



2026 U.S. KIDS GOLF WORLD TEEN 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, call the rules hotline, access GPS yardage apps, or in the case of emergency. Cell phones may not be used for any other purpose.

Tournament Hotline & Text Message System

From Thursday 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 7:00 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

All age groups 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 tournaments.uskidsgolf.com, so parents, spectators, and supporters can follow along with the action. A public GGID to follow scores will be emailed to families as well.

Let's Stay Connected!

Visit us on Facebook 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, a universal U.S. Kids Golf caddie bib is available for caddies that need one. This bib can be used 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.

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.

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 may 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.

Skills Challenge & Pizza Party

From 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22nd, players and families are invited to the Pinehurst Main Clubhouse Range for the Skills Challenge & Pizza Party. We will be giving out free pizza, there will be a live DJ, and there will be golf-skills challenges and games.

Ranking Information



U.S. Kids Golf will report scores for Boys and Girls 15-18 for World Amateur Golf Ranking.



All age group's scores will be submitted to Junior Golf Scoreboard. Junior Golf Scoreboard is a ranking system that groups players by high school graduation year.



All age groups in the U.S. Kids Golf World Teen Championship are eligible to receive AJGA Performance Stars for Performance Based Entry.

Awards Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony for the World Teen Championship will take place in the Grand Ballroom of the Carolina Hotel, starting at 7:30 pm on Saturday, July 25th. 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 qualify you automatically for the following year's World Teen Championship.

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. These locations will be detailed on your course's local rules sheet. **Each course will have volunteers stationed to hand out bottles of water as well as roving water coolers to help you keep bottles filled. 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 are ever in need of water, please contact the hotline and we will be sure to get water to you.

Family Pool Party & Cookout

From 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21st, Pinehurst Resort will host a Family Pool Party at the Member Pool Complex. The party will feature a cookout style meal. Tickets for the event can be purchased [here](#).

Media and Photography Policy

U.S. Kids Golf welcomes families to capture personal memories during the World Championships while maintaining a fair and distraction-free competitive environment for all players.

Personal Photography & Video

Spectators may use mobile phones or small handheld cameras to capture personal photos and videos, provided they do not interfere with play or distract competitors.

All spectators capturing photos or video must comply with the U.S. Kids Golf Spectator Policy, including, but not limited to, remaining off tees, fairways, putting greens, and other restricted areas, and maintaining an appropriate distance from players at all times.

Professional Media & Production Equipment

Any player, family member, sponsor, content creator, or media organization wishing to bring professional cameras, recording equipment, or production crews onto the golf course during competitive rounds must receive prior approval from U.S. Kids Golf. Requests for approval should be submitted to U.S. Kids Golf before the start of the tournament. Approved media personnel may be issued event credentials and must follow all instructions provided by tournament staff.

Spectators without prior approval may not use professional-grade production equipment, including but not limited to:

- Drones
- Large professional video cameras
- Boom microphones
- External audio recording equipment
- Production lighting
- Camera stabilizers, gimbals, tripods, monopods, or similar production equipment that may distract players or impede spectator movement

On-Course Restrictions

Unless otherwise approved by U.S. Kids Golf, no more than two (2) individuals may capture audio or video content for any one player during a competitive round.

Approved media personnel must remain at least 25 yards from players whenever possible and must stay off tees, fairways, greens, and other player-only areas. Media personnel may not interact with players during the round or otherwise delay or influence play.

Tournament staff or Rules Officials may restrict or suspend any photography or recording activity that, in their sole judgment, distracts players, interferes with competition, or creates safety concerns. Failure to comply with this policy may result in removal from the golf course, revocation of media privileges, or dismissal from the tournament grounds.