



2026 U.S. Kids Golf European Championship Longniddry Golf Club – Local Rules

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and its interpretations, the U.S. Kids Golf Foundation International Championship Rules & Regulations, and by the following Local Rules:

RULES/TOURNAMENT HOTLINE: If, during your round, you need a ruling or rules official assistance, please call the tournament hotline at **+1 850.375.9221 or +39 331 867 4609**. 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.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Out of bounds is defined by any wall or fence bordering the course, as well as any white lines to the left of the **9th hole** and any part of the **Clubhouse** or the **Veranda**. No part of the Clubhouse or the Veranda is an obstruction.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: Free relief will be granted under Rule 16.1 for interference by the following objects:

- Wooden steps in bunkers and up to tees.
- All Bridges
- All staked trees or those protected by white mesh or tree guards.
- The flagpole and those parts of its supports within bounds.
- Animal Damage

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: Any areas encircled by white lines are defined as ground under repair and free relief may be granted under rule 16.1.

- 5th hole (before bridge): Any ball landing in the GUR must be dropped at the given drop zone under rule 16.1.
- 6th hole green: Any ball landing in the GUR must be dropped at the given drop zone under rule 16.1.
- 17th hole green: Any ball landing in the GUR must be dropped at the nearest point of relief under rule 16.1.
- 18th hole green: Any ball landing in the GUR must be dropped at the nearest given drop zone under rule 16.1.

STONES IN BUNKERS: are deemed to be loose impediments (Rule 15.1) and may be removed; however, the act of removing stone must not cause the ball to move.

FIXED SPRINKLER HEADS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS: If a ball lies off the putting green, but not in a penalty area, and the sprinkler head, on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball, **intervenes** on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: the ball shall be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids such intervention and (c) is not in a penalty area or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

RULE 20.1c(3): A player who is uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole may complete the hole with two balls without penalty:

- The player must decide to play two balls after the uncertain situation arises and before making a stroke.
- The player should choose which ball will count if the Rules allow the procedure used for that ball, by announcing that choice to his or her marker or to another player before making a stroke.
- Players must report the facts to the committee before they return their scorecard.

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: In the event a player returns their scorecard without player or marker certification, the penalty will be two strokes.