

Ocean Reef Public Safety Department

GOLF CART LICENSE

To operate a golf cart, you must possess a valid state motor vehicle license or be **12** years of age and hold a valid golf cart license issued by Ocean Reef Public Safety.

- To operate a golf cart after sunset you must hold a valid state driver's license and have the required headlights and taillights.
- To operate a golf cart after 11:00 p.m. you must be 17 years old or accompanied by someone 21 years old.
- To operate a golf cart after 1:00 a.m. you must be 18 years old or be accompanied by someone 21 years old.

GOLF CART LEARNER'S PERMIT

- Children ages 10-12 are eligible for a learner's permit which allows driving with an adult over the age of 18.
- Children applying for a learner's permit must pass both the written and driving portions of the cart license test.
- Children applying for a learner's permit may retake either portion of the test no more than twice.
- Public Safety Golf Cart Learner's Permits will be laminated in yellow to help distinguish them from regular cart licenses.

Casual driving is limited to areas where there are identified cart paths or marked cart lanes.

Residential areas are closed to casual cart operations.

Golf courses are closed except to registered golfers.

Any questions please call:

The Welcome Center	367-4418
The Public Safety Department	367-2222

BEFORE YOU START DRIVING

- Make sure windshield is clean. Remove anything that blocks your view of the road.
- Adjust your seat so that you reach all controls.
- If your golf cart has safety belts, please use them. Ask all of your passengers to do the same.
- Never move your cart until you have looked in front, behind and to the side for pedestrians and oncoming traffic.
- After looking in all directions, signal and pull into traffic when safe.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Defensive driving means doing all you can to prevent crashes. As a defensive driver you will give a little. Your driving will fit the weather conditions, the way you feel and the actions of other drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Follow these steps to avoid accidents:

1. Look for possible danger. Be on the lookout for horseplay in other carts that might be coming in the opposite direction. Be observant.
2. Act in time. Once you have seen a dangerous situation, act right away to prevent a crash.
3. Signal well in advance for turns and stops.
4. Slow down gradually. Avoid any sudden actions.
5. Drive with the flow of traffic.

GETTING READY TO DRIVE

Everyone who operates a golf cart on the streets and cart paths of Ocean Reef must have a Cart Operator License issued by the Welcome Center or a State Driver License.

Records show traffic violations occur in about 90% of all accidents. Every cart operator applying for an Ocean Reef Golf Cart License is tested to find out if he/she has adequate knowledge and skill level to operate a golf cart.

AGE AND HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

A person meeting the requirements when they are **12** years old and are at least **4 feet 9 inches tall** can obtain a Golf Cart License. Minors must have consent of a parent / guardian or sponsor before a license will be issued. A member of Ocean Reef Club or a property owner must sponsor any child under the age of 16 interested in obtaining a golf cart license. Simply being a guest of Ocean Reef Club does not qualify.

RESTRICTION

Ocean Reef Golf Cart Licenses are issued to persons **12** years old or older (with consent from a parent or guardian), who have passed a written and driving test on the rules of operating a cart. The operator must be tall enough (**4'9"**) and able to reach the pedals and steering wheel. An Ocean Reef Golf Cart License allows operation of golf carts during daylight hours only. Violations will result in suspension of license.

THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION

The purpose of the examination is to find out if the applicant:

1. Is able to read and understand road signs.
2. Knows the cart operation rules.
3. Is physically capable of safely driving a golf cart.
4. Possesses good driving skills.

All privately owned golf carts must be checked to assure that they do not exceed 17 MPH if they are operated by anyone under the age of 16. A sticker will be placed on the cart indicating it meets this requirement. Children are only allowed to operate a cart with this sticker.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

To receive a license the person must be physically developed enough to reach the brake pedal and depress it hard enough to stop and be able to steer the cart. It has been determined that persons must be at least 4 foot 9 inches tall in order to control a golf cart in a safe manner.

LICENSE FEE

The initial fee for an Ocean Reef Golf Cart License is \$10.00. The renewal or replacement license is \$5.00.

EXPIRATION DATE

The Golf Cart License is valid (unless suspended or revoked) for one year. The Golf Cart License must be renewed annually until the person receives a State Driver License. If suspended, the person must be re-tested and a fee of \$10.00 will be charged.

EXAMINATION

The written examination may cover anything in this manual. The test will be multiple choices with only one clearly right answer. A score of 80% is required to pass.

DRIVING TEST

The driving test will cover your driving skill. It is based on whether or not you know the basic skills such as driving on cart pathways, arm turning signals, coming to a complete stop and weaving in and out of traffic cones forward and backward. We will be looking for cart control.

NOTE: If you pass the written examination and fail the driving examination you will be issued a Restricted Cart Operators License with a side picture profile, until you make an appointment to retake the driving test. This means that you will need someone 18 years old who has a State Drivers License present while operating the golf cart.

LICENSE TO BE CARRIED AND EXHIBITED UPON DEMAND

The Golf Cart License or State Drivers License shall be in your immediate possession at all times when operating a golf cart. You must display your Golf Cart License or State Drivers License at the request of any Public Safety Officer or Deputy Sheriff.

DRIVING PRIVILEGE

Your License May Be Taken Away:

Revocation- means that your golf cart driving privilege has been terminated.

Suspension- means that your golf cart driving privilege has been temporarily withdrawn and the license will be returned at the end of the suspension period.

Point Evaluation

Point accumulation for offenses:

1. Accident (at fault) or wheelies.	6 points
2. Careless or dangerous operations.	4 points
3. Driving without a license (2 nd offense).	3 points
4. Running stop sign.	3 points
5. Jumping on and off while cart is in motion.	3 points
6. Throwing trash or debris from cart.	3 points
7. Driving without a license (1 st offense)	1 point

- 6 points within one year = revocation of license for 6 months
- 5 points within one year = revocation of license for 2 months
- 4 points within one year = revocation of license for 1 month
- 3 points within one year = 1 week suspension
- 2 points within one year = 3 day suspension
- 1 point within one year = a warning ticket

If you earn 7 points in one year you will lose your driving privilege for 1 Full Year.

Licenses that are Suspended or Revoked will be turned into the Welcome Center.

PARENTAL CONSENT

All juvenile applicants must have consent from a parent, guardian or sponsor to obtain a Golf Cart License. This consent will authorize the Public Safety Department to issue the juvenile a Golf Cart License, provided they meet the written and driving test requirements. The parent, guardian or sponsor along with the cart operator will accept full responsibility for any and all accidents (physical or property). The sponsor will be required to sign a Cart License Authorization Form in the Welcome Center before a Golf Cart License will be issued.

GOLF CART OPERATION SAFETY RULES

1. Come to a complete stop before changing from forward to reverse.
2. Wheelies are prohibited and will cause the driver to lose his/her license immediately.
3. Always travel single file.
4. Never allow passengers to jump on or off the cart while it is in motion.
5. Do not carry more passengers than for which the cart was designed.
(1 per seat, 2 per bench)
6. Set the parking brake firmly when parked.
7. No loud music or earphones which prevent the driver from hearing other traffic.

Please help the Public Safety Department keep Ocean Reef safe. We want everyone to have an enjoyable visit.

SIX STEPS IN MAKING A TURN

1. Make up your mind before you get to the turning point.
2. Get in the correct lane approaching the intersection.
3. Come to a complete stop.
4. Give correct turn signal.
5. Make the turn in the proper lane.
6. Finish your turn in the proper lane.

SAFE FOLLOWING DISTANCE

A minimum safe following distance is at least 3 cart lengths. This will allow the driver to stop if the cart ahead stops suddenly. Under **NO** circumstance is one cart allowed to push another.

Traffic Signs

Stop Sign:

Means you must bring your cart to a complete halt before the STOP sign or marked STOP line.

Right of Way:

The first person at the intersection has the right of way. Should two or more vehicles (carts) reach the intersection at the same time, the vehicle (cart) on the right has the right of way.

Pedestrians:

You must exercise do care to keep a safe distance for pedestrians.

Pedestrians Have The Right Of Way.

NIGHT DRIVING

To operate golf cart after sunset the driver must have in his/her possession a State Drivers License. The cart's headlights must be bright enough so the driver can see the roadway 25 feet ahead.

LITTERING

The operator shall be held responsible for any littering from his/her cart.

This offense will cause 3 points to be assessed.

Please refer to the point accumulation chart on page 4.

YOUR DRIVING

Concentration is one of the most important elements of safe driving. Train yourself to keep your eyes moving so that you see the roadway ahead of you as well as objects on either side. Therefore you won't miss the early stages of a dangerous situation and be forced to make a quick decision.

CROSS AN INTERSECTION

More accidents happen at intersections than any other place. Always slow down before entering an intersection so that you can stop if it becomes necessary. Most accidents are caused by traffic violations.

DRIVING WHILE YOUR LICENSE IS SUSPENDED OR REVOKED

Any person who drives while their license is suspended or revoked will permanently lose their license. The incident will be reported to the Membership Office and become a part of the Member's (sponsor) file.

SURRENDER OF LICENSE

Any person failing to surrender a suspended license will have his/her suspension period doubled. Also, failure of the parent/guardian or sponsor to cooperate can result in the family losing cart operating privileges.

YOU MAY NOT PARK

1. On a sidewalk or in a crosswalk.
2. So that you block a car or cart.
3. In a Fire Lane or service entrance.
4. So that you block a driveway.
5. In front of a fire well or hydrant.

YOU MAY NOT DRIVE

1. On the airport runway.
2. On marina finger piers (boat docks).
3. Outside Ocean Reef property.
4. On the golf course.
5. On private driveways and lawns.

IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT

Ocean Reef Public Safety Must Be Notified Immediately.
367-4357 or 367-2611 and ask for Public Safety.

A Public Safety Officer will conduct an investigation and complete an accident report.

YOUR DRIVING

Good driving is based on practice and being alert at the wheel.

- Good drivers know that driving is a full time job. They give driving their full attention.
- Good drivers drive defensively, scanning the road ahead and keeping an eye out for developing problems.
- Good drivers know, understand, and respect the rules.
- Good drivers do not drive when they are ill, upset or angry.
- Good drivers keep their vehicles in safe operating condition.

GOLF CART DRIVING COURSE CHECK LIST

Name: _____

Date: __/__/__

Height: _____

1. Golf Cart Pathway	Pass	Fail
Must stay on the cart path and must look behind before leaving the cart path onto the street.		

2. Right Hand Turn	Pass	Fail
Must use the correct hand signal for a right hand turn.		

3. Left Hand Turn	Pass	Fail
Must make a complete stop at any Stop sign.		

4. Complete Stop	Pass	Fail
Must make a complete stop at any stop sign.		

5. Weaving In and Out (forward)	Pass	Fail
Must weave in and out of the cones without touching a cone or leaving the pavement.		

6. Weaving In and Out (backward)	Pass	Fail
Must weave in and out of the cones without touching a cone or leaving the pavement.		

All items in checklist must be checked off as pass to receive a cart license.

Comments:

Officer Administering Course: _____