



## 2026 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.)

**NO PLAY ZONE/ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS (ESA) (Holes #4, 7, & 11):** The pond under construction is marked with red lines and red stakes with green tops, designating an ESA. Players are NOT allowed to play a shot from within these areas. Relief is MANDATORY, under penalty of one stroke, and players must proceed under Rule 17.1.

### 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. Disregard white circles around sprinkler heads, these areas are NOT Ground Under Repair.

**Please Note:** Dormant grass areas surrounding bunkers are NOT considered abnormal ground conditions and the ball must be played as it lies.

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

**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. On Hole #4, there are two drop zones. Players must use the drop zone nearest to where their ball entered the penalty area.

**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.

**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.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> green. Players must immediately head to the scoring area once their round is complete.