



U.S. Kids Golf World Championship

Midland Country 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.

LIFT, CLEAN & PLACE – a ball lying on a closely mown area (your own fairway/fringe) in the general area may be lifted and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player should mark its position. Having lifted the ball, the player must place it on a spot within 1 club-length and no closer to the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a penalty area or on a putting green. **A player may place the ball only once, and it is in play once placed and at rest. Caddies have authorization to mark, lift, clean and place the ball for the player.**

SANDY AREAS: Sandy areas completely enclosed by sod are considered bunkers. Any sandy/natural areas, not completely enclosed by sod, are deemed to be in the general area. These 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.

STONES IN BUNKER: Stones in bunkers are deemed loose impediments, as are leaves, pine cones, and the like. Removal of a loose impediment must not cause the ball to move (Rule 15.1).

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.

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

MLR I-1.2 – On an official tournament round day, a player may not practice on their 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 LOCATION: Players must report to scoring immediately following completion of their round. The official scoring areas are defined by the tents near #9 green. Scores are deemed official once the card has been returned to the committee and the player has left the scoring area.