



2026 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:

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, C) on hole #8 area containing sewer pipes defined by blue stakes.

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

OUT OF BOUNDS: A) Defined by the nearest inside points at ground level of white stakes B) The inside edge of any paved public road (note exceptions below). A ball which crosses a public road that is out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is deemed to be out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.
EXCEPTIONS: A) The road between holes 3 & 7 and beyond is NOT OB. B) The road between holes 6 & 7 and beyond is NOT OB. Note: Small diameter PVC stakes are survey markers and are **NOT** boundary markers.

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. MLR F-3.1/3.2

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.

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

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 the completion of their round. The official scoring area is the Donald Ross Room of the Main Clubhouse. 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.