



**2024 U.S. Kids Golf Texas Open**  
Ram Rock – Local Rules

**Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and its interpretations, the U.S. Kids Golf Foundation Regional Championship Rules & Regulations, and by the following Local Rules:**

**RULES/TOURNAMENT HOTLINE:** If, during your round, you need a ruling or rules official assistance, 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)** enter scores into Golf Genius, or **5)** in emergency situations. Cell phones may not be used for any other purposes.

**PLAYER SHUTTLING:** Any spectator, staff, or volunteer is allowed to help shuttle **ALL** players and caddies from the green to the next tee box on all holes. Carts must remain on the path when available. When no cart path is present, carts must scatter but stay out of the center of fairways as much as possible. Players must walk during the play of a hole. If you have a spectator cart, please assist the other members of your group with an equal opportunity to a ride between holes.

**AERATION HOLES IN CLOSELY MOWN AREAS (FAIRWAYS):** If a ball lies in an aeration hole in the closely mown area (fairway), the player may take the nearest point of relief next to aeration hole. The player **must drop** the ball as near as possible to the aeration hole, that is also no closer to the hole.

**BOUNDARIES:** Out of Bounds is marked by natural wood stakes, white stakes, white lines, large white dots and property fences, split rail fences, the golf course edge of all public streets and curbs, even if the ball crosses a road and comes to rest on another part of the golf course.

**LOCAL RULE HOLE #10** (Rock bed behind green): As an additional option to Rule 19, unplayable lie, if a player's ball lies in the rock cropping areas behind #10 green, the player may use the drop area located to left of the green, **under penalty of one stroke.** Drop zone **ONLY** to be used as an option for rock bed relief, with penalty stroke.

**STONES IN BUNKER:** Stones in bunkers are deemed loose impediments, as are leaves, pine cones, and the like. Removal of a loose impediment must not cause the ball to move. (Rule 15.1)

**TREE STUMPS:** All tree stumps are integral parts of the golf course. Play the ball as it lies.

**MODEL LOCAL RULE F-5 – FIXED SPRINKLER HEADS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN:** For a ball in the General Area, the player may take relief (drop a ball at the nearest point of relief and one club-length, no closer to the hole) under rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is “on the line of play” and is within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball.

**ROCK YARDAGE MARKERS:** (150 and 100) and the rock beds surrounding them are immovable obstructions. All other rock landscaped beds and pampas grass are integral parts of the course.

**MODEL LOCAL RULE F-23:** If the fan is located on a straight line between the player's ball and the hole, the player may drop (no penalty) at the nearest point that is no nearer to the hole, that provides complete relief. Players may also take relief if a fan interferes with stance, swing, or lie of ball.

**MODEL LOCAL RULE G-9 – USGA local rule replacing broken or significantly damaged club, except in abuse, is in effect.**

**MODEL LOCAL RULE I-1.2 –** 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 their competition course before or between rounds.