

Beaufort Gliding Club

Pie Cart/Golf Cart Operational Rules

Towing Gliders to Launch Point:

1. Refer to daily check lists before driving to launch point
2. When towing out gliders to the launch point, ensure that the glider has been DI'd and is secured correctly to the cart tow bar and that wing-walkers are fitted or a person assigned to walk the wing
3. Ensure there is clearance for both wings when towing gliders
4. For the golf cart, turn on emergency beacon and radio (one switch in center of rear bulkhead. For the pie cart, the beacon is automatic.
5. For Runway 27, towing across the runway is permitted when safe to do so and if there is no oncoming traffic
6. Other runways use the taxiway north of Runway 09/27 taking care not to travel fast and ensure clearance with other gliders, parked power aircraft and runway markers. For runway 01, when towing to the South end, cross the 01/19 runway when safe to do so and travel on west side of runway or opposite side to take off side. For runway 19, tow on dirt strip east of runway and enter runway 19 when safe to do so.
7. Release and park glider off line or at the end of the launch line and park cart close to other pie carts or adjacent to launch point. Ensure ignition is off and key removed for the golf cart.

Retrieving Gliders after landing with golf cart:

1. When a Beaufort glider (club or private) has landed, *landing pilots should promptly push the glider off the runway. Ground crew to assist in retrieval by pushing the glider manually back to launch point or if required by using the golf cart.*
2. Ensure emergency beacon and radio is switched on and the appropriate dolly wheel, tow-out gear or rope are with the cart
3. The active runway can be crossed if required but only when safe to do so and only after a good look out for glider and powered traffic and after listening to radio broadcasts.
4. Promptly hook up glider and tow back to launch point using the side of the runway and park off line or at launch line as required
5. Park cart and ensure ignition is off and key removed.

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