

2026 U.S. Kids Golf Sandestin Championship
Baytowne 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 HOTLINE: If during your round you need a ruling or rules official assistance, please call the tournament rules hotline at **910-420-0382**. Cell phones may **only** be used to 1) access tournament information, 2) contact the rules hotline, 3) in emergency situations, or 4) access GPS apps.

PLAYER & CADDIE SHUTTLING: All players and caddies may be shuttled between holes (from green to tee) by any spectator, staff, or volunteer cart. We ask that anyone with carts please help other players in your group with rides.

LIFT, CLEAN & PLACE: – a ball lying on a closely mown area (your own fairway/fringe) in the general area 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.**

LIFT, CLEAN, RAKE & PLACE in BUNKERS & SANDY AREAS: If your ball comes to rest in a bunker or waste area, the player is permitted to lift, clean, and place their ball within one club length, no closer to the hole. **The ball must remain in the sandy area.** The ball is deemed in play once placed and at rest. The player may rake the area before placing the ball.

PENALTY AREAS: All penalty areas are **red penalty areas**, defined by red lines or red dots. Painted red lines take precedence over red stakes.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by the inside points (at ground level) of white stakes. Also defined by white dots, public roads and fence posts when there are no white stakes present in the area.

MLR 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.

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.

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

NOTE: Local Rule E-5 (Alternative to Stroke and Distance) **is NOT in effect**. Players must replay a shot from original spot for a lost ball or out of bounds.

SCORING AREA: The official scoring area is on the back patio of the pro shop. Players must immediately head to the scoring area once their round is complete.

RESTROOM COMBINATION: 4-6-5-3 | RESTROOM LOCATION: Clubhouse & Holes #5-6, 13, 15