Palm Springs Open Participant,

As you travel to Rancho Mirage, CA for the 2017 U.S. Kids Golf Palm Springs Open, we would like to inform you of some important information for the event.

Course Assignments
Tournament Schedule
Pace of Play Policy
Cart Policy

Course & Resort Addresses

Westin Mission Hills Main Resort & Dye Course
71333 Dinah Shore Dr.
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Westin Mission Hills Player Course
70705 Ramon Rd.
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Player Registration*

Registration 1: Friday, Sept. 22nd from 11:00am – 4:00pm in the Westin Mission Hills Resort Oasis Den.

Registration 2: Saturday, Sept. 23rd 7:00am – 12:00pm at your respective course (Dye or Player).

Players unable to attend Registration Period 1 will have the opportunity to attend Period 2. Players only need to attend one of the registration periods prior to their first round during designated registration times.

Player Shuttling by Spectators and Staff

At the Palm Springs Open, all ***spectators, volunteers, and staff members are permitted to help shuttle all players and caddies between holes (from green to the next tee)***. In efforts to relieve players of long walks between holes, dry desert heat, and promote positive pace of play, we ask that anyone with a rented cart please provide equal opportunity for rides for all players in your group. Carts must be used in accordance with the U.S. Kids Golf Cart Policy.

Caddie Bibs

Players now receive a universal Tournament Players Association (TPA) caddie bib that they will keep and use for all future U.S. Kids Golf events. Additionally, an iron-on patch with the tournament logo will be available at every major championship. These patches will be available for no charge, and are designed to be worn as "pride stickers" for each event played.

If you have already received a TPA Caddie Bib, please remember to bring it with you to the event.

Players that have preordered his/her last name will be able to pick up the name and caddie bib at Player Registration.

Age Verification

U.S. Kids Golf will be verifying TPA player's birthdates at Major Championships. **Players who have not been previously verified at a U.S. Kids Golf Championship need to bring a copy of your player's birth certificate OR passport to registration to submit to U.S. Kids Golf.** This is a **one-time** process for each player.

Email Pre-Verification: Players can submit an electronic passport copy or birth certificate copy to U.S. Kids Golf prior to the event to become a verified player. Documents can be emailed to tournaments@uskidsgolf.com or faxed to 678-405-3422.

Dress Code

Only acceptable golf attire is permitted. PLAYERS AND CADDIES are prohibited from wearing shoes with metal spikes, short shorts, swimwear, denim of any kind, t-shirts, or tank tops. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. Players and caddies not appropriately attired will not be permitted to participate.

REQUIRED DRESS AT THE GOLF COURSE:

- Hats/visors must be worn with brim forward
- Males must remove hat/visor while indoors
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times
- Girls' fitted shirts do not have to be tucked in, but should be an appropriate length

PROHIBITED DRESS AT THE GOLF COURSE:

- Tank tops, T-shirts
- Denim
- Short shorts, skorts or skirts
- Gym shorts or pants

Proper attire is required at all times at the host facility. This includes practice rounds, Family Night and Awards Ceremonies. Questionable attire will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee. Should a host golf course or resort have a stricter dress code, its policy will take precedence. Players and caddies in violation will not be allowed to tee off.

Care for the Course

U.S. Kids Golf is committed to keeping our host tournament sites in the best condition possible. During the round, we encourage players and caddies to fill or replace their divots, repair ball mark and dispose of trash properly. These simple things will keep the course in better condition and leave the host facility with a positive impression of junior golf and U.S. Kids Golf families. Thank you for helping make a positive impact on the golf course.

USKG on Social Media

Be sure to follow us on all social media outlets:

Visit us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram.

Caddie use of Carts

Caddies of 18-hole players may not use carts for play at any U.S. Kids Golf Regional Championship. All players must walk during play of each hole, unless shuttles between holes are provided or permitted. Two strokes per hole at which any breach occurred; Maximum penalty per round: Four Strokes.

Caddies of 9-hole players may rent a cart for use during play. A 9-hole player must walk the duration of the hole and may **only** use the cart to be shuttled from green to the next tee box. The caddie cart must stay on the cart path and the caddie may leave the bag on the cart or carry it on the course for the player when needed. Two strokes per hole at which any breach occurred; Maximum penalty per round: Four strokes.

Spectator Carts

Spectator carts may be rented from the Pro Shop, if available, no earlier than 30 minutes before players tee time, at a rate of $15 for 9-hole players and $30 for 18-hole players. All spectator carts must adhere to the U.S. Kids Golf Spectator Policy. Driver must have a valid Driver's License to operate the golf cart. Please be aware that the course has a limited number of golf carts available to rent. Carts **must** be returned immediately following the round.

Practice Rounds

Player Course - Official practice rounds on Friday, September 22nd are available for all participants at a cost of $25/round by calling the golf shop. Tee times may be booked at 760-328-3198, option 2. The practice rate is a walking rate. Cart fees will be $30 for 18-holers and $15 for 9-holers.

Dye Course - Official practice rounds on Friday, September 22nd are available for all participants at a cost of $25/round by calling the golf shop. Tee times may be booked at 760-328-3198, option 2. The practice rate is a walking rate. Cart fees will be $30 for 18-holers and $15 for 9-holers.

Range Hours/Fees

Practice balls at the range will be available at no charge for players on the official tournament round days and during the official practice round day.

Tee Times

Players will be paired randomly for the first round and by score for the final round, unless weather conditions prohibit this. Tee times for the first round will be posted on our website, www.uskidsgolf.com, at registration and around the golf courses by **noon on Thursday, September 21st**.

Times for the final round will be posted approximately one hour after the completion of play for each age/gender division on our website and at the golf course. Please do not call the front desk of the hotel seeking tee time information. Players and parents are advised to look at pairings sheets personally to assure accuracy of tee times.

Kids Fun Night

We invite all players to join us Saturday evening (Sept. 23rd) from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Mission Hills Resort for a Kids Fun Night. All players will have access to the Oasis Game Room and Oasis Pool. A DJ will be on hand, as well as a Cash Bar for all guests ages 21 & up. There will be a limited number of complimentary game tokens available in the game room. All players using the resort pool must be accompanied by an adult guardian.

At Registration, each player will receive a $25 food voucher to be used at any food outlet on site, excluding the Market Café. Please treat these vouchers like cash, as each player will only receive one.

Awards Ceremonies

The awards will be presented shortly after each age group has finished and the scores are posted on Sunday. The top five finishers and ties in each age group will receive an award. A schedule of ceremony times will be posted Sunday morning. The location of the awards ceremonies is to be determined.

Junior Golf Scoreboard

U.S. Kids Golf will report Palm Springs Open scores to Junior Golf Scoreboard for boys 11 and older and girls 11 and older. Junior Golf Scoreboard is a ranking system that groups players by high school graduation year.

Junior Golf SCOREBOARD
RANKED TOURNAMENT

Priority Status

Top finishers in each age group at the Palm Springs Open will earn Priority Status. This Priority Status is good for one year and covers all events that are played in that span. The new status breakdown for Regional Championships in 2017 is listed below:

Order of Finish	1st – 2nd	3rd	4th - 10th	11th - 20th
2017 Palm Springs Open	Burgundy Status	Green Status	Orange Status	Blue Status

Upcoming Events

For a list of our multi-day championship events, please view our Championships Schedule. Registration is limited, so make sure you don't miss these great events!

Event Staff

Vice President, Tournaments – *Chris Vonderkall*

Tournament Director – *Corey Floyd*

Tournament Operations – *Drew Felton*

Dye Course Director – *Dona Lerner, Raleigh LT*

Dye Course Director – *Kathy Bounds, Raleigh LT*

Player Course Director – *Dale Balvin, Phoenix & Tucson LT*

Player Course Director – *Jeff Hirose, Orange County LT*

Head Rules Official – *Charlie Lanzetta, PGA*

We look forward to seeing you in Palm Springs!

USKG Tournament Players Association