



2025 U.S. Kids Golf World Championship

Pinehurst No. 8 – 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, or **5)** enter scores. Cell phones may not be used for any other purpose.

OUT OF BOUNDS: in addition to items outlined in the tournament Rules & Regulations, A) white painted line connecting stakes on the left side of Hole #8, B) Centennial Road behind Hole #3 Green, Hole #9 Green, and left of Hole #10 tee defined by the inside edge of the road, and C) left side of hole #9 defined by the course side edge of the stone wall around the parking area.

SANDY AREAS: There are both bunkers and waste areas on the course. The sandy areas marked with blue stakes are not bunkers and are deemed waste areas. These are part of the General Area and you may ground your club. Note: there is no free relief from embedded ball in waste areas. **All other prepared sandy areas are bunkers.**

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.

CLUB HOUSE & BRICK PATH: The brick path, club house, and shrubbery beds behind #18 green are deemed to be immovable obstructions from which play is prohibited. **A competitor must use the nearest drop zone on either side of the green.**

PENALTY AREAS/DROPPING ZONE: Hole #15 – For a ball in the penalty area on left side of the cart path, which crosses the margin of the penalty area between the blue stakes, an optional drop zone is provided right of the cart path and short of the green.

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.

RANGE PICKER AND STRUCTURE: HOLE #1 – If the range picker cart and structure near the cart interferes with a player's stance, swing, lie of ball, or intervenes between the hole and player's ball (line of play), player may take free relief. Player may drop one club-length from the nearest point of relief.

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

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 within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball.

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.

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: Players must report to scoring immediately following the completion of their round. The official scoring area is in the clubhouse dining area. Scores are deemed official once the card has been returned to the committee and the player has left the scoring area.

Water & Restrooms

Water, Ice, & Restrooms are located at the Clubhouse and on holes #6, #9, and #15. If you need water, please call the hotline or alert a staff member.