

2020 U.S. Kids Golf World Championship

Pinehurst No. 8 – 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).

CLUB HOUSE & BRICK PATH: The brick path, club house, and shrubbery beds behind #18 green are deemed to be immovable obstructions from which play is prohibited. **A competitor must use the nearest drop zone on either side of the green.**

PROVISIONAL BALL FOR A BALL IN RED PENALTY AREA – HOLE #14: If a player does not know whether his ball is in the penalty area, the player may play a provision ball under Rule 18.2 (MLR B-3).

OUT OF BOUNDS: There are no areas which are out of bounds.

ROADS AND PATHS: Artificially surfaced paths are deemed obstructions. All other paths are deemed integral parts of the course (no relief). Any white lined areas tying into roads or paths are deemed to be part of the same cart path obstruction.

PENALTY AREAS / DROPPING ZONE: Hole #15 – For a ball in the penalty area on left side of the cart path, which crosses the margin of the penalty area between the blue stakes, an optional drop zone is provided right of the cart path and short of the green.

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