



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 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 purpose.

LIFT, CLEAN & PLACE: A ball lying on a closely mown area (fairway/fringe) 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 the original lie that is not in a Penalty Area, Bunker or 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.** MLR E-3

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.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: A) Designated by white lined areas, B) French drains filled with rocks or stones and rocky areas positioned to disperse water on Hole #18.

OUT OF BOUNDS: OB is defined by white stakes and white lines/dots. In addition: 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. A ball crossing the road between holes 8-9, 15-16, and 17-18 is OB even if it comes to rest on another part of the course.

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.

HEAVY EROSION: Player is entitled to free relief from extensive damage due to heavy rain (erosion). Player may drop one club-length from the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole. MLR F-4

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN: The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b if an Immovable Obstruction (sprinkler head or drain) is on the line of play and is either on or within two Club-Lengths of the Putting Green and within two Club-Lengths of the ball. Relief is only allowed when both the ball and the Obstruction lie in the General Area cut to fairway height or less. MLR F-5.2.

PRACTICE IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY: 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 I-1.2

MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION: Players must report to scoring immediately following completion of their round. For any scorecard returned without marker or player certification, the penalty will be two strokes, applied to the final hole. MLR L-1

NO STROKE & DISTANCE LOCAL RULE: Model Local Rule E-5, Alternative to Stroke and Distance, is **NOT** in effect. All players must take Stroke and Distance relief for any ball that is lost or out of bounds.

SCORING LOCATION: Players must report to scoring immediately following the completion of their round. The official scoring area is in the Putter Room, adjacent to the practice range (follow signage leading to the room). Scores are deemed official once the player and marker verify with a scoring official and the player has left the scoring area.

Final decisions on any disputed points will be made by the U.S. Kids Golf Rules Advisory Council.