



**2026 U.S. Kids Golf Palmer Kids Invitational**  
Latrobe Country Club – Local Rules

**Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and its interpretations, the U.S. Kids Golf Foundation Regional Championship Rules & Regulations, and by the following Local Rules:**

**RULES/TOURNAMENT HOTLINE:** If you need rules official assistance or have generic tournament questions, please call the tournament hotline at **910-420-0382**. 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 purposes.

**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.

**PENALTY AREAS:** All penalty areas are deemed **RED** penalty areas. Even if the area is defined by yellow stakes.

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** Out of Bounds is marked by natural white stakes, property fences, white dots (hole 18, inside edge of the roadway), the golf course edge of all public streets and curbs, even if the ball crosses a road and comes to rest on another part of the golf course (excluding the driveway into the golf course for holes 1 & 18).

**WRONG PUTTING GREEN (HOLE 18):** If a ball comes to rest on the practice putting green behind 18 green (defined by blue dots and white U.S. Kids Golf Tees), the ball is deemed to be on the wrong putting green. As an additional option under rule 16.1(f) (wrong putting green), players may use the drop area and take one club length from the drop zone sign no closer to the hole.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** Ground under repair is defined by white dots (Hole No. 3 & 5).

**MODEL LOCAL RULE 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.

**MODEL LOCAL RULE 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 their competition course before or between rounds.

**MODEL LOCAL RULE L-1:** In the event a player returns their scorecard without player or marker certification, the penalty will be two strokes.

**RULE 4.3 REMINDER:** Clubs must not have stickers or other adhesives on the clubface (i.e. TrackMan stickers).

**SCORING AREA:** The official scoring area will be in the U.S. Kids Golf Tent behind the 18<sup>th</sup> green. Players must immediately head to the scoring area once their round is complete. Once the player leaves the scoring area, scores are deemed final.