



2026 U.S. Kids Golf World Championship

Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club – Local Rules

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

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.

SANDY AREAS: There are **no bunkers** on the golf course. All sandy/natural areas are deemed to be in the general area. These areas are not bunkers, and the clubhead may be grounded. Note: no free relief for an embedded ball in loose sand in these areas.

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

OUT OF BOUNDS: Out of bounds is defined by inside points of white stakes at ground level; and by the inside edges of the parking lot and driveway left of #18 adjacent to the conference center.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: 1) Cart paths, 2) Birdhouses on poles. 3) Railroad ties boarding cart paths, or 4) white lined areas tying into roads or obstructions are deemed to be part of the same obstruction.

ROADS AND PATHS: Artificially surfaced paths are deemed obstructions. Sand cart paths are deemed integral parts of the course (no relief).

PRACTICE GREENS: Practice greens are classified as wrong greens (Rule 13.1f). Free relief is mandatory for stance and lie of ball.

HEAVY EROSION: Player is entitled to free relief from extensive damage due to heavy rain (erosion). Player may drop one club-length from the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole. MLR F-4

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN: The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b if an Immovable Obstruction (sprinkler head or drain) is on the line of play and is either on or within two Club-Lengths of the Putting Green and within two Club-Lengths of the ball. Relief is only allowed when both the ball and the Obstruction lie in the General Area cut to fairway height or less. MLR F-5.2.

PRACTICE IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY: 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 I-1.2

MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION: 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, applied to the final hole. MLR L-1

NO STROKE & DISTANCE LOCAL RULE: Model Local Rule E-5, Alternative to Stroke and Distance, 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 completion of their round. The scoring areas are defined by the four corners of the tents near #9 and #18 green. Scores are deemed official once the card has been returned to the committee and the player has left the scoring area.

Final decisions on any disputed points will be made by the U.S. Kids Golf Rules Advisory Council.