Desert Shootout Participant,

As you travel to the Phoenix area for the 2017 Desert Shootout, we would like to inform you of some important event information:

Pace of Play Policy
Caddie Policy

Player Registration*

Player Registration will take place on Friday, February 17th, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Wigwam Clubhouse scoreboard and again on Saturday, February 18th, from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For a complete listing of course assignments by age, please visit the Registration Information homepage.

Players only need to register once prior to first round during designated registration times.

Age Verification

U.S. Kids Golf will be verifying TPA players' birthdates at all multi-day events. **Players who have been listed as unverified please bring a copy of your player's birth certificate OR passport to registration to submit to U.S. Kids Golf.** This is a one-time process for each player.

Pre-Verification: Players can submit an electronic passport copy or birth certificate copy to U.S. Kids Golf prior to the event to become a verified player. Documents can be emailed to tournaments@uskidsgolf.com or faxed to 678.405.3422.

Caddie Bibs

Players that have already received a Tournament Player Association (TPA) caddie bib should bring it with them to the 2017 Desert Shootout. Remaining players will receive a bib at registration. The TPA caddie bib should be used for all future U.S. Kids Golf Foundation events.

Players that have preordered his/her last name will be able to pick up the name and caddie bib at registration.

Course Assignments

Be sure to pay close attention to your course assignment along with estimated final round tee times. These are helpful in planning your trip to the Wigwam. Assignments and times can be found on the Registration Information page.

Spectator Carts

Spectator carts may be rented from the Wigwam Golf Shop no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the participants' tee time. Due to the limited number of carts, ***only 1 cart may be rented per player.*** In order to ensure availability for all spectators, we ask that you please return your cart to the golf shop immediately following your player's round. All spectator carts can be rented for a cost of $30 plus tax. All spectator carts are permitted to have only two passengers riding at any given time and must adhere to the U.S. Kids Golf Spectator Policy. **Driver must have a valid Driver's License to operate the golf cart.** Please be aware that the golf courses have a limited number of carts available to rent.

Dress Code

Only acceptable golf attire is permitted. PLAYERS AND CADDIES are prohibited from wearing shoes with metal spikes, short shorts, swimwear, denim of any kind, t-shirts, or tank tops. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. Players and caddies not appropriately attired will not be permitted to participate.

REQUIRED DRESS AT THE GOLF COURSE:

- Hats/visors must be worn with brim forward
- Males must remove hat/visor while indoors
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times
- Girls' fitted shirts do not have to be tucked in, but should be an appropriate length

PROHIBITED DRESS AT THE GOLF COURSE:

- Tank tops, T-shirts
- Denim
- Short shorts, skorts or skirts that are too short
- Cut-off shorts
- Gym shorts or pants

Proper attire is required at all times at the host facility. This includes practice rounds, Family Nights and Awards Ceremonies. Questionable attire will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee. Should a host golf course or resort have a stricter dress code, its policy will take precedence. Players and caddies in violation will not be allowed to tee off.

Care for the Course

U.S. Kids Golf is committed to keeping our host tournament sites in the best condition possible. During the round, we encourage players and caddies to fill or replace their divots, repair ball marks and dispose of trash properly. These simple things will keep the course in better condition and leave the host facility with a positive impression of junior golf and U.S. Kids Golf families. Thank you for helping make a positive impact on the golf course.

USKG on Social Media

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We encourage you to use #USKidsGolf when posting so we can see the tournament through your eyes! We will be reposting your content throughout the weekend.

Caddie use of Carts

18-hole players may not use carts for play, nor have their caddie use a cart at any U.S. Kids Golf Regional Championship. All players must walk during play of each hole at all events. Two strokes per hole at which any breach occurred; Maximum penalty per round: four strokes.

Caddies for 9-hole players may rent a cart for use during play (Cart Path Only). A 9-hole player must walk the duration of the hole and may **only** use the cart to be shuttled from green to the next tee box. The caddie may leave the bag on the cart or carry it on the course for the player when needed. Two strokes per hole at which any breach occurred; Maximum penalty per round: Four strokes.

Only 1 cart per player and carts can be rented **no earlier** than 30 minutes prior to a player's tee time.

Practice Rounds

Official practice rounds on Friday, February 17th, are available for all participants at the following rates: 18-hole Walking: $30; 9-hole Walking: $25. Please note the cart fee is an additional $30 if you wish to use a cart for practice round. Tee times may be booked by calling1 (800) 909-4224. For a complete listing of course assignments by age, please visit the Registration Information homepage.

Practice Range

Practice balls before tournament rounds and on the official practice round day are included in the entry fee. The putting green adjacent to the clubhouse will be closed in the afternoons; however the practice range putting green will remain open throughout the duration of the event.

Family Night

Please plan on joining us for Family Bingo Night on Saturday, February 18th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Sachem Hall Ballroom. There will be plenty of prizes available as well as snacks and desserts.

Tee Times

Players will be paired randomly for the first round and by score for the final round, unless weather conditions prohibit this. Tee times for the first round will be posted on our Desert Shootout homepage, at registration and around the golf course by **noon on Thursday, February 16th**.

Times for the final round will be posted approximately one hour after the completion of play for each age/gender division on our website and at the scoreboard. Please do not call the front desk of the hotel seeking tee time information. Players and parents are advised to look at pairings sheets personally to assure accuracy of tee times.

Award Ceremonies

The awards will be presented Sunday at the Wigwam Clubhouse putting green (weather permitting) shortly after each age group has finished and the scores are posted. The top five finishers and ties in each age group will receive an award. A schedule of awards ceremonies will be posted Sunday morning.

Junior Golf Scoreboard

U.S. Kids Golf will report Desert Shootout scores to Junior Golf Scoreboard for boys 11 and older and girls 11 and older. Junior Golf Scoreboard is a ranking system that groups players by high school graduation year.



Priority Status – New For 2017

There is a new level of Priority Status taking effect in 2017. Burgundy Status will now be the highest level of status players can achieve at Regional Championships. This Priority Status is good for one year and covers all events that are played in that span. The new status breakdown for Regional Championships starting in 2017 is listed below:

Order of Finish	1st – 2nd	3rd	4th - 10th	11th - 20th
2017 Desert Shootout	Burgundy Status	Green Status	Orange Status	Blue Status

Upcoming Events

Five Championship Events are currently open for registration – Jekyll Island Cup, Texas Open, European Championship, Teen World and World Championship. Registration is limited, so make sure you don't miss these great events!

Event Staff

Vice President of Tournaments – *Chris Vonderkall*

Tournament Director – *Carter McClaugherty*

Tournament Administrator- *Joey Dean*

Tournament Support – *Dale Balvin, Phoenix & Tucson Local Tour Director*

Patriot Course Director- *Paul Brown, Las Vegas Local Tour Director*

Gold Course Director – *Rick Timm, Denver Local Tour Director*

We look forward to seeing you at the Desert Shootout!

USKG Tournament Players Association