**NMYSA Golf Cart Policies and Procedures**

If you are purchasing or renting a golf cart for your sports facility, please make sure you are properly insured.

All golf cart operators shall possess a valid driver’s license and observe all New Mexico vehicle traffic laws such as lane travel, stop signs, legal passing of other vehicles, etc.

Golf carts should be operated on cart paths or designated cart paths, roadways and/or parking lots.

Pedestrians always have the right-of-way. Operators of golf carts will permit this right-of-way. If the golf cart is being operated on the sidewalk, the operator will pull off of the sidewalk to allow the pedestrians to pass or stop the golf cart when approaching pedestrians until they pass.

Golf carts should not be operated with more passengers than seating is provided for.

All occupants in a golf cart shall keep hands, arms, legs and feet within the confines of the golf cart at all times when the cart is in motion.

Never shift gears in reverse or forward while the vehicle is in motion.

Never back up, or move forward or turn without making sure there is no person or obstructions behind, in front of or under the cart.

Golf carts should be operated at speeds equivalent to a well-passed walk and no faster than fifteen-mph or the posted speed limit. The maximum speed may be subject to the terrain over which it is being driven, the weather conditions, and the total weight of the golf cart and passengers and any equipment being carried.

Avoid operating golf carts on the actual soccer fields and any sprinkler/meter boxes, heads etc.

Maintain adequate distance between vehicles and pedestrians.

Approach sharp or blind corners with caution and reduced speed.

Use extreme care at building entrances and upon entering/exiting enclosed areas or other golf carts.

Do not park in any area that has posted “no parking” signs or that blocks egress/regress.

Never leave the keys in the golf cart when unattended.

When the golf cart is not in use, the operator must place the golf cart control lever in the park position, remove and secure the key and set the parking break.