



2026 U.S. Kids Golf Jekyll Island Cup

Local Rules – Pine Lakes

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, or 4) in emergency situations.** Cell phones may not be used for any other purposes.

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

MARKING & REPLACING: Caddies have authorization to mark and replace the player's ball, where the Rules permit the ball to be lifted and replaced. HOWEVER, in rules instances that require a drop, ONLY the player is permitted to drop the ball (reminder: drop is from knee height).

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

UNMARKED PENALTY AREAS: All unmarked areas of impenetrable natural shrubbery and native areas that border each hole, are considered penalty areas. These areas are not marked, however if a player's ball comes to rest in these areas, players are entitled to relief, under penalty of one stroke. When the penalty area is not defined by lines, or stakes, **the outside edge of the cart path will define the penalty area.** On the side of the hole, opposite the cart path, **the natural boundary of the native area and golf course will define the margin of the penalty area.** Under penalty of one stroke, the player may take two club-lengths from the spot where the ball last crossed the margin of the penalty area.

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.

ROADS AND PATHS: Railroad ties and wooden fences adjoining cart paths are part of the path and are treated as a single obstruction with the path; nearest point of relief and one club-length, no closer to the hole, no penalty.

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 front patio of the clubhouse. Players must immediately head to the scoring area once their round is complete.

Shelters & Restrooms

Starter Shack, #7 Tee, Clubhouse, & #13 Tee