



2026 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:

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.

OUT OF BOUNDS: In addition to items outlined in the tournament Rules & Regulations A) Centennial Road behind Hole #3 Green, Hole #9 Green, and left of Hole #10 tee defined by the inside edge of the road

BLUE STAKED AREAS: Natural sandy areas identified by blue stakes are not bunkers and are part of the General Area.

ROADS AND PATHS: Artificially surfaced paths are deemed obstructions. Sand 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. The blue stake with white top is a splitter for determining the nearest DZ. MLR E-1.2

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.

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 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 scoring area is outside the clubhouse on the back balcony and is defined by blue tape on the floor. 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.