



2026 Desert Shootout Important Player Information

U.S. Kids Golf Participant,

We look forward to seeing your family in Arizona for the 18th annual [U.S. Kids Golf Desert Shootout](#). The event will feature a field of 320 players from 37 states and 3 different countries! Included below are all the details you need to prepare for your weekend!

[Regional Championship Rules & Regulations](#)

[Course Assignments](#)

[Tournament Schedule](#)

[Official Practice Round Information](#)

Tournament Information and use of Cell Phones

All tournament information (Local Rules, Hole Locations, Tee Sheets, etc.) will be made available online. 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.

U.S. Kids Golf Text Messages

Throughout the Desert Shootout, parents will receive important event updates via text message. The messages will include tee time updates, results, and any play suspensions/delays due to weather.

Resort Address

Wigwam Golf Resort & Spa

300 East Wigwam Blvd.

Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

Player Registration*

Registration: a period of registration will be available on Friday and Saturday. Players only need to attend one of these periods. The first registration opportunity will be Friday, February 20th outside of the Wigwam Pro Shop from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Players unable to attend on Friday can register on Saturday, February 21st between 7:00am – 12:00pm. Both registration periods will take place outside the Wigwam Pro Shop. Players only need to attend one registration period.

Friday, February 20th

Wigwam Clubhouse Patio – 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Saturday, February 21st

Wigwam Clubhouse Patio – 7:00am to 12:00pm

***Practice Rounds**

The official practice round for Friday is included in your entry fee. You must reserve for your practice round time online. A practice round is available on Friday ONLY. Players must sign up the practice round at the link here: [Official Practice Round](#). Please note, the cart fee is an additional \$30 if you wish to use a cart for practice round.

Golf Genius

Boys 13-14 and Boys 12 on the **Gold Course** will utilize electronic live scoring via the Golf Genius App. Your online scorecard will serve as your official scorecard this week. More information, including your unique GGID, will be emailed to competitors soon. We advise all players to download the Golf Genius App before arriving to Wigwam and to come to each round with their phones fully charged. The use of Golf Genius allows scores to be updated in real time on uskidsgolf.com, so parents, spectators, and supporters can keep up with the action. **All other age groups will use paper scorecards.**

Caddie Bibs

Players now 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 for the back of the caddie bib will be able to pick up the name and caddie bib at Player Registration.

Spectator Carts

Spectator carts (1 maximum allowed per player) may be rented from the Wigwam Golf Shop no earlier than **60 minutes prior** to the participant's tee time. Due to the limited number of carts, **only 1 cart may be rented per player.** In order to ensure availability for all spectators, we ask that you please return your cart to the golf shop immediately following your player's round. All spectator carts can be rented for a cost of \$35 plus tax. All spectator carts are permitted to have only two passengers riding at any given time and must adhere to [the U.S. Kids Golf Cart 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.

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 should 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 should 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/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, 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.

U.S. Kids Golf on Social Media

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). We encourage you to use #USKidsGolf when posting so we can see the tournament through your eyes! We will be reposting your content throughout the weekend.

Caddie use of Carts

18-hole players and caddies may not use carts for play at U.S. Kids Golf Regional Championships. All players must walk during play of each hole at all events.

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.

*If a 9-hole caddie rents a cart, that will count as the one cart maximum. Spectators are allowed to ride with a 9-hole caddie, as only 1 cart is allowed per player.

Practice Range

Practice balls before tournament rounds and on the official practice round day are included in the entry fee. The putting green adjacent to the clubhouse will be closed in the afternoons, however the practice range putting green will remain open throughout the duration of the event.

U.S. Kids Golf Demo – New Tour Series 6

On Friday & Saturday, U.S. Kids Golf will offer the exclusive opportunity to demo our new Tour Series 6 clubs. Plan to join us on the range between 10:00am – 4:00pm on Friday, or 1:00pm – 5:00pm on Saturday.

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 [Desert Shootout](#) homepage, at registration and around the golf course by **noon on Thursday, February 19th**.

Times for the final round will be posted on our website and at the scoreboard approximately one hour after the completion of play for each age/gender division. 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 Sunday at the Wigwam Clubhouse putting green (weather permitting) shortly after each age group has finished and the scores are posted. The top five finishers and ties in each age group will receive an award. A schedule of awards ceremonies will be posted Sunday morning.

Junior Golf Scoreboard

U.S. Kids Golf will report Desert Shootout 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.



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!

Event Staff

Tournament Director – *Corey Floyd*

Tournament Operations/Admin – *Davis McClearen*

Tournament Operation/Rules – *Ben Crow*

Tournament Operations – *Sarah Gilgrist*

Tournament Communications – *Rachel Woh*

Gold Course Director – *Samantha Clawson, U.S. Kids Golf*

Gold Course Director – *Alec Hansen, U.S. Kids Golf*

Blue Course Director – *Oliver Oliquiano, Oahu LT*

Blue Course Director – *Dale Balvin, Phoenix LT*

U.S. Kids Golf Product Demo/Operations – *Kim Wiley*

We look forward to seeing you at the Desert Shootout!

