



**MT BARKER
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Small Vehicle, Gator, and Other Similar ATV/UTV/Golf Cart Policy

Scope

This policy applies to all MBDLA Committee members, volunteers, parents, and athletes associated with the Mt Barker and District Little Athletics Club. It applies to the use of any small vehicle including John Deere Gators, ATVs, golf carts, or similar.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to keep all people associated with the Club safe while operating a small vehicle during the course of the Club's activities. These activities include setting up for a meet, packing up after a meet, special functions like parades and social events, training sessions, and any other recognised Club events or sponsorships that use a small vehicle for any purpose.

This policy is also intended to be a good faith expression for the respectful and safe use of hired or borrowed small vehicles like the John Deere Gator owned by Cornerstone College.

Operation

- No driver under the age of 16 is permitted.
- No person shall operate a small vehicle without a valid Class C driver's licence, at a minimum
- Any driver must have been properly trained or inducted to its use by either Cornerstone College if the vehicle belongs to it or by the club if the vehicle belongs to it. The vehicle must be operated in accordance with Cornerstone College's expectations if the vehicle belongs to it. The vehicle must be operated respectfully.
- There will only be one person per vehicle seat allowed.
- No person under the age of 16 is allowed on the vehicle and no person is permitted to ride in the tray or on a trailer pulled by the vehicle (except for an acknowledged Committee approved function like a parade or organised "hayride").
- Horseplay and unsafe driving is not permitted.
- Drivers shall not be under the influence of alcohol or be smoking while operating the vehicle.
- Drivers must always maintain a safe driving speed.
- Drivers must be always alert for children and other people while operating the vehicle; this is especially important when in high traffic areas and reversing.



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- Loads must be safely stowed.
- Towing trailers must be securely appropriately and at slower speeds.
- Any safety decals on the vehicle will be observed.
- Caution will be exercised when going up or down hills. Drivers will be familiar with safe operating practices while driving on hills.

Violations

Any person found to be in violation of this policy will be immediately asked to stop operation of the vehicle and will be banned from further use of the vehicle until explicitly reinstated by minuted decision of the Committee.