

MEMBERS AND RETURNING PARTICIPANTS

Week 1 – Meet your Coaches & Classmates

For the first class of each season, we ask that you attend and participate *with* your child. Coaches are available to discuss specific goals, questions, and progress. Some orientations will be held in group format, and others individually (please let us or your coach know if you'd like to request a brief individual meeting). We will also have educational golf activities set up for players and their parents/guardians to play together (*no golf experience necessary, and all equipment provided*).

Where to Check In?

When you arrive, please look for The First Tee logo and staff. We operate in partnership but separately from the golf course and its staff, so it's best to find someone representing The First Tee. Players should check in on the daily roster and make the acquaintance of coaches and other players. Coaches will be there to meet players and their families, and provide a brief group introduction on day one, followed by individual orientation meetings (see above).

When to Check In?

Please arrive and check in *5 minutes prior to the start of every class*, and earlier if you have questions or need to obtain equipment for the day. Late arrivals will be welcome to join the group, but players late by 15 minutes or more may receive partial or no credit for that day's attendance.

What to Wear?

Most of class time is spent outdoors and in an active environment, so please dress accordingly. Traditional golf attire is welcome, as is athletic and casual sportswear. Tennis shoes are ideal, and all shoes must be close-toed (no sandals or flip-flops). If you're unsure about the weather, you may bring a jacket to store in the clubhouse in case you need it.

What to Bring?

We have plenty of golf equipment for every class, but you encouraged to bring your own clubs. Other essential items include: snack/water, outerwear, and any medical necessities (e.g., epipen, prescribed medication). Otherwise, it's best to bring as little as possible. *More information about acquiring golf equipment below.*

Attendance

Players are encouraged to attend as many classes per season as possible, and as their schedule allows, but absences are ok. Notice about anticipated absences should be given to the player's coach, and you are encouraged to make-up missed classes (see those guidelines). *Most classes are fully subscribed, and some with waiting lists, so please contact us if you plan to miss more than three or four classes this season.*

Make-up Classes

Players should attend only their scheduled class. In the case of an absence, however, a player may “make-up” that class at a different time during the same calendar week, but *no more than twice per season*. We ask that you consult the [class schedule](#) to find an appropriate make-up class (must be the same level).

Procedure: to check in, players should mark their name on the back of the class roster *and* on their regular daily roster to ensure accurate attendance records. Advanced notice to your Coach or Program Director is *not required*, but players and parents should check in and introduce themselves to the coaches prior to start of the make-up class.

Role of Parents

You are not expected to stay for class, but you are welcome to, and especially in PLAYer where supervision is important for on-course play.

We are in great need of volunteers. No golf experience is required. Opportunity to sign up as volunteer will be added to this site soon. In the meantime contact Kjell Carlsen 425 306 1881 or by email to: kjellxcarlsen@gmail.com.

Inclement Weather

With access to indoor and covered facilities, as well as written components to the Life Skills Education, *we rarely cancel class*, but in the event of rain or storms we may shorten the lesson. In that case, please check with a coach upon arrival or look for TFT signage that may indicate an adjustment to the regular class time. Classes will not be rescheduled, but players are welcome to make-up a class that has been cancelled.

Yardage Books

Each level has a specific Yardage Book, or written component to the curriculum. These are an integral part of our lessons and the certification process, and will be distributed in the first two weeks of the session to players who are new to the program or don't already have one. These books should be kept at home or in the player's golf bag, and will be used primarily outside of class time. Among other requirements, progression from one level to another requires completion of the Yardage Book, which may take as many as several seasons to complete. If you have any questions, please contact your coach.

Homework

Every week (or two weeks), players will be asked to complete a brief assignment, which may include a review of past lessons and an introduction to a new one. Please turn these in when you arrive for class. These may also include assigned pages from the Yardage Books (see above). Assignments are made available on homepage for the current class session, which you can find in your class session homepage.

Coaching Staff

Our classes are led by qualified staff coaches and volunteers, and while a player may have different coaches each season, we all work collaboratively to ensure a continuous learning process. If you have any questions or comments about the coaching or volunteer staff, and you are not able to discuss with them on site, please feel free to contact our office or the Program Director anytime.

Photography

Rain or shine, we are lucky to have many photogenic moments on the course, and we try to capture as many of those as we can. You can find many of these on our web site or on our Facebook page. We also invite you to share your photos on email to kjellxcarlsen@gmail.com

Family Sunday:

Each Sunday after 4:30 pm a The First Tee family of up to 4 players can play 9 holes for \$ 10. Check with the club house for available Tee times and identify yourself as First Tee members.