.** If golf carts have seat belts for the operator and passengers, then each person riding in the golf cart/ATV will be restrained by a safety belt. All occupants in the golf cart/ATV shall keep hands, arms, legs, and feet within the confines of the golf cart/ATV always when the cart is in motion. **Safety of small children while on the golf cart/ATV will be monitored by the adult responsible for the children.**

On the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, the pedestrian always has the right-of-way. Operators of golf carts/ATV will permit this right-of-way. If the golf cart/ATV is being operated on a sidewalk, the operator will pull off the sidewalk and stop the unit when approaching pedestrians.

When the golf cart/ATV is not in use, cart/ATV is to have parking brake set, key removed and secured with a chain and lock. The golf cart/ATV will be stored overnight in the enclosed fence area next to the fair office with parking brake set, key removed and secured with chain and lock. Failure to do so may result in unauthorized use and cart assignee will be responsible for any damage or theft.

SAFETY CHECKLIST

The operator will, before operating the golf cart/ATV, check for proper tire condition and inflation. Brakes will be checked to make sure they are in proper working order. The operator will check for any indication of battery fluid leaks such as wet spots under the unit. If the golf cart/ATV needs repair or maintenance, please notify the Fair office immediately! This includes the refueling.

OPERATING THE GOLF CART

The following rules should be observed when operating or using a golf cart/ATV:

- All drivers must have a valid Texas driver's license.
- Never leave the keys in the golf cart/ATV when unattended.
- Always lock and secure the golf cart/ATV when not being used, and when storing overnight.
- Never back up without looking to see what is behind the golf cart/ATV.
- Never shift gears while the vehicle is in motion.
- Never exceed the safe speed limit.
- Never operate the golf cart/ATV with more passengers aboard than the golf cart/ATV is designed to seat.
- Always obey all traffic rules and regulations.
- Reduce speed to compensate for inclines, pedestrians, and weather conditions.
- Maintain adequate distance between vehicles.
- Approach sharp or blind corners with caution.
- Operator and passenger should wear seat belts if golf cart/ATV is equipped with such.
- Keep hands, legs, feet, and arms inside the confines of the golf cart/ATV when it's in motion.
- **No open containers with alcoholic beverages are allowed in golf cart/ATV.**
- **Absolutely no driving a golf cart/ATV if you are intoxicated.**
- Use a tow bar only when towing a golf cart/ATV.

All golf cart operations will be terminated on Fridays and Saturdays from 7 pm-Fair closing unless approved by Emergency Management. Approved carts/ATV for after 7PM operations. The golf cart/ATV will display a (red number placard).

All drivers for approved golf cart/ATV operations for Fridays and Saturdays from 7 P.M. to Fair closing must have a valid Texas driver's license and be 21 years of age or older.

- Example of approved operations
 - Safety Personnel
 - Law Enforcement and/or Security
 - Medical Personnel
 - Entertainment Committee: only for transportation of entertainers to their perspective locations for fair business purposes.
 - Ice Operations:
 - Recycling

- Parking
- Shuttle Service
- Office Staff

If transport of materials is needed during restricted hours, you are to contact safety personnel. We encourage all materials to be obtained before 7 pm and transportation kept to a minimal operation. The transport service is not intended for regular taxi services and safety personnel have a right to refuse transport of personnel or materials.

BATTERY RECHARGE

When recharging the batteries, the following safety rules should be observed:
 Do not smoke near the recharge station. Only an approved battery charger will be used to recharge the batteries (designed to shut off automatically when the batteries are fully charged). Do not recharge near an open flame or source of ignition. Pour baking soda on all spilled battery acid before cleaning up the spill and wash skin thoroughly with cold water if in contact with battery acid. Disconnect all battery charger cords before using the golf cart/ATV.

I have read the rules of operation for a golf cart/ATV and agree to abide by the rules. I realize that a violation of the rules will be grounds for termination of golf cart/ATV usage.

Print Name	Type of Vehicle	Assigned #
Signature	Driver's License #	
Committee_____		Phone_____
Radio_____	Charger_____	Acc._____