



U.S. Kids Golf Red White & Blue Invitational

Pinehurst No. 9 – 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**. 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 purposes.

PENALTY AREAS: Penalty areas are defined by red lines and red stakes. There are **NO** Drop Zones on the course.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: Areas are defined by white lines.

SANDY AREAS: Sandy areas completely enclosed by sod are considered **bunkers**. Any sandy/natural areas that are not completely enclosed by sod are deemed to be in the general area (waste areas). These sandy areas are not bunkers, and the clubhead may be grounded. Note: there is no free relief for an embedded ball in loose sand in these areas.

ROADS AND PATHS: Artificially surfaced paths are deemed obstructions. All other paths are deemed integral parts of the course (no relief from sand paths). Any white lined areas tying into roads or paths are deemed to be part of the same cart path obstruction. Wood pilings and large rocks (not small stones) adjacent to artificially surfaced cart paths are deemed to be part of the same obstruction.

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.

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

MLR F-23: GREENSIDE FANS: If a greenside fan 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 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: Players must report to scoring immediately following completion of their round. In the event a player fails to verify their scorecard with a scoring official, the penalty will be two strokes.

SCORING LOCATION: Players must report to scoring immediately following completion of their round. The official scoring area is located upstairs in the clubhouse. Scores are deemed official once the player and marker verifies with a scoring official and the player has left the scoring area.

Water, Ice, & Restrooms

Water/Ice is located at the Clubhouse, as well as a Water/Ice on #4, Fountain on #12, Water/Ice on #15, Fountain on #17. Staff and volunteers will be circulating with water throughout the day. If you are in need of water, please call the hotline or alert a staff member. Restrooms are located at the Clubhouse and Holes #4 & #15.