



## 2020 U.S. Kids Golf World Championship *Pinehurst No. 1 – 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).

**Note: Stones next to an artificially surfaced cart path** are deemed to be part of the cart path.

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by (A) nearest inside points at ground level of white stakes (including those with green tops); (B) split-rail fencing (Holes 1, 2, 3, 4, and 17); and (C) the inside edge of a public road. If a ball comes to rest beyond a public road, it is deemed to be out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

**ROADS AND PATHS:** Artificially surfaced paths are deemed obstructions. All other paths are deemed integral parts of the course (no relief).

**Note:** Rocky areas positioned to disperse water are considered to be French drains and relief is granted, without penalty, under Rule 16.1. Relief procedure: nearest point of relief, and one club-length, no nearer the hole.

**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** – 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 the competition course before or between rounds.