



REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Amusement Ride Safety – Go Kart Rules – 2018 Five Year Rule Review

The rules in this package have been reviewed pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Revised Code and are being proposed as follows. **The comment period will remain open through June 1, 2018.** Comments may be emailed to ecomments@agri.ohio.gov or mailed to Legal Section, Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Amusement Ride Safety inspects all amusement rides, including go kart operations, that operate in the state of Ohio. The Department's inspectors work to assure compliance with Ohio's laws and rules and to ensure that rides are have been assembled and are being operated in a safe manner. The rules in this package regulate go kart operations in the state. These rules have been reviewed in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code and are being proposed as follows:

901:9-1-42 defines terms used in rules 901:9-1-42 to 901:9-1-46 of the Administrative Code. The rule is being amended to include a definition of "ASTM" in order to comply with the incorporation by reference standards.

901:9-1-43 regulates the design and manufacture of concession go karts. These regulations are focused on safety and include such regulations as sufficient padding, seat belt restraints, and braking systems to ensure that all riders are protected while riding. The rule is being to update an ASTM standard in compliance with the incorporation by reference rules.

901:9-1-44 regulates the design and manufacture of go kart tracks. These regulations are focused on the safety of the riders and the spectators outside the track. The rule is being amended to require that both the entry and pit areas of the go kart track contain instructions and rules visible to the patrons. Currently, the rules require only one of these areas to have the rules and instructions posted.

901:9-1-45 outlines rules for all concession go kart facility operations. These rules include such regulations as required training, record keeping, and additional safety measures. The rule is being amended to include any manufacturer's instructions in the training of go kart operators and attendants. Further, the rule is being amended to require that records are kept for a period of three calendar years rather than "a period as dictated by insurance carriers, local legal statutes, of for a minimum of two calendar years." This period of time matches the Department's record retention schedules.

901:9-1-46 states that the plans to construct a new go kart track or to make major modifications to an existing tract must be submitted to the department for review and approval. There are no changes proposed to this rule.

