2026 U.S. KIDS GOLF SPANISH OPEN

LOCAL RULES

The San Roque Club · Old Course

20–22 November 2026 · Girls 15–18 · Girls 13–14 · Boys 12

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Play is governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by The R&A, the U.S. Kids Golf Rules and Regulations and the Local Rules below. Penalty for breach of a Local Rule, unless stated otherwise: **general penalty (two strokes)**.

1 Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

A ball is out of bounds when all of it is:

(a) beyond any wall or fence defining the boundary of the course. The boundary is the course-side edge of the wall or fence at ground level. Where white stakes stand against a boundary fence, the fence is the boundary. At a gap in a boundary wall, the boundary is the straight line between the two ends of the wall;

(b) on or beyond the driving range;

(c) on the clubhouse terraces or the practice putting green;

(d) **Hole 4:** beyond the cart path on the right, between the white stakes with black tops. The path itself is in bounds; the boundary is the edge of the path farthest from the fairway. Do not enter the area beyond the path;

(e) **Hole 18** (during play of hole 18): beyond the cart path to the left, right and rear of the green, from the white stakes with black tops. The path itself is in bounds; the boundary is the edge of the path farthest from the green.

2 Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16.1)

Free relief is available from:

(a) all cart paths. Artificial drainage channels that run next to a cart path are part of the path (MLR F-20);

(b) man-made drainage channels in mulch, soil and hardpan areas; sprinkler heads, drains, and drain and irrigation covers;

(c) the starter's hut, the toilets and the weather stations;

(d) **Hole 6:** the large rocks around the drain to the left of the fairway.

3 Obstructions near Putting Greens (MLR F-5)

A sprinkler head or other immovable obstruction on the **line of play** gives free relief under Rule 16.1b when all three apply:

(a) the ball and the obstruction are both in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less;

(b) the obstruction is within two club-lengths of the putting green;

(c) the obstruction is within two club-lengths of the ball.

There is no relief if the line of play is clearly unreasonable.

4 Ground under Repair (Rule 16.1)

(a) Areas marked by white lines or blue stakes. Play from these areas is prohibited: relief must be taken (Rule 16.1f).

(b) **Hole 4:** the whole area on the left of the hole is ground under repair. Relief must be taken at the nearest point of complete relief, which is in the rough below the area.

(c) Deep ruts made by course machinery, but only when a rules official declares them ground under repair (MLR F-4).

5 Wrong Greens (Rule 13.1f)

The apron of a wrong green is treated as part of the wrong green. Relief must be taken when the ball lies on it, or when it interferes with the stance or the area of intended swing.

6 Mulch (Wood Chip) (Rule 15.1)

Mulch areas are part of the general area unless they are marked as a penalty area. The ball is played as it lies. Single pieces of wood chip are loose impediments.

7 Practice (MLR I-1.2)

Before and after a round, players may practise on the designated practice areas. On a tournament round day, a player must not practise on the competition course before or between rounds.

8 Scorecard (MLR L-1)

If a scorecard is returned without the player's or the marker's certification, the penalty is **two strokes**, added at the last hole of the round, instead of disqualification.

9 Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7)

The Committee uses these signals (MLR J-1):

(a) **One prolonged note of the horn:** immediate stop for danger. Stop play at once and seek shelter.

(b) **Two short notes:** resume play.

10 Rulings and Mobile Phones (Rule 20.1c)

For a ruling, call the rules official, Vladi Marinov: **+359 897 284 111**. If you are not sure what to do, you may complete the hole with two balls (Rule 20.1c(3)). You must then report this to the Committee before returning your scorecard.

A player or caddie may use a mobile phone only to see tournament information, to get distances, to call the rules official or in an emergency.