



2026 U.S. Kids Golf Jekyll Island Cup
Great Dunes Golf Course – Local Rules

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf, the U.S. Kids Golf Regional Championship Rules & Regulations, and the following Local Rules where applicable:

RULES/TOURNAMENT HOTLINE: If you need a ruling or rules official assistance, 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, **4)** in emergency situations, or **5)** entering scores in Golf Genius. Cell phones may not be used for any other purposes.

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.**

OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by the inside points, at ground level, of white stakes, public roads, and fence posts.

ROADS AND PATHS: Artificially surfaced paths are deemed obstructions. All other paths are deemed integral parts of the course (no relief from sand cart paths). Wood pilings and large rocks (not small stones) adjacent to artificially surfaced cart paths are deemed to be part of the same obstruction.

DROP ZONES: Drop Zone indicated by “USKG DZ” may be used as an additional option on Hole #16 and #17.

PENALTY AREAS: ALL PENALTY AREAS ARE CONSIDERED RED PENALTY AREAS. Penalty areas are defined by red lines, dots, red electrical flags, or red stakes. See note below regarding any Unmarked Penalty Areas.

SANDY AREAS: Sandy areas completely enclosed by sod are considered **bunkers**. Any sandy/natural areas that are not completely enclosed by sod are deemed to be in the general area (waste areas). These sandy areas are not bunkers, and the clubhead may be grounded. Note: there is no free relief for an embedded ball in loose sand in these areas.

a. Railroad ties and slit fencing in waste areas are integral. The tunnel on hole 8 is integral object, no relief.

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 or abnormal course condition is “on the line of play” and is within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball.

ANIMAL FORAGING DAMAGE/BURROWING HOLES: Areas of the golf course damaged by birds or other foraging animals are considered Ground Under Repair (GUR). **Free relief is available for stance, lie of ball and area of intended swing.**

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 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.

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