



2025 U.S. Kids Golf Palm Springs Open

Local Rules – Player 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, **4)** in emergency situations, or **5)** enter scores into Golf Genius. Cell phones may not be used for any other purposes.

PLAYER & CADDIE SHUTTLING: All players and caddies may be shuttled between holes (from green to tee) by any spectator, staff, or volunteer cart. At your own discretion, your spectator may offer a ride to other players.

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.

HOLE #15 SANDY AREAS: All sandy areas on Hole #15 are deemed to be waste areas.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: Designated by white lines. Damage caused by maintenance vehicles is considered Ground Under Repair even if unmarked.

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.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by white posts, lines, dots, and public roads.

PENALTY AREAS: Penalty Areas are defined by red stakes, red lines, or both. If your ball ends up in a penalty area that is only defined by red stakes, the edge of the penalty area is defined by its natural boundaries (where the ground slopes down to form the depression that can hold the water).

DROP ZONES: Marked "USKG DZ" serve as an additional option on Holes #3, #5, and #12 (Rule 17.1)

GREEN READING MATERIALS: Permitted as long as they conform to USGA specifications listed under Rule 4.3a-1.

MLR F-5 – 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 is "on the line of play" and is within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball.

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: The official scoring area is located on the back patio of the Player Clubhouse. Players **MUST** report to scoring area immediately following the round.

BATHROOM & WATER LOCATIONS: located on the driving range, on the putting practice green, and on course water holes include: Hole # 3,5,7,11,13,17. Restrooms are on Hole 6 and 15, code is **1991**.