

2019 Copperhead Classic Important Player Information

U.S. Kids Golf Participant,

We are excited for you to tee off in 2019 with U.S. Kids Golf at the [2019 Copperhead Classic](#). As you travel to Palm Harbor, FL we would like to inform you of some important event information.



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2019 Rules Changes

2019 will be an exciting and historic year for the game of golf and how the rules are enforced – the USGA and the R&A have made 31 rule changes with a focus on modernizing the game and improving pace of play. Please visit our [Rules Hub](#) to learn more about the New Rules of Golf. These changes will be in effect at the Copperhead Classic.

Resort Address

Innisbrook Golf Resort & Spa

36750 US Hwy 19 N.
Palm Harbor, FL 34683

Player Registration*

Registration 1: Friday, January 18th from 11:00am – 4:00pm on the Osprey Clubhouse Patio.

Registration 2: Saturday, January 19th from 7:30am – 12:00pm at both the Osprey Patio and the Copperhead Course Patio.

****Players are encouraged to attend Registration Period 1, but those unable to attend will have the opportunity to attend Period 2. Players only need to attend one of the registration periods prior to their first round during designated registration times.***

Caddie Bibs

Players now receive a universal Tournament Players Association (TPA) 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 TPA 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.

Age Verification

U.S. Kids Golf will be verifying TPA player's birthdates at Major Championships. **Players who yet to verify their birthdate at a U.S. Kids Golf event must bring a copy of your player's birth certificate OR passport to registration to submit to U.S. Kids Golf.** This is a one-time process for each player. **Pre-Verification:** Players can submit an electronic passport copy or birth certificate copy to U.S. Kids Golf prior to the event to become a verified player. Documents can be emailed to tournaments@uskidsgolf.com or faxed to 678.405.3422.

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 tucked in at all times. 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 tucked in at all times
- 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
- Short shorts, skorts or skirts that are too short
- Cut-off shorts
- Gym shorts or pants

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

Care for the Course

U.S. Kids Golf is committed to keeping our host tournament sites in the best condition possible. During the round, we encourage players and caddies to fill or replace their divots, repair ball marks and dispose 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 golf course.

Caddie use of Carts

18-hole players may not use carts for play, nor have their caddie use a cart at any U.S. Kids Golf Regional Championship. All players must walk during play of each hole at all events. Two strokes per hole at which any breach occurred; Maximum penalty per round: Four Strokes.

Caddies for 9-hole players may rent a cart for use during play (Cart Path Only). A 9-hole player 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 may leave the bag on the cart or carry it on the course for the player when needed. Two strokes per hole at which any breach occurred; Maximum penalty per round: Four strokes.

Spectator Carts

Spectator carts may be rented from the golf shop, no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the players tee time. Also, due to field size and limited number of carts, only one cart may be rented per player (this includes any cart rented for a 9-hole caddie.) Carts will be rented for a cost of \$35 for 18-holes and \$20 for 9-holes. All spectator carts are permitted to have only two passengers riding at any given time and must adhere to [the U.S. Kids Golf Spectator Policy](#). **Driver must have a valid Driver's License to operate the golf cart.** Please be aware that the golf courses have a limited number of carts available to rent. Carts must be returned immediately following the round.

Practice Rounds

Innisbrook - Official practice rounds on Friday, January 18th, are available for all 9-hole participants at a cost of \$33/round by calling the golf shop. Practice rounds are \$33 for all 18-hole players on the North/South Courses and \$38 for all players on the Copperhead Course. Cart fees for practice round are listed above. Tee times may be booked at 1-727-942-2000 ext. 5220. For a complete listing of Course Assignments by Age, please visit the [Registration Information](#) homepage.

Driving Range

Practice balls on the days of each tournament round are included in the entry fee. Players will also have access to range balls on Friday, January 18th, during the official practice round at a cost of \$8 for all-day access.

Resort Gift Cards

All Copperhead Classic participants will receive a \$20 Resort Gift Card at Player Registration. Players may redeem their gift card anywhere on property; this includes merchandise, food outlets, etc.

Please treat vouchers as cash. U.S. Kids Golf will NOT be able to replace lost vouchers.

Tee Times

Players will be paired randomly for 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 [Copperhead Classic](#) homepage, at registration and around the golf course by **noon on Thursday, January 17th**.

Times for the final round will be posted approximately one hour after the completion of play for each age/gender division on our website and at the golf course. Please do not call the front desk of the hotel seeking tee time information. Players and parents are advised to look at pairings sheets personally to assure accuracy of tee times.

Award Ceremonies

The awards will be presented shortly after each age group has finished and the scores are posted on Sunday. The top five finishers and ties in each age group will receive an award. A schedule of Awards Ceremonies will be posted Sunday morning. For participants playing on the North/South courses, award ceremonies will be held on the practice putting green at the North/South Courses (weather permitting). For participants playing on the Copperhead course, awards will take place at the Copperhead Scoreboard.

Kenny Knox Putting Consultations

U.S. Kids Golf is proud to announce that Kenny Knox, record-setting putter while on the PGA TOUR, and today, a renowned putting coach, will join the U.S. Kids Golf staff in order to enhance the development of young players at our Tournament Players Association major events.

ABOUT KENNY

Knox, a 3-time winner on the PGA Tour, is considered one of the elite short game and putting gurus in the world. At one time, he was the record holder for fewest putts on 9 holes (8), fewest putts on 18 holes (18), and today, still shares the 72-hole record for fewest putts at a PGA Tour event (93).

To book your 30-minute putting consultation, visit www.uskidsgolf.com/playerconsultations

Junior Golf Scoreboard

U.S. Kids Golf will report Copperhead Classic scores to [Junior Golf Scoreboard](#) for boys 11 and older and girls 12 and older. Junior Golf Scoreboard is a ranking system that groups players by high school graduation year.



Priority Status

Players have the opportunity to earn Priority Status at Regional Championships. Burgundy Status is the highest level of Status players can achieve. This Priority Status is good for one year and covers all events that are played in that span. The status breakdown for Regional Championships in 2019 is listed below:

Order of Finish	1 st – 2 nd	3 rd	4 th – 10 th	11 th – 20 th
2019 Copperhead Classic	Burgundy Status	Green Status	Orange Status	Blue Status

Upcoming Events

There are several events currently open for registration. Please visit the [U.S. Kids Golf Regional Championship Schedule](#) for more information. Field size is limited, so make sure you don't miss these great events!

USKG Event Staff

Vice President of Tournaments – *Chris Vonderkall*

Tournament Director – *Corey Floyd*

Tournament Administrator Copperhead Course- *Maggie Pentek*

Tournament Administrator North/South Course – *Davis McClearen*

USKG Tournament Operations – *Drew Felton*

North Course Director- *Tom Shea, Tampa Local Tour Director*

North Course Director – *Rhonda Ferguson, Jacksonville Local Tour Director*

Copperhead Course Director – *Dona Lerner, Raleigh Local Tour Director*

Copperhead Course Director – *Kathy Bounds, Raleigh Local Tour Director*

South Course Director- *Jon Bullas, Sarasota Local Tour*

Head Rules Official – *Charlie Lanzetta, PGA*

We look forward to seeing you at the Copperhead Classic!