

Golf Cart Safety and Policy Procedure

The Golf Cart Policy is for the safety of all vendors, staff and patrons of Little River Chamber organized festivals. Its purpose is to reduce the possible risks associated with the use of golf carts. Specifically developed to prevent injury to the drivers, pedestrians, general public and property damage. This policy applies to all vendors, employees, patrons and residents who reside within the ingress and egress of the festival in relation to the operation of golf carts.

The need for safety excellence is paramount to the Little River Chamber of Commerce therefore the policy terms are contained herein.

Golf carts operators will be authorized by the Little River Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center. Consideration of non-profit agencies as authorized golf cart provider is preferred. No other golf carts may operate within the chamber designated festival footprint as authorized by Horry County Special Events Permit and SCDOT designated road closures.

No golf carts will be permitted within the festival gates during festival hours except for emergency use by Horry County Fire/Rescue and EMT.

All authorized golf carts will display designated signage as "Official Chamber Authorized Transportation."

The Little River Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center will publicize the authorized agency or drivers designated specifically for the festival(s.)

There is no money exchanged between the authorized golf cart operators and the Little River Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center.

The Little River Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center will ensure that the Official Chamber Authorized Transportation policy is adhered for safe operation, driver responsibility, golf cart acquisition and equipment requirements.

1. Safe Operation
 - a. All drivers shall observe all vehicle traffic laws while driving golf carts.
 - b. The number of passengers and load capacity shall not exceed the manufacturer's rated limit. Passengers must be seated while the golf cart is in operation. No children allowed on driver's lap or steering.
 - c. Pedestrians have the right of way over vehicles when crossing roadways, at road intersections and within festival ingress and egress areas.
 - d. Golf carts must not exceed 15 mph speed limit.
2. Driver Responsibility
 - a. Drivers are required to have a valid driver's license and obtain clearance through the Little River Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center and or designated authorized agency.
 - b. In the event of an accident, the driver must report to the Little River Chamber of Commerce on site at the festival to file an incident report.
 - c. Reckless or gross negligent driving will result in automatic loss of privilege to drive any golf cart on Little River Chamber of Commerce designated festival footprint areas.
3. Golf Cart Acquisition and equipment requirements
 - a. Authorized golf carts will be acquired through a mutually agreed upon vendor between the chamber and the designated authorized agency.
 - b. Golf Carts must display the authorized signage as approved by the Little River Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center.
 - c. Golf carts must be street legal.
 - d. The designated authorized agency must provide the chamber with a certificate of insurance showing the chamber as additionally insured.