



2025 U.S. Kids Golf Palm Springs Open

Local Rules – Pete Dye Course

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 (DYE COURSE ONLY) – a ball lying on a closely mown area in the general area (your own fairway) 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.**

PLAYER & CADDIE SHUTTLING: All players and caddies may be shuttled between holes (from green to tee) by any spectator, staff, or volunteer cart. We ask that those with carts please help other players in your group with rides.

FLOWER BEDS: All Flower beds are deemed No Play Zones, with Mandatory Free Relief, nearest point of relief, and one club-length no closer to the hole.

SODDED AREAS ON PUTTING GREEN: If a player's ball is on the putting green in a sodded area, the player is entitled to free relief. The player will have to find the nearest point of complete relief (no closer to the hole), which may be on the putting green or in the general area (i.e. fringe or rough). Once that nearest point is found they will then place a ball. This relief option is for lie of ball, stance, and/or line of play, and only if the ball's original position is on the putting green.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by white posts, lines, and public roads. In the absence of white posts, the course-side edge of the Main Resort Pathway denotes Out of Bounds along holes #1, 2, 14 & 18.

DROP ZONES: Marked "USKG DZ" serve as an additional option on holes #7, 8 & 14 (Rule 17.1). Drop Zones on Hole #14 are designated for the specific penalty areas that are entered.

FIRE ANT MOUNDS: If lie of ball, stance, or area of intended swing, is affected by a fire ant mound, relief is available under Rule 16.1, player may drop a ball at the nearest point of relief and within one club-length, no nearer the hole.

Note: flat areas of sand, that are no longer fire ant mounds, do not apply; NO relief is available.

MLR I-1 – 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: All players will finish on Hole #9. The official scoring area is located at the U.S. Kids Golf Tent behind #18 green. Players MUST report to scoring area immediately following the round.

Bathrooms: Located on hole #4. The golf shop bathroom may also be used between Hole #9-#10 and #14-#15. **Code 1987**