



2025 U.S. Kids Golf World Championship

Longleaf Golf & Family Club – Local Rules



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

TOURNAMENT HOTLINE: If you need rules official assistance or have a general tournament question, please call the tournament hotline at **910-420-0382** or **678-856-4999**. 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 purpose.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: A) Designated by white lined areas B) French drains filled with rocks or stones.

SANDY AREAS: Sandy areas completely enclosed by sod are considered **bunkers**. Any sandy/natural areas that are not completely enclosed by sod are deemed to be in the general area (waste areas). These sandy areas are not bunkers, and the clubhead may be grounded. Note: there is no free relief for an embedded ball in loose sand in these areas.

NO PLAY ZONE/ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS (ESA) (Holes #4,5,6): Red stakes with green tops designate ESAs. Players and caddies are NOT allowed to play a shot from within these areas or enter these areas (Players/caddies must not enter these areas to retrieve balls either). Player must proceed under Rule 17.1 (relief from penalty area). There is no free relief from ESAs.

ROADS AND PATHS: Artificially surfaced paths are deemed obstructions. All other paths are deemed integral parts of the course (no relief from sand cart paths). Wood pilings and large rocks (not small stones) adjacent to artificially surfaced cart paths are deemed to be part of the same obstruction.

Note: Rocky areas positioned to disperse water on Hole #18 are considered French drains and relief is granted, without penalty, under Rule 16.1. Relief procedure: nearest point of relief, and one club-length, no nearer the hole.

FENCED AREA (HOLE #1): If the fenced area behind Hole #1 green interferes with a player's stance, swing, lie of ball, or intervenes between the hole and player's ball (line of play), player may take free relief. Player may drop one club-length from the nearest point of relief.

HORSETRACK RAILINGS: The angled horsetrack railings on Holes #10, #12, #13, #16, #17 and #18 (inside the golf course) are considered immovable obstructions (these are not out of bounds). The white fencing on the outside edge of the golf course is out of bounds.

EDGING GROOVES: If a ball lies in or on an edging groove around the putting green, or if the groove interferes with the area of intended swing, the ball may, without penalty, be lifted, cleaned and placed in the nearest position to where it lay that is not nearer the hole and avoids interference by the condition whether on or off the putting green.

MLR F-4: Player is entitled to free relief from extensive damage due to heavy rain (example: erosion). The player may drop one club-length from the nearest point of relief.

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-1.2: 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: Players must report to scoring immediately following completion of their round. For any scorecard returned without marker or player certification, the penalty will be two strokes.

NO STROKE & DISTANCE LOCAL RULE: Model Local Rule E-5 (Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds) is NOT in effect. All players must take Stroke and Distance relief for any ball that is lost or out of bounds.

SCORING LOCATION: Players must report to scoring immediately following the completion of their round. The official scoring area is in the office next to the main dining room. Scores are deemed official once the card has been returned to the committee and the player has left the scoring area.

Water, Ice & Restrooms

Ice/Water is located at the Outside Clubhouse Bar, Water at the Academy Building, Water on Holes #2, #4, #6, #7, #12, #14, #16. Volunteers will be stationed with water, as well as staff circulating with water throughout the day. If you need water, please call the hotline or alert a staff member. Restrooms are in the Clubhouse, Academy, and Holes #7 & #14.