

US Kids Local Rules

- The Rules of Golf and USKG Hard Card govern all play except when modified by local rules. Local rules written on the scorecard do not apply.
- **Out of bounds** is defined by white stakes. Personal property lines shall determine out of bounds when a stake or line is absent. A ball coming to rest on or crossing a public road is considered out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the golf course.
- **Penalty Area** – When a body of water marking is absent, the penalty area is defined by its natural boundaries where the ground slopes down to form the depression that can hold water. In the absence of marking, penalty areas are to be played as red. **A drop zone on hole #4 is located on the left side at the start of the penalty area in the fairway. It is provided as an additional option for any balls that are hit into the penalty area on the left side of #4.**
- **Dropping Zone Relief on Hole # 16 – 9 hole players only** If it is known or virtually certain that the player's ball is in the Penalty Area and it entered by crossing the edge of the Penalty Area between specially marked stakes, the following applies: In addition to the Rule 17 relief options available for one penalty stroke, the player may drop in the Dropping Zone on the opposite side of the Penalty Area for one additional penalty stroke (total of two penalty strokes).
- **10 shot rule – This rule is in effect for nine hole player divisions only.** A player may take no more than 10 shots per hole. Once a 10 is reached, a player must pick up their ball and wait for the other players in the group to complete the hole
- **Doubt of procedure**– You must ask a US Kids rules committee official for a proper rules decision. These committee members are announced on the first tee. If you are in question of a ruling and can't reach a rules official immediately, please proceed under **rule 20.1C-3 and play a second ball**
- **Disqualifications** – No player will be disqualified for any violations of the Rules of Golf. Exceptions: a player or caddie maybe disqualified for a code of conduct violation or unauthorized use of electronic devices.
- Distance measuring devices **are permissible**, but may not measure elevation change.
- **Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green** Rules 13.1D: When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced.
- **"No Standing Behind the Player" rule.** A player's caddie may not stand on or close to the extended line of play behind a player while the player is taking his or her stance until the stroke is made. Failure to do so will result in the general penalty.
- **Pace of Play Policy:** Max 40 seconds to hit a shot. 15 minutes per hole is allotted to play each hole or a group may not finish behind the group in front of them more than 14 minutes or 19 minutes on the last hole. A red card will be issued to each player at the designated check points on hole #4, #9 and #13 if both of these parameters are not met. This red card maybe turned back to green if the group is either on pace at 15 minutes per hole or is within the **14 minutes** of the group in front of them at the next checkpoint.
- **Spectator Policy:** Spectators in carts must remain on the path at all times and must remain behind the players being watched. Walking spectators must stay as close to the cart path as possible.
- **Caddie use of Carts:** All player caddies may use a powered cart for use during play. The caddie may use the cart to shuttle the players between holes.
- **Electronic Devices:** Cell phones may be used for yardage GPS only. The use of, headphones, pagers and the like may not be used to converse with by either the player or their caddie during play. First offense: Warning; Second offence: 2 stroke penalty
- Ties for 1st place will be broken with a sudden death playoff.
 - If weather or darkness prevents you from completing a sudden death playoff, the winner will be decided by a scorecard playoff.
 - **Ties for all other places will not be broken. Points and awards will be split.**
- **Scorecard Playoff Method:**
 - All ties for 18-hole players will be determined on the basis of the best score on the last nine holes. If the tying players have the same score for the last nine, determine the winner on the basis of the last six holes, last three holes and finally the 18th hole.
 - All ties for nine hole players will be determined on the basis of the best score on the last six holes, last three holes and finally the 9th hole.
 - the players are still tied, continue backward from the last hole until a winner is determined.
 - For 18-hole players, the "last nine holes, last six holes, etc." is considered to be holes 10-18, 13-18, etc.
- If an event is shortened due to inclement weather a scorecard playoffs will be determined for:
 - **9 holes completed** – last six, last three, last hole
 - **5 holes completed** – last three, last hole
- **Result of the Competition:** Competitions are deemed to have closed when all scores have been approved by the Committee or a winner has been announced.