



U.S. Kids Golf Malaysian Championship 2024

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U.S. Kids Golf Mission Statement

*To help kids have fun learning the lifelong game of golf
and
encourage family interaction that builds lasting memories*

1. MANAGEMENT

The **U.S. Kids Golf Malaysian Championship 2024** (hereinafter referred to as "The Tournament") shall be managed by a Tournament Committee (hereinafter referred to as "The Committee") appointed by the **FOUNDATION FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE MALAYSIA (SportExcel)**, whose decision on all matters shall be final.

2. VENUE & DATE

The Championship shall be played at the Golf Club and Dates as shown below:

Date: 5th to 7th March 2024

Venue: **Glenmarie Golf & Country Club (Garden Course)**

3. THE TOURNAMENT

The Malaysian Championship offers young golfers the opportunity to compete in a multi-day International Partner event and qualify for U.S. Kids Golf Priority Status. By earning different levels of Priority Status, players can qualify for other U.S. Kids Golf Major Championships including Regional, International, and World or World Teen Championships. (Priority Status earned from this event will be active from June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025.)

4. FORMAT OF PLAY

The U.S. Kids Golf Malaysian Championship is a **stroke play** competition (gross scores), being played over three rounds of nine holes (27 holes) or eighteen holes (54 holes), depending on the age of the players, as follows:

- 9 Holes: Boys 5-8 and Girls 5-8 years of age (under 9 years old)
- 18 Holes: Boys 9-18 and Girls 9-18 years of age



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5. ELIGIBILITY

The U.S. Kids Golf Malaysian Championship 2024 will allow boys and girls, **ages 5 to 18 years old** (under 19 years old), an opportunity to compete against kids their own age and gender on courses set up for age appropriate play. **A player's age on 28th February 2024** will determine his/her age bracket for the Tournament. The U.S. Kids Golf online registration system will determine a player's age group based on his/her birthday when registration for the tournament is done on the U.S. Kids Golf Tournament website. The tournament is open to **amateur golfers only**.

Qualified players with Priority Status Lifetime through Level 4 will be invited and unlocked on 15th January 2024, 8 PM. Please note that receiving an invitation does not guarantee a player's spot, as entries into all events are subject to availability on a first-come, first-served basis.

If a player does not have Priority Status with U.S. Kids, they may apply to enter the Malaysian Championship by submitting an Open Application, the form can be found on the Registration page. The Open Application will be reviewed starting on 26th January 2024, and an email will be sent to the applicant upon this review. Applications will be checked each Friday until Registration closes.

6. ENTERING THE COMPETITION

Registration for the tournament can only be done online at

<https://tournaments.uskidsgolf.com/tournaments/international/find-tournament/511692/malaysian-championship-2024/registration>



7. REGISTRATION DEADLINE

General Registration closes on March 1, 2024, at 11:59 PM US Eastern Time (2 March 2024 at 12:59 PM Malaysian Time). There is no late registration for this tournament.

8. PRACTICE ROUND

The Official Practice Round is on **4th March 2024, morning tee times only**. You will be required to **clear the course by 3:30 pm**.

The course will be closed for the official practice round, thus booking of a tee time is not required; players can walk-in, register at the Glenmarie Golf Counter and wait for an appropriate number of players to form a group/flight to tee off. Or you can come with a group/pairing of your own.

Charges for the Official Practice Round are in **Ringgit Malaysia (RM)** and shall be paid directly to the club.

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Tel: +603-7802 5200 / +603-7803 9090 (Golf Reception/Counter)

E-Mail: golf@glenmarie.com.my

Charges:

- 1) RM125.00 nett per player (Green Fee, Twin-share buggy, Twin-share Caddie & Insurance)
- 2) Surcharge for Single Ball is RM108.30
- 3) Caddie Tips at a minimum of RM50.00 per caddie per round (if two players share a caddie, then it's RM25.00 per player; if one player uses a caddie, then it's RM50.00 per player); Caddie tips to be paid directly to the caddie
- 4) Additional buggy for follower (non-playing parent) is RM116.60 per buggy per round
- 5) Parent playing with a player during Practice Round shall pay RM285.00 nett for Twin-share

Note: All players or non-players entering the course must be properly attired with golf attire.

9. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The Tournament is played over **three (3) rounds** of either 9 holes or 18 holes, depending on the age and gender of the players. The schedule is as follows:

Round 1 & 2	
6:30 am - 11:30 am	Players Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ A government-issued photo identification document (ID) shall be required to be produced during registration for verification of birthday, country of representation and other relevant information.➤ Please note your tee time, starting hole number and tee number/markers, and arrive at the teeing area early <p><u>Note:</u> There are a total of 8 tee markers set-up on the course, which are Right Start (RS), #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Please be sure that you tee off from the correct tee markers. Failure to do so will cost you the general penalty and you must correct the mistake by playing a ball from inside the correct teeing area. If you do not correct the mistake before starting the next hole, you are disqualified.</p>
7:30 am	First Tee-off Starts <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Players will not be called to the tee; it is your responsibility to arrive early at the teeing area➤ Briefing by the Starter (at the Starting Hole/Tee) will be done <u>5 min</u> before your tee-off time, at the Teeing Area➤ Players to collect their Scorecards & Pin Location Chart, if any, at the Starting Hole/Teeing Area
12:30 pm onwards	Scorecard Submission at the Scorecard Submission Area located in/near the Garden Terrace
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Please proceed to have your lunch after submitting your scorecards➤ Lunch will be served at the lobby just beside the Garden Terrace

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3:00 pm	Completion of Round 1 or 2 (Subject to weather condition)
8:00 pm (Round 1)	Welcome Dinner at Cenderawasih Banquet Hall on 5th March 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ VIPs will be arriving at 8:00 PM; please be seated in the hall by 7:45 PM➤ Registration is required and will close by 28 Feb 2024➤ Attendance is free for players & parents

Round 3 (Final Round)	
6:30 am - 11:30 am	Same as Round 1 & 2
7:30 am	Same as Round 1 & 2
12:30 pm onwards	Same as Round 1 & 2
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Same as Round 1 & 2
3:30 pm	Awards Ceremony for All Age-Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Starting time is subject to completion of play by all players, and tabulation of results (Rules incidences may delay tabulation of results)➤ Players & Parents are invited to witness the Awards Presentation at the Cenderawasih Banquet Hall
6:00 pm	FamTrip to Sunway Lagoon Theme Park Have a night of fun at the Night Park @ Sunway Lagoon Theme Park, courtesy of Tourism Selangor Registration is required and will close by 27 Feb 2024

10. AGE GROUPS & YARDAGE

Listed below are the age groups, number of holes to be played, tees, and yardage setup pertaining to each age group.

Age Groups	No. of Holes per Round	Tee Markers	Yardage (yards)
Boys 7 & Under	9	Tee 1	1650 - 1800
Boys 8	9	Tee 2	1900 - 2000
Boys 9	18	Tee 2	3800 - 4000
Boys 10	18	Tee 3	4400 - 4600
Boys 11	18	Tee 4	5000 - 5200
Boys 12	18	Tee 5	5600 - 5800
Boys 13 - 14	18	Tee 6	6200 - 6400
Boys 15 - 18	18	Tee 6	6200 - 6400

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Age Groups	No. of Holes per Round	Tee Markers	Yardage (yards)
Girls 8 & Under	9	Tee RS	1350 - 1500
Girls 9 - 10	18	Tee 2	3800 - 4000
Girls 11 - 12	18	Tee 3	4400 - 4600
Girls 13 - 14	18	Tee 4	5300 - 5400
Girls 15 - 18	18	Tee 4	5300 - 5400

The Committee reserves the right to make changes at their discretion.

11. SIZE OF FIELD

The Tournament field is restricted to a maximum of **108 players**, with a split according to age groups to be determined by the Committee. However, the Committee reserves the right to change this at their discretion.

A maximum number of players has been set for each age group, with as few as 6 players in one age group to 15 players in another age group. Once the maximum field size for each age group is filled, you will not be able to complete your Registration & Pay. However, you are encouraged to continue to **Register under Waitlist**, where no payment is required. When a slot is available, you will be invited via email to complete your Registration and pay to confirm your participation. Waitlist invitation has an expiry period and will be fulfilled based on a first come first served basis. The Committee has the option of increasing the field size of each age group, thus having a Waitlist will help in their decision.

12. CANCELLATION POLICY

If a player chooses to withdraw from an event, they must do so in their U.S. KIDS GOLF Tournament Account. Please refer to the Refund Policy on the website, under section International Championship: <https://tournaments.uskidsgolf.com/tournaments/info/uskg-policies/refund-policy>

Exceptions will be made for players who experience medical or family emergencies. Any player requesting a Medical/Family Emergency Refund must do so by emailing **tournaments@uskidsgolf.com**.

In order for a refund or eCredit to be issued, documentation such as a doctor's note of medical or family emergency must be emailed to **tournaments@uskidsgolf.com** no later than one week after the first round of the tournament.

13. CADDIE POLICY

All players 8 years old and younger must be accompanied by someone 15 years old or older to serve as their caddie.

Caddies are not mandatory for all players 9 years old and older, but are encouraged to have caddies. Parents are allowed to be caddies. **Arrangement for a caddie is the responsibility of the players.**

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USKG Caddie Bibs: As a condition of competition, official U.S. Kids Golf caddie bibs must be worn by all caddies to properly distinguish caddies and spectators. Failure to wear a caddie bib will be considered a code of conduct violation.

If a caddie becomes disruptive to the point of receiving a formal complaint from an official, volunteer, competitor or caddie, he/she will be given a warning. If a second formal complaint is filed by another individual, the caddie will be suspended from that event or tour until an interview with a U.S. KIDS GOLF Tournament Director is completed.

Important R&A / USGA Caddie Related Rules

- I. Rule 10.2 states that while a “stroke is being made”, the Caddie must not:
 - A. Deliberately stand in a location “on” or “close to” the Player’s line
 - B. Player or Caddie cannot set down an Object to help in “Taking a Stance” or determining the “Line of Play”
 - C. A Player or Caddie may not place anything anywhere “on or off” the Putting Green to show the Player’s “line of play”
 - D. May not do anything else to “point out the Line of Play” while the ball is in motionThe new interpretation by the R & A / USGA now allows the player to back away from the player's stance and does not begin to take a stance again until the caddie has moved out of that location “behind or close to the line of play”.
- II. Definition of Caddie and Rule 10.3 states that a Caddie is one who carries or handles a player's clubs during play and otherwise assists the player in accordance with the Rules. A player may only have one caddie at any given time. A caddie may be replaced or eliminated at any time by the player even in play of a hole. No other person may offer advice or help to a player other than his caddie.
- III. Rule 13 is a specific Rule for the Putting Green and the Flagstick. The putting green is a specially prepared area and there is a flagstick for the hole of each putting green. Changes in the Rules of Golf in 2019 are now allowing the player or the caddie to touch the line of play and if a ball strikes the flagstick, there is no penalty for either action. If a player’s ball strikes the flagstick, the ball is played where it came to rest.

Remember that a Rules violation by the caddie is the same as if the player violated the rule. A caddie may assist his player in accordance with the Rules. Rules Officials are in place throughout the course to help players when needed.

14. BUGGY POLICY

The buggy policy is designed to help with the pace of play and improve the enjoyment of both the player and spectator. Buggies may be used for play under the following guidelines only:

- **Caddie use of buggies:** All 9-hole players **may** rent a buggy for use during play. The caddie may use the buggy to shuttle their player between holes (from green to tee only). After reaching the tee, the player cannot ride and must walk the entire hole (walk from tee to green). The caddie may leave the bag on the buggy or carry it on the course with the player when needed. In no case, will buggies be allowed off the buggy track.
- All 18-hole players and caddies must walk the entire round (no buggy allowed).

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- Pull carts or non-motorized push carts/trolleys are allowed.
- **Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect:** “During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee. A player who will play, or has played, **under penalty of stroke and distance** is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation.”

Note: Buggies are provided on a first-come-first-served basis. Each course may or may not have enough buggies for all players. The buggy policy has been put into effect to help those who play on a long course and have substantial walks between greens and tees. If the player chooses to rent a buggy, the buggy fees shall be paid by the player directly to the Club on the day of the tournament.

Buggies are not allowed for spectators in this Championship.

15. SPECTATOR POLICY

Walking spectators must stay as close to the buggy tracks or service roads as possible. **Spectators are not permitted in the teeing area, fairways or on the greens under any circumstances.** Spectators are prohibited from talking or communicating with competitors during the course of play in the competition. Such action may be deemed to be in breach of Rule 10.2 Advise and Other Help, by the player. Penalty for breach of Rule 10.2: General Penalty.

Spectators are required to purchase a daily golf insurance at the club’s Golf Counter before they enter the golf course to watch the tournament. A Spectator Pass / Course Pass is required to be worn at all times while on the golf course for easy identification. This pass is available at the tournament registration desk. A deposit of RM5.00 per pass is required, which will be returned upon the return of the pass.

Failure to comply with the above may result in the offender/spectator being removed from the course.

16. RULES OF PLAY

The Tournament shall be played in accordance with the current Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A / USGA, the **U.S. Kids Golf State Invitational Rules & Regulations with edits**, the Terms of the Competition, the Tournament Additional Local Rules and any additional notices as declared by the Committee. All notices shall be posted on the **Official Tournament Notice Board** and such postings shall be deemed as sufficient notice given to all competitors.

Please read the U.S. Kids Golf State Invitational Rules & Regulations (U.S. Kids Golf Hard Card) as there are modifications made to the Rules of Golf for this tournament. A copy of the Hard Card will be shared on the Tournament Notice Board.

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17. DRAWS AND STARTING TIMES

The Committee shall make the draw/tee times for the Tournament.

Competitors shall start at the time laid down by the Committee. In the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Exception 3 of Rule 5.3a, if a competitor arrives at his starting point ready to play within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time shall be TWO STROKES at the starting hole instead of DISQUALIFICATION. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is DISQUALIFICATION.

Tee times will be published to the U.S. Kids Golf website at the below link:

<https://tournaments.uskidsgolf.com/tournaments/international/find-tournament/511692/malaysian-championship-2024/tee-times>

18. PACE OF PLAY

The attention of all competitors is drawn to **Rule 5.6 Unreasonable delay; Prompt Pace of Play**. In the interest of fair play the Tournament Committee has implemented the U.S. Kids Golf Pace of Play Policy and will not hesitate to impose the penalties provided by the Policy.

Please refer to the U.S. Kids Golf Pace of Play Policy found here:

<https://tournaments.uskidsgolf.com/tournaments/info/uskg-policies/pace-play-policy>



Timing of each player: Timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, it is their turn to play and they are able to play without interference or distraction. Time taken to determine distance and select a club will count as time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, time will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace the ball, repair damage that interferes with the line of play and move loose impediments on the line of play. Time spent looking at the line of play from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke. Timings will be taken from the moment it is decided by the referee that it is the player's turn to play and they are able to play without interference or distraction. Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

19. SCORE CARD SUBMISSION

Score cards must be submitted as soon as possible on completion of the round duly **signed by the player and the marker**. A scorecard is deemed to be submitted the moment the competitor has completely left the designated scoring area.

20. DECIDING TIES / PLAYOFF POLICY

Ties for 1st place of each age group will be broken with a sudden death playoff. The Committee shall determine the sequence of holes for the play-off. Ties for all other awards will not be broken; points and awards will be split.

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Please refer to the Playoff Policy on the website:

<https://tournaments.uskidsgolf.com/tournaments/player-info/uskg-policies/playoff-policy>

21. PRIZES/AWARDS

Tee gifts will be given out at the **players registration**.

After the conclusion of play of the Championship, awards will be given to the **top five finishers (and ties) in each age/gender group**. All 1st place ties will be broken according to the Playoff Policy.

Any players in eligible age groups who received a DQP penalty may still compete in the event and be eligible for Priority Status, but will not be eligible to win a trophy for top five finishers, Championship Awards or be submitted to rankings (WAGR & JGS).

Championship Awards: As an added incentive to go low in your scores, the Organizing Committee has added four trophies to be won by the player who achieved the lowest total score in the Championship:

- **Player of the Championship - Boys:** Lowest total score for all boys playing 18 holes per round
- **Player of the Championship - Boys:** Lowest total score for all boys playing 9 holes per round
- **Player of the Championship - Girls:** Lowest total score for all girls playing 18 holes per round
- **Player of the Championship - Girls:** Lowest total score for all girls playing 9 holes per round

If there is a tie for the lowest score, the winner will be decided by a scorecard playoff using the score on the final round of competition. If the tie is not broken with the last eighteen holes, the winner is determined on the basis of the last nine holes, last six holes, last three holes and finally the last hole. If the players are still tied, continue backwards from the last hole until a winner is determined. For 18-hole players, the “last nine holes, last six holes, etc.” are considered to be holes 10-18, 13-18, etc.

22. RANKED EVENT

This is a Ranked Tournament with the U.S. Kids Golf Priority Status, World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) and Junior Golf Scoreboard (JGS)

When players participate in the U.S. Kids Golf events, they have the opportunity to earn Priority Status. This qualification determines whether players receive invitations for multi-day events or not. The Priority Status has 15 levels, Lifetime to Level 1, with Lifetime being the highest level.

For more information about Priority Status, please refer to the link below:

<https://tournaments.uskidsgolf.com/tournaments/player-info/priority-status>

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For WAGR ranked events, scores from Boys 15-18 and Boys 13-14 age group players will be submitted for WAGR men's ranking; similarly, scores from Girls 15-18 and Girls 13-14 age group players will be submitted for WAGR women's ranking. A minimum of eight (8) players is needed for the event to be ranked by WAGR.

For JGS, scores from players aged 11 and above will be submitted.

23. CAPTURE AND USE OF IMAGES.

Participants may be filmed and photographed during the Tournament.

By Entering the Competition, the participant agree to be filmed, photographed, televised and/or otherwise recorded during the Tournament, and that captured or recorded images, together with the name, may be used in any content, format and through any media or technology whether now existing or created in the future, by the Committee, and third parties authorized by the Committee during or after the Tournament in perpetuity in relation to the celebration and promotion of the game of golf in a non-commercial manner.

24. DATA-BASE OF PLAYERS' DETAILS

The personal data provided for this Tournament is permanently retained by the Committee and the Organizer, SportExcel. This data may be used by SportExcel and/or its sponsors for the distribution of correspondence, in both electronic and hard copy forms. Upon receipt by SportExcel and/or its sponsors of a written request, a player may have their details deleted from the database.

25. CLOSE OF COMPETITION

The Competition is closed when the first award has been presented to the first recipient of the award at the Awards Ceremony.

26. INDEMNITY / LIABILITIES

The Organizing / Tournament Committee, Sponsors, Organizers and the Host Club will not be responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the competitors, supporters or spectators of the Tournament may suffer as a result of their participation or presence at this Tournament.

27. AMENDMENTS TO TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

The Committee reserves the right to add, amend and/or omit the Terms of the Competition as it sees fit. Such amendments shall be notified to the players via Notices to Players or other communication methods.

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28. ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are provided for ease of reference. To ensure that you have the latest version of these documents, please refer to the online copy in the U.S. Kids Golf website.

- I. U.S. Kids Golf Pace of Play Policy & Guidelines
<https://tournaments.uskidsgolf.com/tournaments/info/uskg-policies/pace-play-policy>

- II. U.S. Kids Golf State Invitational Hard Card / U.S. Kids Golf Rules & Regulations (Please read this Hard Card with the knowledge that AJGA related information is not applicable to this tournament.)
https://tournaments.uskidsgolf.com/sites/default/files/state_invitational_hard_card_revision_2019_2.pdf

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Appendix 1: U.S. Kids Golf Pace of Play Policy & Guidelines

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The U.S. Kids Golf Pace of Play Policy has been implemented to help players complete their round in a timely manner and make the game more enjoyable for everyone involved.

Time Par

Each Player can find the time par located on the bottom of their official scorecard. U.S. Kids Golf calculates the exact time your group is expected to finish each hole. Time is recorded when the final player in the group holes out. Scorecards feature a blank entry block under holes 4, 9, 13, and 18 for players to self-record the time they finish checkpoint holes.

Number of minutes designated for each hole (18-holers):	Par 3s- :14	Par 4s- :15	Par 5s- :16
Number of minutes designated for each hole (9-holers):	Par 3s- :15	Par 4s- :16	Par 5s- :17

Additional time may be added to make the turn and for certain holes or courses that the committee deems necessary.

In Position

The goal is for all groups to be on time, but it is possible that some groups may have to wait on the group ahead, causing them to fall behind time. If this happens, it is critical that all groups remain in position with the group ahead. A group is considered in position when it completes play of any hole within 14 minutes of the group in front of them. All groups are in position on the *final hole of the round* if they finish within 19 minutes of the group ahead.

First Groups

The first group to tee off does not have a position relative to the group ahead and is monitored solely based on time par.

Timing Checkpoints

All players will have holes on the course that will be designated as timing checkpoints. As each group passes the checkpoint, a timing volunteer/official will indicate the group's status relative to pace-of-play (green or red). All players will start their round on Green Status. The card indicates the following:

Green Status (Good) – The group is within the allotted time or in position with the group ahead.

- Groups on Green Status still need to remain mindful of their time and position on the golf course. **Please Note** – Groups that are put on Red Status tend to dramatically increase their pace of play. It is the responsibility of each group to remain ahead of time par or within 14 minutes of the group in front.

Red Status (Penalty) – The group is behind the allotted time and out of position with the group ahead. They must fail both criteria to be put on Red Status.

- **Penalty** – Each time a group achieves Red Status, each player in the group is subject to a one-stroke penalty, which would be added to the hole in which they arrived at the checkpoint both behind time and out of position.
- **Rescinding a Penalty** – If a group regains green pace status, any and all prior pace penalties will be rescinded. Players can regain green pace status by:
 - Returning to "in position" status with the group ahead, which requires the group to finish a checkpoint hole within 14 minutes of the group ahead (19 minutes on the final hole)
 - Reaching the checkpoint within the allotted time par listed on the scorecard

Committee Assistance and Monitoring

The Committee issues Red Status to warn groups of their pace and to make sure play does not get backed up behind them. It is the Committee's goal to promote positive pace of play throughout the golf course to ensure completion of the round.

Once Red Status is issued by the committee, all course directors and rules officials are alerted. Once a group is put on Red Status twice, a rules official will begin following the group to assist with rulings, lost balls, or any other issue that may arise. The rules official will also begin **timing each player**, to determine if one or multiple players are slowing down the group. Please note, players must take no longer than 40 seconds to hit a shot, including any pre-shot routine (i.e. measuring distance/practice swings). If there are any issues in your group or circumstances that may lead to poor pace of play times, please notify a rules official as soon as possible. It is the goal of the Committee not to penalize the entire group, but rather determine to which player the penalty would be assessed.

Appeal Process

Players wishing to appeal a pace of play penalty must do so with the Committee **after** completion of play and prior to signing and returning the scorecard. Reasons for appealing pace of play include but are not limited to: one or two players slowing the entire group or other situations beyond the group's control. If appealed, penalties can be rescinded for the group or individual players.

Players and caddies should **NEVER** confront checkpoint volunteers. It is a code of conduct violation for players or caddies to speak to timing volunteers concerning timing notations without a rules official present.

Absence of Pace Timer (Scorecard Checkboxes)

In the absence of a pace of play timer, it is the player's responsibility to monitor their own pace throughout the round. The time in which the group should finish each hole is listed on your scorecard, and each player needs to record the time in which they came through the 4/9/13/18th hole. A check box has been added to your scorecard beneath the score entry box where this time should be recorded.

Tips to Speed up Pace of Play

- All players should consider playing "ready golf" whenever possible. If behind time, groups should not run, but just play efficiently.
- Play a second ball if a group is unsure of how to proceed and a rules official cannot be located. The player(s) in questions should proceed under Rule 20.1 and play a second ball. The Committee issues the proper ruling following the round. **Please do not hold up play waiting for an official.**
- Be aware of who is away and always be ready to play when it is your turn.
- Play a provisional ball when you think your ball may be out of bounds or lost outside of a penalty area.

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Appendix 2: U.S. Kids Golf Hard Card (State Invitational version, with edits, is in use)



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STATE INVITATIONAL RULES & REGULATIONS

STOPPAGE OF PLAY

ONE LONG SIREN OR HORN BLAST OR VERBAL DIRECTION BY A COMMITTEE MEMBER MEANS STOP PLAY IMMEDIATELY AND SEEK SHELTER because of a dangerous condition. All practice areas are closed and all practice is suspended. *Penalty for breach of this rule is the DQP penalty and applies to the hole being played when the player stopped play or the last hole completed.*

TWO SHORT SIREN OR HORN BLASTS REPEATED MEANS PLAY IS RESUMED. It is the player's responsibility to be in position and ready when play resumes. All players failing to start play on time after a suspension will receive a DQP penalty on that and any subsequent holes on which their group has started play.

THREE SHORT SIREN OR HORN BLASTS MEANS PLAY MUST STOP DUE TO A NON-DANGEROUS CONDITION SUCH AS DARKNESS OR FOG. Players in the group may decide whether to finish the hole they are playing, but they may not start another hole.

Safety Announcement: Participation during tournament play can be dangerous. Players, caddies, and spectators are advised to seek shelter or medical help when conditions warrant. Please be aware of others near you on the course and practice areas. It is possible that you may get struck by a club or ball hit by someone else. When riding in a golf cart, please read and follow the manufacturer's safety notices at all times. Riding in a cart or being struck with a club or ball can cause serious injury or death. Pulling a pull cart behind a cart is not advised and is done so at the player/caddie/spectator's own risk.

When attending event-related functions such as opening ceremonies, awards presentations, pool parties, etc., please use extreme caution and be mindful of how you or your children's actions may affect others in close proximity. While necessary precautions are taken to ensure everyone's safety, it is critical that we all work together to provide a safe and fun environment for all in attendance. You may use a cell phone to call for medical help at any time during the event.

POSITIVE COACHING

PCA Policy: All players are encouraged to have caddies. Each caddie starts with GREEN CARD status. If a caddie disrupts others during play and a WRITTEN COMPLAINT is filed, a YELLOW CARD warning will be given to the caddie. If a second WRITTEN COMPLAINT is filed against the same caddie by a different person, the caddie will receive a RED CARD and caddie privileges will be revoked. Caddies may only be reissued GREEN CARD status if approved by the USKG Tournament Players Association. (See website for details)

It is recommended that caddies complete the Second-Goal Parent online course at the reduced rate of \$15.00. A \$25.00 coupon code towards any future U.S. Kids Golf tournament will be sent upon successful completion. (See website for details)

U.S. Kids Golf reserves the right to change the Rules & Regulations prior to or during any event.



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TOURNAMENTS

STATE INVITATIONAL RULES & REGULATIONS

RULES OF PLAY

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and its Interpretations and, where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Conditions, subject to changes or amendments by the U.S. Kids Golf (USKG) Rules Committee.

Disqualification Modification: The USKG Disqualification Policy (DQP) is that in the case a player incurs a breach of the Rules of Golf that would result in disqualification, the player will receive the maximum score of 10 on any hole where the breach occurs. In situations where the round or hole has been completed, the Rules Committee will determine where to apply the score of 10 penalty.

Maximum Strokes (9-hole age groups only): In 9-hole age groups, a player shall take no more than 10 strokes on a hole. Once a 10 is reached, a player must pick up their ball and wait for the other players in the group to complete the hole. The maximum score of 10 includes any penalties a player may incur on a hole. All 18-hole competitors must complete each hole and record his/her score.

Time of Starting/Late to Tee: A player must start at his or her starting time, Rule 5.3a. If a player arrives at the tee more than five minutes after his or her starting time, a DQP penalty applies to that hole and all other holes missed. Players may not join a group during play of a hole; they must join them on the next tee.

Practice Between Holes: Practice between holes is NOT authorized in stroke play competitions. Reference Rule 5.5b (Committee Procedures). *Penalty: Two strokes per hole at which any breach occurred. Penalty is applied to the next hole played following the unauthorized practice.*

Pace of Play: Each player must play without undue delay, which is defined as taking no more than 40 seconds to play a shot. Players who are first to play from a given area (tee, fairway, green, etc.) will have 10 extra seconds to play their shot. Caddies are asked to please refrain from over-coaching the player. It is the caddie's duty to help the player hit each shot without undue delay.

The pace of play card system may be implemented to determine when groups are behind time or out of position. Please refer to www.uskidsgolf.com for information.

Distance Measuring Device: A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g., slope, elevation change, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3. *First breach: Two-stroke penalty; Each subsequent breach: DQP Penalty.*

Cell Phones & Electronic Devices: Cell phones may only be used to obtain rules information from the Committee, in emergency situations, or to seek medical help. Tablets, headphones, cameras, and the like may not be used during play. *First offense: Warning; Subsequent Offenses: Code of Conduct breach penalty.*

Golf Balls: It is a condition of the competition that players must use a brand of ball on the current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls. *Penalty: DQP penalty on each hole where the breach occurred.*

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=== TERMS OF THE COMPETITION ===

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Out of Bounds: Where white stakes or fence posts are used, the nearest inside points at ground level define out of bounds. When out of bounds is defined by a white line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds. A ball coming to rest on or crossing any public road is considered out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the golf course. Any additional methods to designate OB will be listed on a local rules sheet.

Penalty Areas: Penalty Areas are either red or yellow. Penalty Areas are defined by red/yellow lines or designated by red/yellow stakes. Stakes are movable obstructions. In the absence of lines, stakes define the Penalty Area. If a body of water is not marked, the edge of the Penalty Area is where the ground begins to slope down to the water's edge.

Dropping Zone: A dropping zone is an optional relief area enclosed by a white line having the words "drop zone" or "DZ" printed inside it. A dropping zone is not ground under repair. The line itself is in the dropping zone. A ball that is dropped within the dropping zone must remain within the dropping zone to be in play.

Ground Under Repair: Enclosed white-lined areas define ground under repair. The white lines are considered to be in the ground under repair. Other areas of ground under repair, even though not so marked include: French drains (trenches filled with stones or like), fire ant beds and mounds caused by burrowing animals.

Sod Seams; Relief for Lie of Ball Only: Sod seams are ground under repair in the General Area and all seams in a given area are deemed to be the same seam. However, relief is available for lie of ball only and not for stance or swing.

No Play Zones: The committee may designate areas such as flower beds as No Play Zones. Relief from these areas is mandatory. Penalty for playing from a No Play Zone is the General Stroke Play penalty of 2 strokes.

TOURNAMENT ROUNDS

Stipulated Rounds: When necessary to shorten an event, the round for all players will consist of two stipulated rounds. 9-hole competitors' rounds will consist of one 5-hole and one 4-hole stipulated round and 18-hole competitors' rounds will consist of two 9-hole stipulated rounds. If an age group utilizes split tees and the final round is reduced, the age group will be split into A and B flights. Only the players in the A flight will be eligible to win the championship. Rankings information for Junior Golf Scoreboard ~~and AIGA DPE~~ will be submitted based on each of their respective stipulated round policies.

Result of the Competition: When all the scores have been posted on the official scoreboard and approved by U.S. Kids Golf, the result of the competition is deemed to have been officially announced.

How to Decide Ties: Ties for 1st place will be broken with a sudden death playoff. If weather or darkness prevents a sudden death playoff, the winner will be decided by a scorecard playoff using the score on the final round of competition.

If the tie is not broken, the winner is determined on the basis of the last nine holes, last six holes, last three holes and finally the last hole. If the players are still tied, continue backwards from the last hole until a winner is determined. For 18-hole players, the "last nine holes, last six holes, etc." is considered to be holes 10-18, 13-18, etc. Ties for all other awards will not be broken.

Rankings: U.S. Kids Golf State Invitationals are recognized by Junior Golf Scoreboard and the AIGA Performance Based Entry program. Eligible age groups vary by event based on field size and yardage requirements. Any players in eligible age groups that receive a DQP penalty may still compete in the event and be eligible for Priority Status, but will not be eligible to win a trophy or be submitted to rankings.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Players, caddies, and spectators are expected to display proper etiquette and behavior at all USKG events. USKG aims to provide a positive experience for everyone involved and reserves the right to dismiss any player, caddie or spectator at any time for any reason during the event.

Code of Conduct violations include, but are not limited to: abusive language, club throwing, cheating, disrespect of volunteers or officials, abuse to the golf course or the facilities, littering, or any other conduct unbecoming of a player or caddie. *Penalty for such violations may include any of the following: Warning, Two stroke penalty, DQP penalty, actual disqualification of the player, or removal of caddie.*

Tobacco & Alcohol: Tobacco and alcohol use by players or caddies, including the use of electronic cigarettes is not permitted during the event. *First offense: Warning; Subsequent offenses: Code of Conduct penalty.*

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. Those not appropriately attired will not be permitted to participate.

CADDIES & SPECTATORS

Caddies: Players eight years old and younger must be accompanied by a caddie. Caddies must be at least 15 years of age or older, unless otherwise authorized by the Committee.

Marking & Replacing: Caddies have authorization to mark and replace the player's ball, where the Rules permit the ball to be lifted.

Caddie Use of Carts: Players must walk during play of each hole.

Caddies for 9-hole players may rent a cart for use during play to help shuttle 9-hole players between holes. After reaching the tee, players must walk until completion of the hole. The caddie may leave the bag on the cart or carry it on the course when needed.

Caddies for 18-hole players may not use carts unless approved by the Tournament Director in extreme situations.

Penalty: Two strokes per hole at which any breach occurred, up to a maximum of Four strokes; Additional breach(es): Code of Conduct Policy penalty. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes during an 18-hole round, the penalty applies to the next hole.

Cart Policy: It is at the discretion of the host golf course as to whether carts will be available. A valid driver's license is required to operate a golf cart. Carts must be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines. Passengers must be seated inside the cart at all times. In no case will carts be allowed off of the cart path. *First offense: Warning; Subsequent offense(s) may result in removal from the golf course.*

Pull Carts: Pull carts are allowed for use unless prohibited by the golf course.

Spectator Policy: Spectators must stay on the path at all times and remain behind the players being watched. Spectators may not give players advice during the round. Spectators are not permitted to walk in the fairway or on the greens. *First offense: Warning. Subsequent offense(s) may result in removal from the golf course.*

Caddie Bibs: As a condition of competition, official U.S. Kids Golf caddie bibs must be worn by all caddies to properly distinguish caddies and spectators. Failure to wear a caddie bib will be considered a code of conduct violation.