



## 2024 U.S. Kids Golf Holiday Classic *Palmer – 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 HOTLINE:** If during your round you need a ruling or rules official assistance, please call the tournament rules hotline at **910-420-0382**. Cell phones may **only** be used to 1) access tournament information, 2) input scores in GolfGenius, 3) contact the rules hotline, 4) in emergency situations, or 5) access gps apps.

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by the inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. In addition to white stakes, and all fences, any ball coming to rest above the water's edge on the left side of the penalty area on holes #5, #8, #13, #14, #15, #16 and on the right side of the penalty area on holes #8 and #10. Inside edge of all perimeter roadways, including tunnels under perimeter roadways, are out of bounds.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** Unmarked tire ruts and deep depressions created by machinery are considered Ground Under Repair.

**PENALTY AREAS:** All penalty areas are marked as red penalty areas, and defined by red lines or red dots. Holes #7, 14, 18 the rock wall is inside the penalty area. The inside edge of the rock wall defines the margin between the penalty area and the bunker.

- a. Drop Zones indicated by "USKG DZ" may be used as an additional option on Holes #13, 14, & 15.
- b. #15 – Ball drop serves as an extra option for any ball entering the penalty area to the right of the bridge.

**OBSTRUCTIONS:** Irrigation control boxes and surrounding shrubbery are immovable obstructions.

**COQUINA SAND:** Coquina sand and sand paths are part of the general area, there is no free relief. Free relief will **ONLY** be granted for abnormal course condition in this area (e.g., washouts).

**WASTE AREA – HOLE #18:** The sandy area next to the putting green is considered a waste area.

**STONES IN BUNKERS:** are deemed to be loose impediments (Rule 15.1) and may be removed; however, the act of removing stone must not cause the ball to move.

**EDGING GROOVES:** If a ball lies in or on an edging groove around a putting green, or if the groove interferes with the area of the player's 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. Edging grooves are considered a part of the putting green.

**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.

**MLR I-1** – 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.

**SCORING AREA:** The official scoring area will be in the Masters Ballroom B. Players must immediately head to the scoring area once their round is complete.

**RESTROOM COMBINATION: 1-2-5 | RESTROOM LOCATION #5, 10, & 15**