



2020 U.S. Kids Golf World Championship

Midland Country 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.**

STONES IN BUNKER: Stones in bunkers are deemed loose impediments, as are leaves, pine cones, and the like. Removal of a loose impediment must not cause the ball to move (Rule 15.1).

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.