



2020 U.S. Kids Golf World Van Horn Cup *Pinehurst No. 2 – 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.**

OUT OF BOUNDS – Defined by the nearest inside points at ground level of white stakes or white stakes with red tops.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – A) Areas completely encircled by white lines. B) French drains filled with rocks or stones. C) Newly sodden areas even if unmarked. D) Areas defined by white dots on Holes #4, 7, 10, 13, 17.

CLUBHOUSE & BRICK PATH – The brick path, club house, grass, and shrubbery beds behind #18 green are deemed to be immovable obstructions from which play is prohibited. Free relief will be granted. A competitor must use the closest Drop Zone on either side of the green.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – A) Sprinkler control boxes B) Water fountains C) Starter's house D) Restroom structures E) Halfway House F) Wooden shelter right of 12 green G) Staked Trees (relief is for the stakes or wires only, not the tree itself).

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.

FIXED SPRINKLER HEADS: If a ball lies off the putting green, but not in a penalty area and such an obstruction, on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball, **intervenes** on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: the ball shall be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids such intervention and (c) is not in a penalty area or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when so lifted. (MLR F-5).

EDGING GROOVES - If a ball lies in or on an edging groove around a putting green, or if the groove interferes with the area of the player's 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, weather on or off the putting green.

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 the competition course (Holes #1 - #18), before or between rounds.