

U.S. Kids Golf World Championship Volunteer FAQs

The U.S. Kids Golf World Championship is the world's largest and most prestigious event in junior golf. Our volunteers play an important role in ensuring that every facet of the championship operation runs smoothly. Volunteering for the World Championship will provide a memorable experience as the best young players, ages 5-18 from over 55 different countries venture to fairways in the Pinehurst area to compete for the coveted World Championship title.

2026 Championship Dates

Red White & Blue Invitational: July 4 – 5, 2026

World Teen Championship: July 23 – July 25, 2026

World Championship: July 30 – August 1, 2026

How do I become a volunteer?

Local leaders will begin contacting past volunteers in March 2026. If you wish to be added to a volunteer contact list, contact tournaments@uskidsgolf.com for more information.

Open Registration will be available mid-March and can be accessed at

<https://tournaments.uskidsgolf.com/tournaments/world-teen/find-tournament/517536/volunteer>

I volunteered last year: do I need to register again?

Yes, even if you volunteered you will need to register.

Do I need to be a golfer or have golf knowledge to volunteer?

There are volunteer opportunities for everyone. There are volunteer positions to choose from that do not require golf knowledge. Volunteer training sessions are provided for committees that require specific duties.

How long is the average volunteer shift?

We try to keep shifts to 4 hours. There are some exceptions, and shifts may run a bit longer based on pace of play and/or weather related issues.

Where are the volunteer opportunities located?

During the U.S. Kids events, a number of courses in our area are used to accommodate the many young players who come to compete. When registering to volunteer, you'll see the available courses and roles needed on each of the courses.

Can I choose my volunteer role?

We do our best to match preferences with availability, but assignments may depend on the needs of the event and course.

Is there a cost for volunteering?

There is no cost for volunteering for the U.S. Kids Golf World Championships. Volunteers will receive one (1) golf shirt, a golf cap or visor plus lunch for each day they are scheduled to volunteer. Volunteers will receive two (2) golf shirts if they work more than one volunteer shift. Volunteers may wear shorts/skorts during their shifts and should plan on wearing comfortable shoes. All volunteers will receive one (1) complimentary greens fee at Longleaf Golf & Family Club in Southern Pines for themselves and a guest (cart fees not included) following this year's World Championships, and a retail discount card to be used at the Pinehurst Resort Pro Shop.

Are the uniform golf shirts true to size?

Yes. The shirts come from the Greg Norman Collection and they are true to size for men and women. If you are in doubt of the size you are ordering, we would recommend ordering one size larger.

When and where do I pick up my volunteer uniform?

Uniforms can be picked up at the Volunteer Training Meeting that will be held at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst. Details will be announced in early summer. If you are unable to pick up your uniform on that date, you should notify your Course Captain to make other arrangements.

Do I need to attend Volunteer Training?

It is preferred that all volunteers attend the volunteer training that is set up for their committee/role. Though you may have volunteered before, there are always changes and updates on the responsibilities of volunteering. Uniforms will also be distributed at this meeting. Training is typically held on the Monday before World Teens. Details will be announced in early summer.

Where do I park as a volunteer?

Please plan to park near the clubhouse of the golf course you are assigned to volunteer. Your Course Captain may also provide some details specific to your course. Parking will most likely be congested, however most clubs provide alternate parking areas near their clubhouse for parking overflow. It is recommended that you use your private golf cart if applicable to your access to the assigned golf course to avoid parking issues. Please plan on arriving at **least 15 minutes** prior to your assigned volunteer shift.

What should I bring with me?

World championships are played as rain or shine events. Please plan on bringing rain gear and/or an umbrella if you have an outdoor volunteer assignment. You can assume that the temperatures in July/August will be warm to hot so please wear sunscreen and apply it often during the day. Volunteers are urged to bring a canteen/thermos of water for extra hydration. Bug spray is also recommended. Please note that many of the shuttle vehicles do not have roofs, so wearing a cap or hat is recommended.

Are meals or snacks provided?

Yes, volunteers will receive lunch or snacks, depending on the shift length and time of day.

Will water be available throughout the day?

Yes, hydration stations will be located throughout the course. It is recommended that you bring a refillable water bottle.

What happens when there are weather issues during the day?

For the most part, the world championships are played as rain or shine events. In the event of severe weather player/spectator evacuation, some volunteers may be asked to assist with driving golf cart shuttles to assist in clearing the golf course. The U.S. Kids Golf Tournament Directors and Golf Course Pros will determine the timing for severe weather alerts and golf course evacuations.

How do I find out what volunteer committee/role I am on and what golf course I am assigned to?

Volunteers who have registered will receive monthly updates highlighting their committee, course assignments and volunteer shift times. If you do not receive this email reminder, please contact your Course Captain if you know your assigned course or email: tournaments@uskidsgolf.com

How is information communicated to me the day I volunteer?

An app called GroupMe is used to allow immediate communication between the Course Captain and volunteers. Volunteers are asked to download the GroupMe app to their cell phones and create an account. They will then be added to the appropriate volunteer channel(s). GroupMe is free and can be found in your cell phone app store. Due to bandwidth at the courses, it is requested that the app be downloaded prior to arriving for your volunteer assignment.

Is there any additional information I should keep in mind regarding my time as a volunteer for the U.S. Kids Golf World Championship?

- All volunteers should check-in at the Volunteer Control desk prior to their scheduled shift.
- Pace of Play Volunteers should plan on using a watch or cell phone to use as a clock for their required volunteer duties.
- If you are unable to make your volunteer shift or must leave early, please let your course captain or volunteer control at your assigned golf course know as soon as possible.
- Volunteers should avoid any conversations with the players or caddies relating to Pace of Play violations or golf rules. Please seek out a U.S. Kids Golf Tournament Director or Rules Official to handle any issues.
- Always be polite and welcoming with players and caddies.

- Most of all, have fun! You just might see one of these outstanding juniors return in the future for a U.S. Women's or Men's Open Championship. Over 40 players in this year's U.S. Open grew up with U.S. Kids Golf and the World Championships at Pinehurst.

When and where is the Parade of Nations held?

The Parade of Nations will be held on Tuesday, July 28th, beginning at 6 p.m. The parade will begin at the Carolina Hotel and will continue down Chinquapin Rd to the Tufts Memorial Park, where food trucks and festivities will be held.

For any additional questions on the U.S. Kids Golf World Championship please email:

Tournaments@uskidsgolf.com