



Palmetto Hall Golf Cart Policy

Effective Date: 10.21.22

Golf cart usage in our community, like many communities in the Low Country, has increased dramatically over the last few years. With more carts and more residents in the community there is more traffic and a greater possibility for accidents. One of the goals of the Palmetto Hall Board of Directors is to ensure the safe use of our roadways and for that reason the policy below has been enacted by the BOD of Palmetto Hall.

Because of the importance of roadway safety, we are emphasizing through the policy below and our Rules and Regulations that ownership of a golf cart within Palmetto Hall, whether on our roads or on the golf course, comes with usage requirements and restrictions. Please review the Palmetto Hall website for a summary of the South Carolina Golf Cart Rules. The BOD of the PHPOA and the Palmetto Hall Golf Club have approved the following policy for golf cart usage within the Palmetto Hall community. The following are requirements enacted by the State of South Carolina, the Palmetto Hall Golf Club and the Palmetto Hall BOD:

- 1.** Only licensed drivers 16 years of age or older may operate a golf cart on the roads of Palmetto Hall or the golf courses in Palmetto Hall.
- 2.** Golf Cart Registration: Golf carts must display a POA issued golf cart decal and a proper registration decal issued from the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV)
 - a.** Registration requires proof of ownership and liability insurance for the golf cart.
 - b.** Registration also includes registering the golf cart with the PH POA. Registration decals will be issued by the POA office after the golf cart is properly registered with the SC DMV. The POA golf cart decal must be prominently displayed on the golf cart and the suggested location is the lower left corner of the windshield (drivers' side). Additionally, a resident may request a bar code decal for golf carts from the POA office for ease of use in the resident lane at the front gate. The golf cart must be driven to the office for POA staff to affix the bar code onto the golf cart.
 - c.** Palmetto Hall Golf cart owners are required to provide a colored photo of their golf cart in order to receive the POA golf cart decal. The picture can either be presented with the application or a photo can be emailed to the office at phpoa@palmettohallhhi.com. If you currently own a golf cart and the golf cart is registered with the POA, please provide a photo of your golf cart to the POA.
 - d.** Additionally, if you are a golf member, single, family, or limited membership, your golf cart must be registered with the Palmetto Hall Golf Club and they will also distribute the appropriate decal for the type of membership that you maintain. Social

members who operate golf carts and play golf must also have the appropriate decal noting that their play is restricted to certain hours of the day and a particular course.

- e. Golf Cart decals from the POA, SCDMV and Palmetto Hall Golf Club are non-transferable. The POA, the Palmetto Hall Golf Club and the SCDMV should be notified when you sell your golf cart. POA assigned golf cart decals must be returned to the POA before transferring or selling a golf cart. The bar code will be disabled.
3. Golf carts in Palmetto Hall, whether being used for golf or general recreation, must be one of the following colors: white, beige, silver or tan. Beginning on June 1, 2021, any golf cart that is currently owned and operated in Palmetto Hall that is not the approved colors will be grandfathered for as long as the current owner operates that cart.
 4. Within the Rules and Regulations that can be found on our website under the Helpful Information tab, you will find this policy and within the Fine Schedule you will find a section on fines for underaged drivers of golf carts. There is also a section for fines for golf carts that have not been properly registered through the POA office.