



2026 U.S. Kids Golf Texas Open
Apple Rock – 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 rules official assistance or have generic tournament questions, 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.

PLAYER SHUTTLING: Players and caddies are permitted to be shuttled from the green to the next tee box on all holes. Players and 18-hole caddies must still walk from tee to green. Players may be shuttled by anyone with a cart, including staff, spectators or volunteers. Carts must remain on the path. When no cart path is present, carts must scatter but stay out of the center of fairways as much as possible. Players must walk during the play of a hole. If you have a spectator cart, please assist the other members of your group with an equal opportunity to a ride between holes.

BOUNDARIES: Out of Bounds is marked by natural wood stakes, white stakes, and property fences, split rail fences, the golf course edge of all public streets and curbs, even if the ball crosses a road and comes to rest on another part of the golf course.

DROP ZONES: As an additional option to Rule 17.1, a Drop Zone is provided on Hole #11, #12 and #16. The drop zone on #11 and #16 is only to be used for any ball that crosses the penalty area between the two white lines.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION: The wall left of Hole #12 is an immovable obstruction where players are allowed free relief. If the players swing, stance, or lie of ball is affected, they will be able to take complete relief from the wall, no closer to the hole and drop within one club length.

ROCK YARDAGE MARKERS: (150 and 100) and the rock beds surrounding them are immovable obstructions. All other rock landscaped beds and pampas grass are integral parts of the course.

MODEL LOCAL RULE F-5 – FIXED SPRINKLER HEADS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN: For a ball in the General Area, the player may take relief (drop a ball at the nearest point of relief and one club-length, no closer to the hole) under rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is “on the line of play” and is within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball.

MODEL LOCAL RULE F-23: If a fan is located on a straight line between the player’s ball and the hole, the player may drop (no penalty) at the nearest point that is no nearer to the hole, that provides complete relief. Players may also take relief if a fan interferes with stance, swing, or lie of ball.

MODEL LOCAL RULE G-9 – USGA local rule replacing broken or significantly damaged club, except in abuse, is in effect.

MODEL LOCAL RULE 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.

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

RULE 4.3 REMINDER: Clubs must not have stickers or other adhesives on the clubface (i.e. TrackMan stickers).

SCORING AREA: The official scoring area will be in the Cap Rock Pavilion. Players must immediately head to the scoring area once their round is complete.