



2020 U.S. Kids Golf World Championship

Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club – Local Rules

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

RULES/TOURNAMENT HOTLINE: If, during your round, you are in need of a ruling or rules official assistance, please call the tournament hotline at **910-420-0382**. 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 purposes.

FLAGSTICK: At this time, the flagstick is fixed in the hole and **MUST NOT** be deliberately touched or removed by any player or caddie. The first offense constitutes a warning. A two-shot penalty will be given for each subsequent offense.

BUNKERS: Bunkers are defined as sandy areas completely enclosed by sod. If your ball comes to rest in a bunker, the player is permitted to lift, clean, and place their ball within one club length, no closer to the hole. The ball must remain in the bunker. The ball is deemed in play once placed and at rest. The player may smooth the bunker before placing the ball.

SANDY AREAS: All sandy/natural areas, not completely enclosed by sod, are deemed to be in the general area. 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. Please note: **the COVID-19 bunker lift, clean and place rule does not apply to waste areas.**

AERATION HOLES: On the putting green only, if a ball lies in an aeration hole, the player is entitled to free relief. Relief is defined as the nearest spot that avoids the situation, no closer to the hole.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Out of bounds is defined by inside points of white stakes at ground level; and by the inside edges of the parking lot and driveway left of #18 adjacent to the conference center.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: 1) Artificially surfaced paths and birdhouses on poles are deemed obstructions. 2) All sand paths are deemed integral parts of the course and no free relief is provided. 3) Any railroad ties boarding cart paths or white lined areas tying into roads or obstructions are deemed to be part of the same obstruction. 4) Erosion control bales and stakes.

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.

PRACTICE GREENS: Practice greens are classified as wrong greens (Rule 13.1f). Relief is mandatory for stance and lie of ball.

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.

MODEL LOCAL RULE 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.

MODEL LOCAL RULE G-9 – USGA local rule replacing broken or significantly damaged club, except in abuse, is in effect.

MODEL LOCAL RULE I-1.2 – On an official tournament round day, a player may not practice on their competition course, before or between rounds.