2026 U.S. Kids Golf Colonial Williamsburg Classic

Gold 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, during your round, you need a ruling or rules official assistance, please call the tournament hotline at **678-856-4999**. 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 purpose.

LIFT, CLEAN & PLACE – a ball lying on a closely mown area in the general area (your own fairway/fringe) may be lifted and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player should mark its position. Having lifted the ball, the player must place it on a spot within 1 club-length and no closer to the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a penalty area or on a putting green. **A player may place the ball only once, and it is in play once placed and at rest. Caddies have authorization to mark, lift, clean and place the ball for the player.**

OUT OF BOUNDS: During the play of Hole 18 **ONLY**, the boundary is defined by the outside edge of the cart path on the left side of the hole. If the player's ball lies beyond the path it is out of bounds and the player must procced under Rule 14.6 (stroke and distance), for one penalty shot. **The local rule for Out of Bounds the Gold Course uses will NOT be used for tournament play.**

DROP ZONES: Drop zones are defined by white lined areas with 'U.S. Kids Golf Drop Zone' signs. Drop zones are available as an additional option under Rule 17 on **Holes #2, #3, #12, and #16 (green side) only**.

RELIEF FROM TEMPORARY WATER IN A BUNKER: a) Free Relief (Inside the Bunker) Nearest Point of Complete Relief - Find the nearest spot in the bunker, no nearer the hole, that gives you complete relief from the water. Drop within 1 club-length of that point. No penalty. **b) Penalty Relief (Outside the Bunker)** If the bunker is completely filled with water, or you do not want to play from inside the bunker, you have two options for taking relief outside the bunker 1) Back-on-the-Line Relief (1 Penalty Stroke) 2) Stroke-and-Distance Relief (1 Penalty Stroke).

STONES IN BUNKERS: Stones in bunkers are deemed loose impediments, as are leaves, pinecones, and the like. Removal of a loose impediment must not cause the ball to move (Rule 15.1).

TIRE RUTS: All tire ruts throughout the golf course will be treated as GUR. You may either play your ball as it lies from the ground under repair or take free relief. To take relief, you must find the nearest point of complete relief from the ground under repair and drop your original ball or another ball away from the ground under repair and within one club-length of that point not nearer the hole

EDGING GROOVES: If a ball lies in or on an edging groove around a putting green, or if the groove interferes with the area of the player's intended swing, the ball may, without penalty, be lifted, cleaned and placed in the nearest position to where it lay that is not nearer the hole and avoids interference by the condition, whether on or off the putting green. Edging grooves are considered a part of the putting green.

MLR I-1.2 - 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 their competition course before or between rounds.

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