

2026 U.S. Kids Big 5 SA Open - Magalies Park Golf Club **Local Rules**

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf, U.S. Kids Golf Rules and Regulations, and the following **Local Rules:**

1) **PREFERRED LIES (ONE CLUB LENGTH)**

a) When any part of the player's ball touches part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may mark, lift, clean and place the ball within one club length not nearer the hole, once the ball has been placed it must not be moved.

b) HOLE 4 The newly sodded area in front of and around green 4 marked as GUR is deemed to be Fairway and players may invoke the Preferred Lie Rule, even if the ball is lying in the rough.

The margin of the GUR is defined by white lines in front, the blue staked area on left, red penalty area, cart path right and OB behind

2) **ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS | FREE RELIEF (Rule 16.1)**

a) All artificially surfaced **CART PATHS** and their immediate run-offs.

b) Any area ringed in **WHITE PAINT**

c) All deep ruts caused by vehicles are GUR even if not marked

d) **NO PLAY ZONES (Rule 16.1f):**

- All **CULTIVATED GARDENS, AREAS MARKED IN BLUE (hole 4 and hole 17)**

- **YOUNG TREES** below 2 mt are no play zones and free relief **MUST** be taken, if there is interference for the lie of the ball, the player's stance and intended swing.

e) **ANIMAL FOOT PRINT IN BUNKERS** Damage caused by animal hoofs **IN THE BUNKER** can be treated as ground under repair, from which free relief, for the lie of the ball is available under Rule 16.1 (relief must be taken inside the bunker). **NO** relief is available for stance.

f) **PUTTING GREEN:** Free relief is available from all newly sodded areas on the putting green under Rule 16.1a and 16.1d.

g) **FIXED SPRINKLER HEADS close to putting green (MLR F-5):** For a ball in the General Area, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is "on the line of play" and is within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball.

h) **ELECTRICAL FENCES:** If a player's ball lies on the course and within 2 club-lengths of the electric **BOUNDARY** fence, the player may take free relief by using the procedure in Rule 16.1.

i) **INTERNAL ELECTRIC FENCES** around the putting greens are not armed and must be treated as a normal Immovable Obstruction Rule 16.1

3) **ELECTRICAL STRUCTURES:** If your ball strikes the electrical structure or its overhanging cables you **MUST** replay another ball without a penalty and cancel the previous stroke.

4) **MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** All distance markers are movable obstructions Rule 15.2

5) **DROP ZONES** a) **HOLE 7 (9 hole players ONLY):** Once a player has hit **2 shots** into the water, you may proceed to the drop area under the additional penalty of 1 stroke.

b) **HOLE 11** If the ball is lying in the rocks or on the cart path behind the green, player may take free relief by dropping the ball in the nearest Drop Zone.

6) **OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18.2)** a) Beyond all the boundary fences, white stakes and/or lines. In the absence of white line the property boundaries defines the margin of the out of bounds

b) **HOLE 3, HOLE 4** behind the green, **HOLE 11, HOLE 12** and **HOLE 15** the Cart Path edge defines the out of bounds

a) **INTERNAL OUT OF BOUNCE** the right side of **HOLE 13** is Out of Bounds (not applicable to hole 17 right)

7) **PENALTY AREA (Rule 17):** All penalty areas are marked with red stakes or red lines. When both stakes and lines are used to indicate a Penalty Area, the stakes identify the Penalty Area and the lines defines the edge of the Penalty Area.

8) **CERTIFYING THE SCORECARD MLR L-1 Rule 3.3b(2)** is modified in this way: If a player returns a scorecard without the hole scores being certified either by the player, the marker or both, the player gets the general penalty (two penalty strokes). The penalty applies to the last hole of the player's round.