

2025 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 you need rules official assistance or have generic tournament questions, 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: Players and caddies are permitted to shuttle from the green to the next tee box on all holes. Players must still walk from tee to green. Players may be shuttled by anyone with a cart, including staff, spectators or volunteers. Carts must remain on the path. 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.

AERATION HOLES (PUTTING GREEN): For a ball coming to rest in an aeration hole on the putting green, the player may place the ball at the nearest possible spot of relief. Relief is for lie of ball only.

BOUNDARIES: Out of Bounds is marked by natural wood stakes, white stakes, 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.

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.

EDGING GROOVES: If a ball lies in or on an edging groove around the putting green, or if the groove interferes with the area of intended swing, the ball may, without penalty, be lifted, cleaned and placed in the nearest position to where it lay that is not nearer the hole and avoids interference by the condition whether on or off the putting green.

UNMARKED PENALTY AREAS (Holes #6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 16): The holes denoted have unmarked native areas that border the cart path, these are considered penalty areas. If a player's ball comes to rest in these areas, players are entitled to relief, under penalty of one stroke. **When the penalty area is not defined by lines, or stakes, the outside edge of the cart path will define the penalty area.**

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.

MODEL LOCAL RULE L-1: In the event a player returns their scorecard without player or marker certification, the penalty will be two strokes.

RULE 4.3 REMINDER: Clubs must not have stickers or other adhesives on the clubface (i.e. TrackMan stickers).

SCORING AREA: The official scoring area will be in the Cap Rock Pavilion. Players must immediately head to the scoring area once their round is complete.