



U.S. Kids Golf
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U.S. Kids Golf Overview

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"The Mission of U.S. Kids Golf is to help kids have fun learning the lifelong game of golf and encourage family interaction that builds lasting memories."



U.S. Kids Golf was started in January, 1997, as a solution to the problem its founder, Dan Van Horn, had when getting his kids into golf. His children, ages 3 and 6, were enthusiastic at first, but their interest quickly dropped.

"They weren't having fun," Van Horn recalls. "It seemed that they lost interest after only 15 minutes. At the time, I didn't know cutoffs and junior clubs were so heavy. They were not only hurting my kids' swings, but also their desire to play."

That's when Dan Van Horn began developing Ultralight Kidsklubs, designed to be 25% lighter than adult and most junior clubs, and formed the company U.S. Kids Golf.

Since then, parents and pros across the country and around the world have seen the incredible difference Ultralight and Performance Light Kidsklubs have made in their child's swing and enthusiasm for the game.



The U.S. Kids Golf Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization that was established in 2001. The vision of the U.S. Kids Golf Foundation is to provide kids and their families the opportunity to participate in the game of golf through instruction and competition. Today, the U.S. Kids Golf Foundation conducts over 600 local, state, regional, national, and international events.



World Championships



Played at Pinehurst Resort in Pinehurst, North Carolina, the home of American Golf, the U.S. Kids Golf **World Championship** is the largest and most prestigious event in the world for players 12 and under. This three-day tournament, held in the setting of tall southern pines and Donald Ross greens, attracts over 1,200 participants from across the United States and more than 40 countries abroad. Players, ages 5 to 12, qualify for the World Championship through Qualifiers, Local Tours, State, Regional, and European Championships, as well as performance in previous World Championships.



The U.S. Kids Golf **Teen World Championship** takes place in Pinehurst, North Carolina, the weekend before the World Championship. The world's best teen golfers, ages 13 to 18, tee it up on some of the best and most revered golf courses in America.

Many players in the Teen World Championship are regarded and sought after by collegiate golf coaches.

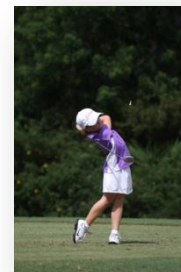
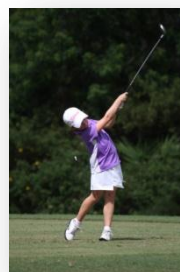
Local Tours & Qualifiers



In every sport, the engine that ignites a player's heart is the desire to compete. Competition at any level makes golf more fun.

The U.S. Kids Golf Foundation **Local Tours** are created to provide boys and girls, ages 5 to 14, the opportunity to advance their skills in the game in age appropriate competition without having to take the time, and incur the costs of having to travel long distances.

The Local Tours are part of U.S. Kids Golf's overall mission: to help kids have fun learning the lifelong game of golf at an early age and to encourage family interaction that builds lasting memories.



U.S. Kids Golf Foundation **Qualifiers** are one day events that offer boys and girls ages 5 to 14 the opportunity to qualify for Regional Championships, European Championship, World Championship or the Teen World Championship.

Qualifiers are played nationally across the country as well as worldwide in many international countries that range from South America, Africa, Europe and Asia.

Regional Championships

The U.S. Kids Golf Foundation **Regional Championships** are multiday tournaments that draw, on average, 250-300 participants per event. Regional Championships are typically scheduled around three day weekends and school vacations, making them ideal family trips. Currently, U.S. Kids Golf Foundation operates six Regional Championship Tournaments and is always seeking to add more.



European Championship



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The **European Championship** takes place over the span of three days at the home of golf's historic beginnings, East Lothian, Scotland. The notorious Scottish climate takes center stage as the weather can sporadically range from 75° and sunny to 45° and rainy. The elements truly test the resolve of the young golfers but in good Scottish tradition the competitors keep their scores low and their spirits high. Boys and girls ages 5 to 18, travel from around the world to walk in the footsteps of golf's founding golf courses including, Gullane, Craighelaw, Luffness New and Longniddry.

On the final day, the top two players from each age and gender 18-hole group face off in an exciting match play between the International and European players in a passionate battle for the Van Horn Cup.

The European Championship is a three day tournament played during the last week in May or the first week in June.



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The U.S. Kids Golf Foundation Local Tours were created to provide boys and girls ages 5 to 14, the opportunity to advance their golf skills and knowledge of the game through age appropriate competition at the local level. The U.S. Kids Golf Foundation relies on the dedication and professionalism of a carefully selected Local Tour Director to grow each Local Tour and increase overall participation. U.S. Kids Golf Foundation Local Tours resemble professional events and are played at quality golf facilities across the United States.

U.S. Kids Golf Foundation Local Tours: **An Overview**



U.S. Kids Golf is one of the few tournament organizations that encourage parents or other family members to participate as caddies. This allows younger kids to be less intimidated and encourages family interaction.



U.S. Kids Golf Foundation is committed to keeping the young golfers competing against players their own age and own gender. This allows fair play, a less intimidating environment, and an overall growth of the game.



Local Tour competitors play from shortened, age appropriate yardages to effectively build confidence, enhance pace of play, encourage lower scores, and maximize the overall enjoyment of the game. The Family Course Set Up actively ensures the future of the game of golf.

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Nationwide/Worldwide Program



Young players at the local level have an opportunity to qualify for our World and Regional Championships. U.S. Kids Golf competitors and their families, Tournament Directors and host courses can be an early beneficiary of our rapidly growing programs which have a local feel but also offer national and international opportunities.

Progressive Competition



There's a place for everyone -- from the beginner golfer to the established elite, and international player. Local Tours, Qualifiers, Regional Championships and World Championship provide goals for kids and help maintain their interest in the game.

World Championship



Based upon performance in Local Tours and Qualifiers, players earn the opportunity to play in The U.S. Kids Golf World Championship at the home of American golf in Pinehurst, North Carolina. The World Championship annually draws close to 1,300 of the best kid golfers from over 40 countries making it the largest golf tournament in the world for players ages 5 to 12.

Quality and Consistency



The U.S. Kids Golf Foundation is committed to providing a professionally run tournament to the players and their families. The quality of the golf courses selected and the consistency in operational support from the Tournament Director are fundamental in the success of a Local Tour.