



2025 U.S. Kids Golf PGA Golf Club Invitational

Local Rules – Ryder Course

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf, the U.S. Kids Golf Regional Championship Rules & Regulations, and the following Local Rules where applicable:

RULES/TOURNAMENT HOTLINE: If you need a ruling or rules official assistance 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 coming to rest in turf (grass) in the general area (fairway or rough) 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.**

IDENTIFICATION OF PENALTY AREA STAKES:

- Red Stakes with Red Tops: Identify penalty areas.
- Red Stakes with Blue Tops: Identify the edge of the cart path as the margin of the penalty area.
- Red Stakes with Green Tops: Designate the penalty area as an environmentally sensitive area (ESA). This is a **NO PLAY ZONE** and entry forbidden.

OUT OF BOUNDS: In addition to OB as defined by the Rules and Regulations Hard Card, OB is also defined by:

- The water's edge on the opposite side of the red penalty area on Holes #2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15 & 16.
- The inside edge of street curbing on Holes: #1, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, & 18.
- Edge of cart path that is defined by white stakes with blue tops or lines on Hole #12.

CART PATH EDGE DEFINES PENALTY AREAS (#9, #10, and #15): Where penalty areas tie into the edges of cart paths, defined by red stakes with blue tops, the INSIDE EDGE (fairway side) of the path defines the margin of penalty areas on holes #9, #10, and #15. Two Club-Length relief from inside edge of cart path on these holes only.

FIRE ANT MOUNDS: If the ball lays anywhere on the course, the player may take relief under Rules 16.2a,b.

GREEN READING MATERIALS: Permitted if they conform to USGA specifications listed under Rule 4.3a-1.

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 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.

MLR F-19 – 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.

OFFICIAL SCORING AREA: The official scoring area for all players is in the Ryder Pavilion. Players MUST report to the designated scoring area immediately following the round.