



2025 U.S. Kids Golf World Championship

Pinehurst No. 5 – 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, **4)** in emergency situations, **5)** enter scores. Cell phones may not be used for any other purpose.

ROADS AND PATHS: Artificially surfaced paths are deemed obstructions. All other paths are deemed integral parts of the course (no relief). Any white lined areas tying into roads or paths are deemed to be part of the same cart path obstruction.

DROP ZONES: A drop zone is available as an additional option, via Rule 17.1, on holes #10, #12 & #14.

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.

OUT OF BOUNDS: On Holes #4 & #8, white dots also define 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). 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: On an official tournament round day, a player may not practice on the competition course (Holes #1 - #18), before or between rounds.

MLR L-1: Players must report to scoring immediately following completion of their round. In the event a player fails to verify their scorecard with a scoring official, 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: The official scoring area is in the **Donald Ross Grill** inside the main clubhouse. Scores are deemed official once the player and marker verifies with an official and the player has left the scoring area.

Water, Ice, & Restrooms

Water/Ice is located at the Clubhouse, as well as a Water/Ice on #4, Fountain on #9, Halfway House on #11, Water/Ice on #15. Staff and volunteers will be circulating throughout the day. If you need water, please call the hotline or alert a staff member.

Restrooms are located at the Clubhouse and Holes #4, #11 & #15.