



## **U.S. Kids Golf World Teen Championship**

### *Pine Needles – 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, during your round, you are in need of 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)** enter scores in the GolfGenius app, **2)** access tournament information, **3)** obtain yardages via GPS, **4)** contact the rules hotline, or **5)** in emergency situations. Cell phones may not be used for any other purposes.

**SANDY AREAS:** There are **no bunkers** on the golf course. All sandy/natural areas are deemed to be in the general area. These areas are not bunkers, and the clubhead may be grounded. Note: no free relief for an embedded ball in loose sand in these areas.

**PENALTY AREAS:** Penalty areas are defined by red or yellow stakes and lines.

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** OB is defined by white stakes and white lines/dots. In addition:

- a) The practice area right of Hole #1 is out of bounds. The boundary is defined by the outside edge of the cart path running up the right side of the hole, and white stakes/dots along the back side of the practice area..

**AERATION HOLES:** On the putting green only, if a ball lies in an aeration hole, the player is entitled to free relief. Relief is defined as the nearest spot that avoids the situation, no closer to the hole. Players must place the ball (this could be less than an inch)

**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** - Sprinkler control boxes, yardage plates and sprinkler heads, and light poles along the left side of Hole #18.

**ROADS AND PATHS:** Artificially surfaced paths are deemed obstructions. All other 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.

**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 I-1.2** – On an official tournament round day, a player may not practice on the competition course (Holes #1 - #18), 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 in the office next to the pro shop. 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 Fountains:** after Holes #3,5,7,10,12,14,15

**Ice:** Clubhouse and Halfway House (#9 tee)

**Restrooms:** after Hole #4,7,8,12,14