2026 Monterey Challenge Important Player Information

U.S. Kids Golf Participants,

We look forward to seeing your family in California this weekend for the U.S. Kids Golf Monterey Challenge. The event will feature over 270 players from 30+ states and 6 different countries! Included below are all the details you need to prepare for your weekend in Monterey!

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Course Addresses

Monterey Pines Golf Course
1250 Gardens Rd.
Monterey, CA 93940
(831) 656-2167

Del Monte Golf Course
1300 Sylvan Rd.
Monterey, CA 93940
831-373-2700

Player Registration*

Check-in will take place on Friday at the Del Monte Course Pavilion and then on Saturday at both courses for any players that missed on Friday. The times are listed below. Players only need to attend one of the registration periods.

Friday: 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Del Monte Course Pavilion
Saturday: 6:15am to 11:00am at Del Monte Pavilion or Monterey Pines Patio

**** Players only need to attend one of the registration periods. Monterey Pines also serves as the official practice range for the event, so players should plan to register when they come to hit balls on the range.***

Practice Range Information*

Please note: Del Monte Golf Course does not have a practice range. **Players competing on the Del Monte Course can warm up at Monterey Pines**, or the public range for a fee at Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Club or Laguna Seca. Please use this option if you are playing at Del Monte and would like to warm up.

At the Monterey Pines range, **due to limited space, players are allowed one small bucket of balls before the round for warm up purposes only.**

Tournament Age Date & Priority Status Info

The Tournament Age Date is October 31, 2026. This determines a player's age group for the duration of the event. Priority Status earned from this event will be active from February 1, 2027 through January 31, 2028. For more information, visit our Priority Status homepage.

Tournament Information and use of Cell Phones

All tournament information (Local Rules, Hole Locations, Tee Sheets, etc.) will be made available online. At starting tees, players will only receive scorecards. There will be no other paper information handed out. Players and caddies will be permitted to use their cell phones to access the 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.

Scoring/Golf Genius

All competitors will use paper scorecards. U.S. Kids Golf is working with Golf Genius to provide live scoring at events. For the Monterey Challenge, we will have **unofficial** live scoring **in Boys 13-14, Boys 12, Girls 13-14, and Girls 12 at Del Monte Golf Course.** More information to come.

Practice Rounds

All practice round fees are walking fees. Cart fees will apply if players wish to take a cart for the practice round.

Del Monte Golf Course - Official practice round green fees on Friday, November 6th are available for all participants at a cost of **$30**/18-holers and **$30**/9-holers by calling the Del Monte golf shop at 831-373-2700**.** Carts are one cart per player max, based on availability at a rate **of $30 per rider.**

Monterey Pines Golf Course – Official practice round green fees on Friday, November 1st are available for all participants at a cost of **$40**/18-holers and **$40**/9-holers by calling the Monterey Pines golf shop at 831-656-2167. Carts are one cart per player max, based on availability at a **rate of $40**.

Caddie use of Carts

Eighteen-hole players/caddies may not use carts for play at any U.S. Kids Golf Regional Championship. All players must walk during play of each hole at all events. Penalty: Two Strokes per hole at which any breach occurred; Maximum penalty per round: Four Strokes. Subsequent offenses will result in a breach of the U.S. Kids Golf Code of Conduct Policy.

Caddies for nine-hole players may rent a cart for use during play, however all nine-hole players 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 out of the center of fairways. 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/9-hole Caddie Cart Rental Policy

Carts are a **maximum of 1 per player** and may be rented no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the player's tee time. If a cart is rented for a 9-hole caddie, no other cart may be rented for that player; the spectator may ride with the 9-hole caddie if they are from the same household. The cart rental fees at each facility are: **$40** from the Monterey Pines Pro Shop, **$30/rider** from the Del Monte Pro Shop. All spectator carts must adhere to the golf course restrictions. 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 to the Pro Shop immediately following the round.

Caddie Bibs

Players receive a universal U.S. Kids Golf 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.

Care for the Course

U.S. Kids Golf is committed to keeping our host sites in the best condition possible. During rounds, we encourage players and caddies to fill/replace divots, repair ball marks & disposes 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 course.

Tee Times

Players will be paired randomly 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, Nov 5th.**

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. Players and parents are advised to look at pairings online personally to assure accuracy of tee times.

Junior Golf Scoreboard

U.S. Kids Golf will report Monterey Challenge 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.

Award Ceremonies

Awards will be presented to the Top 5 and Ties in each age group. An official schedule of awards will be posted online and sent out on Sunday morning.

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 always tucked in. 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 always tucked in
- 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
- Inappropriate length shorts/skirts
- Gym shorts or pants

Proper attire is required at all times at the host facility. This includes practice rounds 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.

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.

U.S. Kids Golf on Social Media

Be sure to follow us on all social media outlets: Visit us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram.

U.S. Kids Golf Text Messages

Throughout the 2026 Monterey Challenge, parents will receive important event updates via text message. The messages will include tee time updates, results, and potential play suspensions due to weather.

U.S. Kids Golf Tournament Staff

Tournament Director **– *Corey Floyd***
Tournament Operations (Del Monte) **– *Jay Scott***
Tournament Operations (Monterey Pines) **– *Ben Crow***
Tournament Operations/Volunteers **– *Sarah Gilgrist***
Tournament Operations - ***Alec Hansen***
Monterey Pines Course Director **– *Oliver Oliquiano*,** Aloha LT
Monterey Pines Director **– *Dale Balvin*,** Phoenix LT
Monterey Pines Director **– *Fred Sutton,*** Boise LT
Del Monte Course Director – ***Samantha Clawson,*** U.S. Kids Golf
Del Monte Course Director – ***Thomas Watkins,*** Central Mississippi LT
Del Monte Course Director – ***Will Black,*** U.S. Kids Golf