



## USDBG Golf Cart Policy

Many dragon boat clubs or festival organizers have been employing golf carts, all terrain vehicles, or other similar vehicles, as aids in running dragon boat events. As innocent as these vehicles may seem, especially in relation to motor vehicles that are intended for road use, their use does pose a hazard that must be addressed.

Accordingly, we present the following:

When a club or event organizer is planning to use golf carts, all terrain vehicles, or any motorized vehicle in the implementation of their event or club activities, and they are participating in the USDBF insurance program, they must take the following steps:

1. They must make sure that anyone using any of those vehicles on behalf of the club or event organizer be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid motor vehicle operators license from an American state (international or foreign licenses are not sufficient).
2. Before the use of the vehicles, whether for an event or for general club use, all of the potential vehicle users must meet with the person(s) in charge of the event or club president for a safety meeting. In this meeting, safe conduct and use of the vehicle(s) shall be stressed, pointing out the potential dangers inherent in the use of the vehicles. This meeting must be documented and the documentation must be submitted to the USDBF's insurance administrator.
3. No persons shall use or ride in the vehicles in any manner except as prescribed by the manufacturer. Passengers shall only ride on seats. If

safety belts are provided, they must be used at all times when the vehicle is in motion.

4. Operators of said vehicles will refrain from using cell phones, walkie-talkies, or push-to-talk communications devices while operating these vehicles.
5. When any of these vehicles is parked, it must be secured in such a way that it cannot roll when unattended.