



2026 U.S. Kids Golf German Masters

Golf Valley München – Local Rules

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf, U.S. Kids Golf Rules and Regulations, and 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 **+49 8024.9027.90**. 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.

OUT OF BOUNDS (RULE 18.2) Out of bounds is marked by white stakes, white ground marking plates and/or white lines. Where white lines are present, they take precedence. The main access road is out of bounds; in this case, the edges of the road define the boundary. If a ball comes to rest beyond the main access road of our golf course, it is out of bounds, even if it lies in an area of the course that is not out of bounds for other holes. **Players must proceed under Stroke and Distance penalty.**

NO-PLAY AREAS (RULE 2.4) No-play areas are marked by red stakes with green tops, red-green ground plates, or signs. If a ball lies in a no-play area, the player must take relief with one penalty stroke under Rule 17.1d. If the no-play area only interferes with the player's stance or swing (ball outside the no-play area), the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f. Because of many ground-nesting animals on our course, **entry into no-play areas is strictly prohibited for your own safety.**

MODEL LOCAL RULE B-3: Provisional Ball for NO PLAY AREAS

If a player is uncertain whether their ball is in a no-play penalty area, they may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3, as modified. With such a provisional ball, the player may use:

- Stroke and distance relief (Rule 17.1d(1)),
- Back-on-the-line relief (Rule 17.1d(2)),
- Lateral relief (Rule 17.1d(3)).

Once the player has played a provisional ball under this Rule, he or she may not use any further options under Rule 17.1 in relation to the original ball.

If the player finds his/her ball in the general area the player will keep on playing the original ball and all the strokes made with the provisional ball will be cancelled, if the player finds his/her ball in the penalty area (no play zone) the player will have to continue playing the provisional ball as he/she will not be allowed to access the penalty area.

PENALTY AREAS (RULE 17) Penalty areas are marked by red stakes, red ground marking plates or red lines. Where lines are present, they take precedence. If a lake or another penalty area is surrounded by an artificial wall, the penalty area is defined by the edge of the wall, if no line is marked. Entering all water surfaces and banks is prohibited.

DROP ZONE (Hole C7) If a player's ball lies in the penalty area/no-play area of hole C7, or it is known or virtually certain that it has come to rest there (even if not found), the player has, with one penalty stroke, the following options:

- a) Take relief under Rule 17.1, or
 - b) As an additional option, drop a ball in the drop zone located at the front tee of hole C7.
- The drop zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (RULE 16.1) Including immovable obstructions

The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1 in the following cases:

a) Ground under repair

- Areas circled in white or marked with blue stakes (line takes precedence).
- Areas in bunkers where water has washed away sand, creating deep channels.

b) Immovable obstructions

- Ground plates, shelters, houses, ball washers, bins, benches, irrigation system parts.
- Plantings protected by stakes, ropes, or nets.
- Artificial surfaces (gravel, mulch paths), only if in the general area (not in a penalty area).
- Trees surrounded by mulch.

c) Animal enclosures

The fence is an immovable obstruction and the entire enclosed area is ground under repair.

- If the ball is inside and identifiable → relief under 16.1b.
 - If not found but known/virtually certain to be inside → relief under 16.1e.
 - If the ball is outside but the stance/swing is interfered with by the electric fence → mandatory relief for safety.
- Entry and "retrieving" balls beyond the electric fence is strictly forbidden.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS No free relief is given from the following:

- a) Wires, cables, or tree protection devices that are attached to trees or permanent objects.
- b) Artificial walls, piled stones or timber located in penalty areas.
- c) Artificial lining in bunkers (e.g. sod walls) in their original position.

Waste areas on holes B1, B2, C1, C4, C6 are general area (not bunkers, not obstructions).

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.