



2025 U.S. Kids Golf World Championship

Talamore – Local Rules



Play is governed by the Rules of Golf, U.S. Kids Golf Rules and Regulations, and the following Local Rules:

TOURNAMENT HOTLINE: If you need rules official assistance or have a general tournament question, please call the tournament hotline at **910-420-0382** or **678-856-4999**. 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, or **4)** in emergency situations. Cell phones may not be used for any other purpose.

SANDY AREAS: Sandy areas completely **enclosed by sod are deemed bunkers**. Any sandy/natural areas that are not completely enclosed by sod are deemed to be in the general area (waste areas). These areas are not bunkers, and the clubhead may be grounded. Note: there is no free relief for an embedded ball in loose sand in these areas.

OUT OF BOUNDS: A) Defined by the nearest inside points at ground level of white stakes B) The inside edge of any paved public road. A ball which crosses a public road that is out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is deemed to be out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course. C) Split rail fence to the left of fairway on Holes #4 & #9 D) On Hole #13, the llama pen by left of green. E) Hole #18 area adjacent to swimming pool surrounded by fencing. **Note:** White stakes with ribbons are **NOT** out of bounds, but should be treated as immovable obstructions.

ROADS AND PATHS: Artificially surfaced paths are deemed obstructions. All other paths are deemed integral parts of the course. Any white lined areas tying into roads or paths are deemed to be part of the same cart path obstruction. Wood pilings and large rocks (not small stones) adjacent to artificially surfaced cart paths are deemed to be part of the same obstruction.

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.

NO STROKE & DISTANCE LOCAL RULE: Model Local Rule E-5 (Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds) is **NOT** in effect. All players must take Stroke and Distance relief for any ball that is lost or out of bounds.

MLR F-1 – ARTIFICIAL BUNKER RETAINING WALLS: Artificial retaining walls when located in bunkers are integral objects from which relief is not allowed.

MLR F-4: Player is entitled to free relief from extensive damage due to heavy rain (example: erosion). The player may drop one club-length from the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole.

MLR 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.

MLR F-7: SOD SEAMS – If a player’s ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf, or a seam interferes with a player’s lie of ball, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. Nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole and one club-length. Interference does not exist if the seam only affects the player’s stance.

MLR 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 the competition course before or between rounds.

MLR L-1: Players must report to scoring immediately following completion of their round. For any scorecard returned without marker or player certification, the penalty will be two strokes.

SCORING LOCATION: Players must report to scoring immediately following completion of their round. The official scoring areas are defined by the tents near #9 and #18 green. Scores are deemed official once the card has been returned to the committee and the player has left the scoring area.

Water, Ice & Restrooms

Water is located at Holes #1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, and Clubhouse.
Bathrooms are at the Clubhouse, Hole #6, and portable toilet on #16. Code **5884**.