

2025 U.S. Kids Golf UAE Championship - Al Hamra Golf Club – Local Rules

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

RULES/TOURNAMENT HOTLINE: If, during your round, you need a ruling or rules official assistance, please call the tournament hotline at **+971 55 931 8541 (WhatsApp text only)**. 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.

Preferred Lies (one club length): When a ball lies in the general area cut to fairway height or less, it may be lifted, cleaned and placed within **one club length** of its original position, not nearer the hole. **NEW HOLES (6,8,16,17):** When a player's ball lies in the general area on holes 6, 8, 16 and 17, the player may lift the ball, clean it and place it once within one club length of where it originally lay, not nearer the hole. The ball must be placed in the general area

Out of Bound (Rule 18): (1) Any fence / wall / road forming boundary of the course. (2) Any area as defined by white stakes. (3) The driving range when playing hole 1 and 2. (4) The academy course when playing hole 2. (5) All housing and gardens are defined by white stakes, lines or boundary wall / fence.

Penalty Areas (Rule 17): (1) Penalty areas are defined by either yellow / red stakes and / or lines (2) Drop Zones as an added option where provided; a player may elect to take relief in the Drop zone under penalty of one stroke

Hole 3: A drop zone is available only for 9-hole players (Boys 6–7–8 and Girls 8–9–10) and only after the player has played his/her third stroke.

Movable Obstructions (Rule 15.2): (1) Irrigation drip lines

Immovable Obstructions: (1) All artificial roads and pathways, including the cart path. (2) All fixed sprinkler heads and irrigation boxes. (3) All staked trees. (4) All light masts on hole 1-7,17 and 18. (5) All garden areas defined by grey stones.

- Due to recent bunker construction and stabilization work on Holes 6, 16, and 17, certain bunker edges have been reinforced with boards. These areas are designated as “Bunker Edge Holding.” They are considered Ground Under Repair (GUR) and relief is mandatory.
- In the event of any doubt regarding a rule, Rule 3.3(a) applies. Players should play two balls and report the situation to the Committee after the round to avoid any delay to the groups behind.

Shelters in case of inclement weather: Located at Holes 7, 11 and 14

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

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 their competition course before or between rounds.