



2026 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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Tournament Information and Use of Cell Phones

All tournament information (Local Rules, Hole Locations, Tee Sheets, etc.) will be available exclusively online via the Tournament Player Hub. When tournament info is published, we encourage you to screenshot the information or bookmark it on your phone. Players and caddies will be permitted to use their cell phones to access tournament info, enter scores (if applicable), call the rules hotline, access GPS yardage apps, or in the case of an emergency. Cell phones may not be used for any other purpose.

Tournament Hotline & Text Message System

From Wednesday to Saturday, U.S. Kids Golf will have a tournament hotline number set up to assist with any tournament-related questions. Hours of operation will be 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will email players with the phone number. The number will also be available on your Local Rules Sheet. We will also have a text message system in place to send out important reminders, alerts, and updates.

Golf Genius

Players in Boys 12 and Girls 12 will utilize electronic live scoring via the Golf Genius App. Your online scorecard will serve as your official scorecard this week. More information, including your unique GGID, will be emailed to competitors soon. We advise all players to download the Golf Genius App before arriving in Pinehurst and to come to each round with their phones fully charged. The use of Golf Genius allows scores to be updated in real time on uskidsgolf.com, so parents, spectators, and supporters can keep up with the action. All other courses will use paper scorecards.

Let's Stay Connected!

Visit us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for all the daily news, photos and fun from the tournament! We would also like to encourage you to upload the pictures you take of your son/daughter and tag us in your social posts.

Caddie Bibs

At registration, players will be able to pick up a universal U.S. Kids Golf caddie bib that they can keep and use for all future U.S. Kids Golf events. Caddie bibs are mandatory for all caddies, to help distinguish between caddies and spectators. Additionally, an iron-on patch with the tournament logo will be included in your tournament materials. These patches will be available for no charge and are designed to be worn as "pride stickers" for each event played.

If you have already received a caddie bib, please remember to bring it with you to the event. Players that have preordered his/her last name will be able to pick up the name and caddie bib at registration as well.

The Parade of Nations

The Parade of Nations will take place on Tuesday, July 28 at 6 p.m. Please see the Player Packet (linked at top) for more information about the Parade in Pinehurst Village.

Awards Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony for the World Championship will take place in the **Pinecrest High School auditorium at 7:30pm on Saturday, August 1**. The start time is weather-pending. Awards are presented to the top five players and ties in each age group. Players will receive trophies and have their names announced following the conclusion of the tournament. Players finishing 6th-20th (including ties) will receive a Top 20 coin and can pick up their coins at the conclusion of the awards ceremony.

Please note that placing in the Top 20 does not automatically qualify you for the following year's World Championship.

Tournament Round Spectator Cart Policy

During tournament rounds (Thu - Sat), carts for *eligible spectators* can be rented from your respective golf course directly. Carts may be rented no earlier than 30 minutes prior to your player's tee time and **maximum one cart per player**. Players and caddies must walk during tournament rounds.

The number of carts at each facility is limited and cart availability is not guaranteed. Spectator carts will only be available for those who fall into the following categories:

- » 50+ years old (Must have valid driver's license or passport)
- » Physically challenged spectators (Must have legal verification on hand or medical note)
- » Pregnant women (Must have a written doctor's note)
- » Adults with a child 5 years old and younger.

Practice Round Cart Policy

For Wednesday's Official Practice Round, players and caddies may ride in carts, however carts can only be rented by those meeting the guidelines listed above. Caddies or family members who meet the approved cart guidelines are eligible to rent a cart on Wednesday (one max per player).

Due to the limited number of carts available at each facility and the number of players in the field, there are simply not enough carts for all players at each course. Players and caddies are allowed to ride during the practice rounds with anyone renting an approved cart. We ask for all those with approved carts to be helpful to those players and caddies that do not have carts.

On Wednesday ONLY, anyone with a cart is asked and encouraged to help out other players and caddies as much as possible. We hope that you will help us create a positive atmosphere as we aim to help all players get around the golf course. **Please help your fellow players that do not have a cart.**

If you qualify to rent a cart, here are ways you can help other players during practice rounds:

1. Put playing partner's clubs on your cart.
2. Help offer rides to other players and caddies in your group.
3. Help carry partner's food/water coolers.
4. Be courteous and considerate to all.

Tee Times

Players are paired randomly for the first round of competition. Tee times will be posted on the World Championship homepage Tuesday, July 28th. Players are **re-paired based on score for the second round**, with leaders teeing off last.

For the final round, **the top 50% of the field and ties (Flight A), will tee off first, followed by the remainder of the field (Flight B)**, weather permitting. Times for each round will be posted on the website approximately one hour after the completion of play for each division.

[Final Round Pairing Plans](#)

Golf course staff will not be able to provide competition tee times. If they do provide them, the information will be considered unofficial. Therefore, players and parents are advised to always look at the pairings listed online to ensure accuracy of tee times. Please refer to the Course Assignments page for information regarding the final round pairings for your age group.

Ranking Information



Players in all age groups will be eligible to receive U.S. Kids Golf Priority Status.



We will report scores to Junior Golf Scoreboard for the Boys 11, Boys 12, Girls 11, and Girls 12 age divisions.



Competitors in Boys 11, Boys 12, Girls 11, and Girls 12 age groups will be eligible to receive AJGA Performance Stars for Performance Based Entry.

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 who are 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
- » Shorts, skorts or skirts that are too short
- » Cut-off shorts
- » Gym shorts or pants

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.

Tournament Hydration

Water stations and bathrooms are accessible on each golf course. **Each course will have volunteers stationed and handing out bottles of water as well as roving water coolers to help you fill your water bottles. You are permitted and advised to bring enough water and hydration for your player, caddie and spectators.** Volunteers and staff are constantly monitoring and refilling stations as needed. Please be sure to dispose of waste and empty bottles responsibly. There will be a tournament hotline set up for the event. If you need water, please contact the hotline and we will get water to you.

Worlds Shop

We're thrilled to announce that during registration, you'll have the opportunity to explore our Worlds Pop-up Golf Shop! Enjoy a unique selection of merchandise including, but not limited to, polos, shorts, skorts, umbrellas, gloves, and much more!

Don't miss out on this chance to grab some memorable items — we look forward to seeing you there. **The shop is located in Carolina Hall at the Carolina Hotel** as you move through registration.

Hours:

- Monday, July 27, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 28, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 29, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 30, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.