



# Medina County Sheriff

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### GOLF CART - UNDERSPEED LAWS

*The following is the wording out of the Ohio Revised Code for each of the laws that are required to operate and license a golf cart in the State of Ohio.*

1. 4510.12 (A)(1) - Valid Driver's License Required by operator:
  - a. No person, except those expressly exempted under sections 4507.03, 4507.04, and 4507.05 of the Revised Code, shall operate any motor vehicle upon a public road or highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking in this state unless the person has a valid driver's license issued under Chapter 4507 of the Revised Code or a commercial driver's license issued under Chapter 4506 of the Revised Code.
  
2. 4509.101(A)(1) - Must show proof of insurance on said Golf Cart:
  - a. No person shall operate, or permit the operation of, a motor vehicle in this state, unless proof of financial responsibility is maintained continuously throughout the registration period with respect to that vehicle, or, in the case of a driver who is not the owner, with respect to that driver's operation of that vehicle.
  
3. 4513.05(A) - Must be equipped with rear tail lights. (Only one is required):
  - a. Every motor vehicle, trackless trolley, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer shall be equipped with at least one tail light mounted on the rear which, when lighted, shall emit a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear.
  
4. 4513.05(A) - Must have light to illuminate license plate which must be legible from a distance of 50 feet.
  - a. Either a tail light or a separate light shall be so constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light the rear registration plate, when such registration plate is required, and render it legible from a distance of fifty feet to the rear.
  
5. 4513.071 - Must have at least one working brake light.
  - a. Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with two or more stop lights. Such stop lights when actuated shall emit a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear.

- b. 4513.263 (B3) Passenger - Occupy, as a passenger, a seating position on the front seat of an automobile being operated on any street or highway unless that person is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device.
13. 4511.81 - (CHILDREN) Must have proper restraints for children.
- a. When any child who is in either or both of the following categories is being transported in a motor vehicle, the operator of the motor vehicle shall have the child properly secured in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions in a child restraint system that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards.
    - b. (1) A child who is less than four years of age.
    - c. (2) A child who weighs less than forty pounds.
  - d. When any child who is less than eight years of age and less than four feet nine inches in height, who is not required by division (A) or (B) of this section to be secured in a child restraint system, is being transported in a motor vehicle, the operator of the motor vehicle shall have the child properly secured in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions on a booster seat that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards.

These Laws are for the safety of all operators and passengers of the golf cart. Operators who transport children on the golf cart and do not have them in the proper restraint system required by the state of Ohio could also face child endangering charges.

2919.22 A Endangering Children.

No person, who is the parent, guardian, custodian, person having custody or control, or a person in loco parentis of a child under eighteen years of age or a mentally or physically handicapped child under twenty-one years of age, shall create a substantial risk to the health or safety of the child, by violating a duty of care, protection, or support. It is not a violation of a duty of care, protection, or support under this division when the parent, guardian, custodian, or person having custody or control of a child treats the physical or mental illness or defect of the child by spiritual means through prayer alone, in accordance with the tenets of a recognized religious body.

Golf Cart Operations - The operation of the golf carts are limited to Shale Creek Golf Course area only. They must be operated on streets with a speed limit no higher than 25mph. The golf carts are not permitted on the sidewalks and they must obey all traffic laws for the State of Ohio.



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### Golf Cart Underspeed Vehicle Inspection Sheet

Name:		Phone:		Date:	
Address:		PO Box:	State:	Zip Code:	
Golf Cart Make:	Year:	Model:	VIN / Serial #:		

YES or NO	Requires a valid drivers license for ANY operation of MOTOR VEHICLE on public or private property.	Ohio Revised Code 4510.12 (A)(1)
YES or NO	Must show proof of insurance on said Golf Cart .	Ohio Revised Code 4509.101 (A)(1)
YES or NO	Must be equipped with rear tail lights. (Only one is required)	Ohio Revised Code 4513.05
YES or NO	Must have light to illuminate license plate & make license plate legible from a distance of 50 feet.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.05
YES or NO	Must have at least one working brake light.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.071
YES or NO	Must have two headlights.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.04
YES or NO	Must have a horn.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.21
YES or NO	Must have a rear view mirror.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.23
YES or NO	Must have a windshield (glass or safety glass) and windshield wiper.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.24
YES or NO	Must have directional signals on front and back.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.261
YES or NO	Must have two license plates.	Ohio Revised Code 4503.21
YES or NO	Must have proper restraints for all passengers, <u>this includes children.</u> (Just like an automobile)	Ohio Revised Code 4513.263 / 4511.81

Officer:	Signature of Applicant:
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You must now take this Inspection sheet to local title office to get it titled, after getting your title go to the license bureau and get the license plates. Make sure that you have both license plates on the golf cart.

Please remember that a golf cart when in use on the roadway is to follow the same traffic laws as a motor vehicle. The golf cart can be impounded by police if the driver does not have a valid driver's license or for any other law that would constitute as a reason to tow it. The owner of the golf cart is liable for the tow bill.



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I \_\_\_\_\_, have received a copy of the Laws, pertaining to the operation of a golf cart in  
(print owners name)

the Shale Creek Development in Medina County, Deputy: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Deputy Signature)

Driver's License #	
Address	
City, State & Zip	
Phone #	
Applicants Signature	
Deputy / Officer Signature / Badge#	
Date:	

Return this signed form to the road division Lieutenant of the Medina County Sheriff's Office.