

U.S. Kids Golf Participants,

We look forward to seeing your family in California for the 11th annual U.S. Kids Golf Palm Springs Open! Included below are all the details you need to prepare for your weekend in Palm Springs.

[Course Assignments & Estimated Tee Times](#)

[Tournament Schedule](#)

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Course & Resort Addresses

Westin Rancho Mirage Main Resort & Dye Course (*Registration Location)

71333 Dinah Shore Dr.
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
(760) 328-3198

Gary Player Signature Course

70705 Ramon Rd.
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
(760) 699-0111

Player Registration*

Check-in will take place at the Westin Rancho Mirage (Polo Room) at the times listed below. Players only need to attend one of the registration periods. There will be no registration at the Player Course, only at the Westin Ranch Mirage Resort.

Friday: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 6:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Westin Resort Voucher

At Registration, each player will receive a food voucher to be used at any Westin Rancho Mirage food outlet on-site. Please treat these vouchers like cash, as each player will only receive one. **Note: They cannot be used at the Gary Player Course.**

Tournament Information and use of Cell Phones

All tournament information (Local Rules, Hole Locations, Tee Sheets, etc.) will be made available online. There will be no other paper information handed out. Players and caddies will be permitted to use their cell phones to access tournament information during their rounds. Cell phones may only be used during your round to access tournament info, call the rules hotline, access GPS yardage apps, or in the case of emergency. Cell phones may not be used for any other purpose.

U.S. Kids Golf Text Messages

Throughout the Palm Springs Open, parents will receive important event updates via text message. The messages will include tee time updates, results, and any play suspensions/delays due to weather.

Golf Genius

U.S. Kids Golf is working with Golf Genius to provide electronic scoring at events. For the Palm Springs Open, **competitors in Boys 13-14, Boys 11, Boys 10 and Girls 13-14 on the Player Course** will utilize electronic live scoring via the Golf Genius App. Your online scorecard will serve as your official scorecard this week. More information, including your unique GGID, will be emailed to competitors soon. We advise all players to download the Golf Genius App before arriving to Rancho Mirage and to come to each round with their phones fully charged. The use of Golf Genius allows scores to be updated in real time on uskidsgolf.com, so parents, spectators, and supporters can keep up with the action. **All other competitors will use paper scorecards.**

Demo Day & Trackman Fitting Sessions

U.S. Kids Golf will offer a Demo Day and TrackMan fitting sessions on Friday, Sept. 12th from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Dye Course Practice Range. Trackman Fitting sessions were pre-booked online at the link [here](#). Times may be sold out at this time.

We will also have new epTOUR equipment on hand for players to test out.

****Player & Caddie Shuttling by Spectators and Staff**

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 and caddies of long walks between holes through the dry desert heat, as well as to promote positive pace of play, anyone with a cart is allowed to provide equal opportunity for rides for all players and caddies in your group. Please be courteous to your fellow players

18-hole Divisions: All players and caddies must walk from tee to green, but are allowed to be shuttled from green to the next tee box. Please be mindful of the safety of all parties. Allowing rides to other players between holes is allowed and encouraged.

9-hole Divisions: Caddies for 9-hole players may take carts and shuttle players from green to the next tee. Players must walk during the play of a hole. Again, be mindful of the safety of all parties. Allowing rides to other players between holes is allowed and encouraged. If a 9-hole caddie takes a cart, this counts toward the max allotment of 1 per player. A spectator may ride with in 9-hole caddie cart.

Only one cart maximum per player are allowed to be rented, 30 minutes prior to player's tee time.

Caddie use of Carts

Due to the limited number of carts, **caddies of 18-hole players may not rent a cart for use during play.** All players must walk during play of each hole. At the Palm Springs Open, any spectator may shuttle caddies and players between holes, but players and caddies must walk tee to green. Penalty: 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. Penalty: 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 a player's tee time. Player Course Cart Rates: \$50 per cart (9/18). Westin Rancho Mirage Dye Course Cart Rates: \$25 for 9-hole players and \$35 for 18-hole players. **There is only 1 cart maximum available per player. If a caddie for a 9-hole player rents a cart, a spectator may ride with the caddie.** Drivers 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.

Caddie Bibs

Players now receive a universal 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 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.

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
- Shirts must be always tucked in
- Girls' fitted shirts do not have to be tucked in, but should be an appropriate length
- Appropriate length golf shorts, skorts or skirts.

PROHIBITED DRESS AT THE GOLF COURSE:

- Tank tops, T-shirts
- Denim
- Gym shorts or gym 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 marks 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.

U.S. Kids Golf on Social Media

Be sure to follow us on all social media outlets:

Visit us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [Instagram](#).

Practice Rounds

The Official Practice Round Fee for Friday, Sept. 12th is included in your entry fee. You are able to book your tee time for the Official Practice Round online at the link here: [Practice Round Instructions](#). Please do not call the pro shop to book times for Friday. Players will still be able to book times any day prior to Friday by calling their respective pro shop. Practice round fees do not include carts. Carts will be available for an added cost.

Range Fees

Practice balls at the range will be available at no charge for players both 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 circumstances 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 11th**. Times for the final round will be posted on our website and at the golf course approximately one hour after the completion of play for each age/gender division. 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.

Awards Ceremonies

The awards will be presented on Sunday shortly after each age group has finished and the scores are posted. The top five finishers and ties in each age group will receive an award. A schedule of ceremony times will be posted Sunday morning. Awards will be presented at your respective golf course.

Yardage Books & Green Reading Materials

U.S. Kids Golf is partnered with StrackaLine to provide players with options for yardage books and USGA-approved greens reading books. These items are available for purchase at a special discount via the link here: [StrackaLine - U.S. Kids Golf](#). You may also use the code 'USKIDS' at check out.



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.



AJGA Performance Based Entry

Champions in Boys 11, Boys 12, Boys 13-14, Girls 11 Girls 12 and Girls 13-14 divisions will earn **two** AJGA Performance Stars. Top 5 in Boys 11, Boys 12 and Boys 13-14 will earn **one** Performance Star. Top 3 in Girls 11, Girls 12 and Girls 13-14 will also receive **one** Performance Star.



Priority Status

When your young player participates in U.S. Kids Golf events, they have the opportunity to earn [Priority Status](#) – a qualification that determines when players receive invitations for multi-day events. Please visit the Priority Status page online to learn more.

U.S. Kids Golf Event Staff

Tournament Director – *Corey Floyd*

Tournament Operations – *Jay Scott*

Tournament Operations – *Davis McClearen*

Tournament Operations – *Ben Crow*

Tournament Operations – *Sarah Gilgrist*

Player Course Director –*Oliver Oliquiano, Oahu LT*

Player Course Director – *Mike McFaul, Coachella Valley LT*

Dye Course Director – *Bob Sparks, Hartford LT*

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

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Rules Official/Player Course – *John Bryan*

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