



2025 U.S. Kids Golf Desert Shootout Blue Course – Local Rules

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and its interpretations, the U.S. Kids Golf Foundation Regional Championship Rules & Regulations, and by the following Local Rules:

RULES/TOURNAMENT HOTLINE: If you need a ruling or rules official assistance, please call the tournament hotline at **910-420-0382**. Cell phones may **ONLY** be used by a player or caddie to **1) access tournament information, 2) obtain yardages via GPS, 3) contact the rules hotline, or 4) in emergency situations.** Cell phones may not be used for any other purposes.

PENALTY AREAS: ALL PENALTY AREAS ARE CONSIDERED RED PENALTY AREAS. In the absence of red lines, red stakes, or red dots, the penalty area will be defined by natural boundaries (i.e. where the ground slopes down to the depression that holds water.)

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS:

- a. Areas marked by white lines/white dots.
- b. **Flower Beds:** considered **No Play Zones**. Relief without penalty is **MANDATORY**.
- c. **Rancho Desert Landscaping:** These areas are not considered flower beds. No relief from these areas is provided. Wooden fences in these areas are immovable obstructions.
- d. Unmarked tire ruts and deep depressions created by machinery are considered Ground Under Repair.
- e. Players may treat aeration holes in the general area as Ground Under Repair for lie of ball only.

OUT OF BOUNDS (Hole #18): White dots to the right of the putting green define out of bounds.

STONES IN BUNKERS: are deemed to be loose impediments (Rule 15.1) and may be removed; however, the act of removing stone must not cause the ball to move.

FIXED SPRINKLER HEADS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS: If a ball lies off the putting green, but not in a penalty area, and the sprinkler head, on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball, **intervenes** on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: the ball shall be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids such intervention and (c) is not in a penalty area or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when so lifted.

BLUE COURSE DROP ZONES: The drop zones on Holes #4, #15 and #17 on the Blue Course are for any ball coming to rest in the penalty area. Players may use these drop zones as additional relief options. The drop zone on Hole #4 and may **only** be used for a ball entering penalty area behind the putting green.

BLUE COURSE RESTROOM AREA DROP ZONE: The drop zone on Hole #7 on the Blue Course is **ONLY** for a ball coming to rest in the restroom area. Free relief is permitted in this area.

MLR L-1: In the event a player returns their scorecard without player or marker certification, the penalty will be two strokes.

MLR I-1: Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on designated practice areas. On an official tournament round day, a player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.

SCORING AREA: The official scoring area is located in the tents behind the 18th green. Players must immediately head to the scoring area once their round is complete.