

## U.S. Kids Golf Participants,

We look forward to seeing your family in Florida for the inaugural U.S. Kids Golf Sandestin Championship. The event will feature over 240 players from all over the country. We'd like to provide you with some important event information below as you prepare for the event.



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### Golf Club Address

#### **Sandestin Golf Resort**

*Baytowne & Raven Courses*

1199 Troon Drive

Miramar Beach, Florida 32550

850-267-8155

### Player Registration

Check-in will take place in the Raven-Baytowne Clubhouse at the times listed below. Players only need to attend one of the registration periods.

**Friday:** 1:00pm to 4:00pm

**Saturday:** 6:45am to 11:00am

### Caddie Bibs

Bibs are mandatory for caddies at U.S. Kids Golf Championship events. Players receive a universal U.S. Kids Golf Caddie Bib that they will keep and use for all future U.S. Kids Golf events. A special event patch for the bib will be available for pick up at registration.

**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 Player Registration.

### Tournament Information and use of Cell Phones

All tournament information (Local Rules, Hole Locations, Tee Sheets, etc.) will be made available online. There will be no paper information handed out. Players and caddies will be permitted to use their cell phones to access the information during their rounds. Cell phones may only be used during your round to access tournament info, call the rules hotline, access GPS yardage apps, or in the case of emergency. Cell phones may not be used for any other purpose.

### **\*\*Player & Caddie Shuttling by Spectators and Staff**

**All players and caddies are allowed to be shuttled between holes (from green to the next tee) by any spectator, volunteer, or staff member.** In efforts to relieve players and caddies of long walks between holes and to promote positive pace of play, anyone with a cart is allowed to provide equal opportunity for rides for all players and caddies in your group. **Please be courteous to your fellow players!**

**18-hole Divisions:** All players and caddies must walk from tee to green, but are allowed to be shuttled from green to the next tee box. Please be mindful of the safety of all parties. Allowing rides to other players between holes is allowed and encouraged.

**9-hole Divisions:** Caddies for 9-hole players may take carts and shuttle players from green to the next tee. Players must walk during the play of a hole. Again, be mindful of the safety of all parties. Allowing rides to other players between holes is allowed and encouraged. If a 9-hole caddie takes a cart, this counts toward the max allotment of 1 per player. A spectator may ride with in 9-hole caddie cart.

## Cart Rentals

On tournament days (Saturday and Sunday), carts are only permitted for spectator carts or carts for 9-hole player's caddies. **Carts may be rented from the golf shop, no earlier than 30 minutes prior to their player's tee time, one cart maximum per player.** Cart rental rates are: **9-hole: \$22 / 18-hole: \$35. A maximum of 1 cart may be rented per player.** If a 9-hole player's caddie rents a cart, spectators may ride with the caddie. A 9-hole player cannot rent a caddie cart and an additional spectator cart. Carts must be returned immediately following the round.

On practice round days, one cart per player may be rented based on availability at the above rates. Carts may only be rented 30 minutes prior to tee time. Players and caddies may ride during the practice round.

## Green Reading Materials

Green reading materials are permitted as long as they conform to USGA specifications. Use of non-conforming materials will result in penalty. Please see the USGA requirements here: [Green Reading Materials](#)

## Scoring

**All players will use normal scorecards, there will be no Live Scoring for this event. Scorecards will be handed out at your starting hole.**

## 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 always tucked in. Players and caddies 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 always tucked in
- Girls' fitted shirts do not have to be tucked in, but should be an appropriate length
- Shorts, skorts and skirts must be appropriate length

### PROHIBITED DRESS AT THE GOLF COURSE:

- Tank tops, T-shirts
- Denim
- Cut-off shorts
- Gym shorts/pants

*Proper attire is required at all times at the host facility. This includes practice rounds, Family Nights and Awards Ceremonies. Questionable attire will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee. Should a host golf course or resort have a stricter dress code, its policy will take precedence. Players and caddies in violation will not be allowed to tee off.*

## 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.

## U.S. Kids Golf on Social Media

Be sure to follow us on all social media outlets: Visit us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [Instagram](#).

## Practice Rounds

The Official Practice Round Fee for Friday, January 16th is included in your entry fee. You are able to book your tee time for the Official Practice Round online at the link here: [Practice Round Instructions](#). Please do not call the pro shop to book times for Friday. Players will still be able to book times any day prior to Friday by calling Sandestin at 850-267-8155. Practice round fees do not include carts. Carts will be available for an added cost (\$35/\$22 18h/9h).

## Range Use

The practice range at the Baytowne/Raven Course is available for pre-round warm up only. **Players should not arrive prior to one hour before their tee time. Players will be allotted one bag (approx. 30 balls) to warm up before the round.** If players want to practice more or after the round, you may use the range at the Links Course (limited to 200 yards).

## Tee Times

Players will be paired randomly for the first round and by score for the final round, weather permitting. Tee times for the first round will be posted on our homepage on Thursday, January 15th.

Times for the final round will be posted on our website and at the golf course approximately one hour after the completion of play for each age/gender division. Please do not call the front desk of the hotel seeking tee time information. Players and parents are advised to look at pairings sheets personally to assure accuracy of tee times.

## Award Ceremonies

The awards will be presented shortly after each age group has finished and the scores are posted for Round 2. The **top five finishers and ties** in each age group will receive an award. A schedule of Awards Ceremonies will be posted Sunday morning and all ceremonies will be held at the Raven/Baytowne Clubhouse (weather permitting).

## Junior Golf Scoreboard

U.S. Kids Golf will report Sandestin Championship scores to [Junior Golf Scoreboard](#) for boys 11 and older and girls 11 and older. Junior Golf Scoreboard is a ranking system that groups players by high school graduation year.



## Performance Based Entry

Champions in Boys 11, Boys 12, Boys 13-14, Girls 12 and Girls 13-14 divisions will earn **two** AJGA Performance Stars. Top 5 in Boys 11, Boys 12 and Boys 13-14 will earn **one** Performance Star. Top 3 in Girls 12 and Girls 13-14 will also receive **one** Performance Star.

## Priority Status

When your young player participates in U.S. Kids Golf events, they have the opportunity to earn [Priority Status](#) – a qualification that determines when players receive invitations for multi-day events. Visit the link for more information on Priority Status and how to earn.

## **U.S. Kids Golf Sandestin Championship – Event Staff**

*Tournament Director – Corey Floyd*

*Assistant Tournament Director – Ben Crow*

*Tournament Operations/Volunteers – Sarah Gilgrist*

*Tournament Operations – Josie Headrick*

*Tournament Operations – Alec Hansen*

*Social Media/Content Manager – Rachel Wohn*

*Baytowne Course Director – Patrick Leahy, Ocala LT Director*

*Baytowne Course Director – Thomas Watkins, Central Mississippi LT Director*

*Raven Course Director – Kirk Tarabokia, North Jersey LT Director*

*Raven Course Director – Tom Shea, Tampa LT Director*

*Rules/Tournament Support – John Bryan, U.S. Kids Golf*

We look forward to seeing you at the Sandestin Championship!

