



# U.S. KIDS MARCO SIMONE INVITATIONAL 2026

## 14-15 marzo 2026



The following Terms of Competition and Local Rules and notes published by the Committee, together with USKIDS International Championship Rules and Regulation, will apply to MARCO SIMONE INVITATIONAL 2026 and played in accordance with the Rules of Golf approved by the R&A Rules Limited. For the full text of the Local Rules referenced below, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective from January 2023 and the Clarifications updated quarterly by the R&A.

**Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of the Local Rules is the General Penalty**

**PREFERRED LIE RULE:** A ball lying on any closely mown area, in the general area, may without penalty, be lifted cleaned and placed within one scorecard of where it originally lay, not nearer the hole.

### LOCAL RULES

#### 1. OUT OF BOUNDS (RULE 18.2)

- a) For holes 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14: the anti-wild boar barrier (internal part of the posts) is OB.
- b) The Castle property to the right of Holes 6 and 8 defined by the wall, fence, white post and where applicable the adjoining white line/dots which is along the entrance road.
- c) **Internal Boundary:** On or beyond the fairway 15<sup>th</sup> when playing Hole 14 indicated by white/green posts and/or adjoining solid white line.
- d) The Clubhouse area behind Green 18 defined by wooden boarding, white stakes and where applicable an adjoining white line.

#### 2. PENALTY AREAS (RULE 17)

Model Local Rule B-2.1 applies only for Red Penalty Area of Hole 10 and 11. If the ball last crossed the edge of RPA as an extra relief option for one penalty stroke, the player may drop the original ball or another ball on the opposite side of the penalty area.

#### 3. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (RULE 16.1)

- a) **Ground Under Repair**
  1. All areas bounded by white lines.
  2. Seams of Cut Turf: Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
  3. French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
  4. Erosions in bunker caused by water. Relief available for lie of the ball ONLY.
  5. Damages created by wild boar.
  6. Cracks in earth.
  7. A hole made after removing a movable obstruction in the general area, may be treated as ground under repair by the Committee but in such cases Model Local Rule F-6 is in effect prohibiting relief when only stance interference exists.
- b) **Immovable Obstructions**
  1. White lined areas and the immovable obstruction they tie into, are treated as a single abnormal course condition.
  2. When playing Hole 15, the white and green stakes to identify the internal boundary for Hole 14 are immovable obstructions.
  3. All roads and paths.

#### 4. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN

Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect but is modified as follows: For a ball in general area, relief is allowed only when both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less.

#### 5. INTEGRAL OBJECTS

1. Wires, cables, wrapping or other objects when closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
2. Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located within penalty areas.
3. Any closed gate attached to a boundary object.

#### 6. PERMANENT OVERHEAD POWER LINE

Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect but only if it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball strikes a power line in bounds and not the supporting pole; the stroke is cancelled and must be replayed (see Rule 14.6). If the player does not replay the stroke, she gets the general penalty and the stroke counts, but the player has not played from a wrong place. If the player replays the stroke but does so from a wrong place, she gets the general penalty under Rule 14.7.

#### 7. DISQUALIFICATION MODIFICATION

**The U.S. Kids Golf Disqualification Policy (DPQ) is NOT applied for Italian HCP Competition**

8. **TRANSPORTATION POLICY**

Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect and is modified in this way: "During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation **except** as authorized or later approved by the Committee. (A player taking a stroke and distance penalty is always authorized)."

**Penalty for breach of this Local Rule: General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach, maximum penalty for round: Four strokes. A breach between holes applies to the next hole.**

9. **PRACTICE (RULE 5)**

Practice before or between rounds in Stroke Play (Rule 5.2b): Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: *A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.*

**Penalty for breach of Rule 5.2: See penalty statement in Rule 5.2.**

10. **SCORECARD RESPONSIBILITIES**

Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect and the Rule 3.3b(2) is modified in this way:

If 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.*

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**COMMITTEE:**

LOLA GEERTS	Tournament Director	MAURO VINCHESI	Chief Referee
ANNA D'ALESSIO	Referee		

**ALL REFEREES ARE EMPOWERED TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION: ONLY THE REFEREE HIMSELF CAN ASK FOR A SECOND OPINION.**

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