



SA KIDS GOLF (SAKG) RULES AND REGULATIONS

ORDER OF MERIT EVENTS

Play is governed by the prevailing R&A Rules of Golf and its decisions, and, where applicable, by the following Local Rules, conditions, and definitions, subject to changes or amendments by the SA Kids Golf (SAKG). Local Rules will be at the clubhouse and it is the parent/guardian and player's responsibility to check these rules before the commencement of play. ***SA Kids Golf reserves the right to change the Rules & Regulations prior to or during an event.***

1. SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

SAKG is committed to providing a safe, fun, and welcoming environment for all junior golfers. All players, caddies, & spectators to observe SAKG's safeguarding expectations that include (but not limited to):

- Refraining from any form of physical or verbal abuse or harassment towards other players, officials, caddies, parents, spectators, or staff members of the host facility.
- Refraining from using abusive language, engaging in club throwing, unbecoming behaviour, disrespecting volunteers or officials, or participating in any behaviour that goes against the integrity of the game.
- Creating a, environment for players that is free from drugs, vaping, tobacco, and alcohol and to refrain from their use during golf rounds.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT

- Players, caddies or spectators are guests at SAKG host facilities and are subject to the rules and guidelines the host facility sets out with respect the use of practice areas, practice rounds and the golf course and will not disrespect or threaten with verbal abuse any host facility staff member prior to or during the event.
- Violations include: abusive language, club throwing, cheating, disrespect of volunteers or officials, abuse to the golf course or the facilities, littering, or any other conduct unbecoming of a player or caddie.
- SA Kids Golf reserves the right to dismiss any player, caddie or spectator at any time for any reason during the event.
- Repeated violations may lead to rejection of future entries.

3. CADDIE POLICY

- All caddies are required to wear an SAKG caddy bib.
- No caddies allowed behind the golfer while playing a shot.
- Caddies can assist with alignment for ages 5 to 10.
- No caddies allowed on the greens for players aged 11 to 18 years.
- No caddies allowed for Boys aged 13 to 18 years. Players must carry own bag or push own carts. Remote-controlled carts allowed.



4. SPECTATOR POLICY

- Spectators attend SAKG events at their own risk and we ask you to exercise caution at all times.
- Spectators and parents are allowed to assist in the search for lost balls.
- Spectators are allowed to carry medicine, food, drinks, umbrellas, etc.
- Cell phones, headphones, and the like may not be used during play.
- Spectators are not allowed on the greens or on the fairways. In the absence of cart paths, spectators must stay in the rough.
- First offense: warning, second offense: removal from the golf course.

5. DRESS CODE

- Only acceptable golf attire is permitted. **Players and caddies** are prohibited from wearing shoes with metal spikes, short shorts, swimwear, and denim of any kind, T-shirts, or tank tops.
- Players or caddies may not display logos/text/imagery on my attire, equipment or apparel (including accessories, such as headwear, wristbands, socks, etc.) that may reflect adversely upon the image and reputation of SAKG, insult or offend the any community or any group or be viewed as hateful, abusive, obscene or divisive, as reasonably determined by SAKG.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times and hats may not be worn indoors.
- Players or caddies not appropriately attired will not be permitted to participate.

6. TOBACCO & ALCOHOL

- Tobacco and alcohol use by players or caddies is not permitted during the event.
- First offense will result in a warning and a **second offense in disqualification.**

7. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE

- Devices that measure distance only are permitted.
- Devices capable of performing other functions are prohibited. **Penalty: score of 10 on any hole used.**

8. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- Cell phones (with the exception to contact SAKG Official/Club or Pro-Shop for rulings), headphones, cameras, and the like may not be used during play.
- First offense will result in a warning and a second offense in disqualification.

9. CARTS

- Pull carts/trolleys are allowed for use unless prohibited by the golf course due to weather conditions.
- Remote controlled carts are allowed for use unless prohibited by the golf course due to weather conditions.



10. CART POLICY

- Only players in the Boys 5 - 6 and Girls 7 - 8 divisions can use golf carts. For other 9 hole players, spectators can transport players from green to tee only to assist with pace of play.
- SAKG may permit other age divisions to make use of carts for a specific event and such a rule change for that event will be communicated prior the event or tee box.
- Spectators may use carts.

11. CADDIE USE OF CARTS

- Only players or caddies who have submitted a medical certificate prior event will be permitted to use a golf cart for the round of golf.
- In the case of the caddie having a medical certificate, only the caddie can be on the cart.
- No spectator is permitted to be on the cart where a caddy or player have been granted permission to use a cart for medical purposes.

12. TIME OF STARTING/LATE TO TEE

- If a player arrives at their tee, ready to play, within five minutes of their starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole.
- If a player arrives at the tee more than five minutes after their starting time, they will receive a double par on that hole and any future holes missed.
- Players may not join a group during play of a hole; they must join them on the next tee.

13. DOUBLE PAR RULE

- A player shall play no more than **double par strokes on a hole**.
- Once the maximum number of strokes on a hole are reached, a player must pick up their ball and wait for the other players in the group to complete the hole.

14. PACE OF PLAY

- No more than 3 practice swings or putts permitted per shot to be played.
- Each player must play without undue delay, which is defined as taking no more than **45 seconds to play a shot without interference or distraction**. The 45-second rule is in place to assure playing without “undue delay” and to prevent coaching and slow play.
- The pace of play card system may be implemented for all players:
 - Slow Play Penalty: 2 Yellow Cards results in Red Card
 - Red card: All players must move to the next hole and take double par on that hole
- Caddies are to refrain from coaching the player during the course of play. It is the caddie’s duty to help the player hit each shot within a reasonable period of time.
- When it is determined that a group is behind time par (15 minutes per hole) or out of position, the group will be warned and asked to speed up play.
- If the group continues to fall behind, each member of the group may be timed.
- If a player takes more than the allotted time, they may be subject to a penalty.



15. OUT OF BOUNDS

- Where white stakes or fence posts are used, the nearest inside points at ground level define out of bounds.
- When out of bounds is defined by a white line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds.
- A ball coming to rest on or crossing any public road is considered out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the golf course.

16. FLOWER BEDS IDENTIFIED BY BLUE STAKES

- To be treated as Ground Under Repair. Relief is mandatory.

17. WATER HAZARDS

- Water hazards are defined by yellow lines and designated by yellow stakes. In the absence of lines, the stakes both identify and define the hazard.
- Players in the Boys 5 - 6 and Girls 7 - 8 divisions who don't carry over the water must drop over the water and take 1 stroke penalty (cannot take a drop closer to or place on the green).

18. LATERAL WATER HAZARDS

- Lateral water hazards are defined by red lines and designated by red stakes. In the absence of lines, the stakes both identify and define the hazard.

19. BALL DROPS

- A "dropping zone" is an area enclosed by a white line having the words "dropping zone" printed inside it.
- A "dropping zone" is not ground under repair. The line itself is in the "dropping zone".

20. GROUND UNDER REPAIR

- Enclosed white lined areas define ground under repair. The white lines are considered in ground under repair.
- Other areas of ground under repair, even though not so marked include: French drains (trenches filled with stones or like), mole hills

21. SOD SEAMS FOR LIE OF BALL ONLY

- To be treated as ground under repair through the green.
- All seams in a given area are deemed to be the same seam.

22. EMBEDDED BALL

- The "Embedded Ball Rule" is in effect "through the green."



23. SIGNALS FOR SUSPENSION AND RESUMPTION OF PLAY

- If play is suspended by one long siren or horn blast or verbal direction by a Rules Committee member, the player must immediately discontinue play and look for shelter.
- All practice areas are closed until the Committee has declared them open for use. **Penalty for breach of this rule is a 10 stroke penalty on the first hole when play resumes.**
- It is the player's responsibility to be ready when play resumes that will be signalled by two short siren blasts repeated or verbal direction.
- All players failing to start play on time after a delay will be assessed a score of 10 on that and any subsequent holes on which their group has already begun play.
- A player may not join a group during play of the hole; but must join them on the next tee.
- A player may discontinue play and seek shelter if he believes there is dangerous weather (lightning, etc.) regardless of whether any tournament suspension siren has been heard. The player must report to the committee as soon as practical.
- Bad weather (rain, wind, temperature extremes etc.) is not itself a good reason for discontinuing play.
- The SA Kids Golf Rules Committee makes all decisions regarding weather delays and/or cancellations on site the day of the event. The intention is to play the event on its scheduled day, and everything possible will be done in order to do so. All eighteen hole rounds will be separated into two nine hole stipulated rounds if necessary.

24. SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

- Participation during tournament play can be dangerous. A player may discontinue play if he believes there are dangerous weather conditions (lightning, etc.) or other good reason such as illness. Seek shelter or medical help when these conditions arise.
- Please be aware of others near you at all times on the course and practice area. It is possible that you may get struck by a club or ball hit by someone else.
- When attending event related functions such as opening ceremonies, awards presentations, etc., please use extreme caution and be mindful of how you or your player's/family member etc., actions may affect others in close proximity.
- While necessary precautions are taken to insure everyone's safety, it is critical that we all work together to provide a safe and fun environment for all in attendance. You may use a cell phone to call for medical help at any time during the event.

25. HANDLING TIES FOR AWARDS PURPOSE

- **Play-offs will take place where there is a tie for 1st place after playing round.** Players will be required to complete the allocated hole and should a player win that play-off hole, the play-off will be concluded.
- If, however, there is still a tie after the first play-off hole, players will proceed to the next hole and to the third if there is still no winner.
- If there is still no winner after the third play-off hole, the winner will be decided by a count out from the 18th hole for all 18 hole players and from the 9th hole for all 9 hole players. If the players are still tied, the count out will continue backwards from the last hole until a winner is determined.



- All other ties for trophy purposes will be decided by a count out from 18th hole for all 18 hole players and from the 9th hole for all 9 hole players until a

26. RESULT OF THE COMPETITION

- When all the scores have been posted on the official scoreboard and approved by SA Kids Golf, the result of the competition is deemed to have been officially announced.

27. DISQUALIFICATION POLICY

- In some instances a player may be disqualified for any violations of the Rules of Golf. A maximum penalty score of 10 on any hole where the infraction may be issued.
- In situations where the round or hole has been completed, the penalty score of 10 will apply to the last hole played or to the hole where the infraction occurred.
- **Exceptions:** A player or caddie may be disqualified for code of conduct violations or unauthorized use of electronic devices or tobacco/alcohol.

28. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

- The host golf club and SA Kids Golf (SAKG) do not accept responsibility whatsoever for any loss of life or theft of money, bags, keys, clubs, clothing, valuables or any loss of property, or for damage or loss of any vehicle on the estate, nor any injury or damage to any person.
- The host golf club and SAKG do not accept responsibility for any damage to property occasioned by any act or omission of any of the Club's members, guests, servants, staff or agents.
- The host golf club and SAKG will not be held responsible for safekeeping of any property of goods brought onto the property by any person.
- The host golf club and SAKG takes no responsibility whatsoever for injury or death incurred as a result of a lightning strike.