

# **First Tee – Greater Charleston COVID-19 Guidelines & Requirements**

*This document has been created for the safety of all players, parents, and coaches. Please help us create a safe culture by discussing the importance of mask-wearing, social distancing, and sanitizing at home.*

*A Zoom orientation call will be set up with parents prior to the first day of each program season to go over all requirements below and answer any questions.*

## **Culture/Etiquette**

- Cloth facial coverings will be required during check-in, pick up, individual coach-participant instruction, and group directives for coaches and players. Some on-course play and games will not require a facial covering for players as long as social distancing is followed.
  - Participants are expected to bring their own facial coverings to each practice. If they do not bring one, they will not be able to participate that day.
  - Participants are asked to keep their masks with them AT ALL TIMES during class. This could be with a gaiter around their neck, a lanyard connected to the mask, or a pocket to keep the mask in.
- Handshakes, high-fives, fist bumps, elbow bumps, and other physical contact must be avoided at all times, including during introductions, for encouragement, and at departure.
- All classes will cap at 8 participants (except for TARGET level classes, which are capped at 6 participants).
- There will be 3 coaches at each class:
  - All coaches will temperature check themselves before class begins
  - 1 Coach will be designated each day as a safety coach. His/her responsibilities include:
    - Car line-style check in and out
    - Sanitizing any equipment as it is used
    - Ensuring that participants remain at their designated, color-coded cones throughout activities
    - Making certain that all players are social distancing at all times and wearing their masks at required times
- Participants must bring their own water to class as communal water jugs cannot be provided during this phase of reopening. Please make sure it is labeled with your child's name, and he/she has enough water for the duration of the class.

## **Arrival and Check In**

- A car line will begin in the parking lot to drop off participants. The start will be marked by one of First Tee's social distancing signs.
  - Safety coach will walk to the front of the car line 5 minutes before practice begins to check in participants one-by-one and direct them to their color-coded cone for the day.
    - Please be respectful of golf course patrons. Many car line locations are located in parking lots. If you arrive early, please park in a spot until check in begins as not to block other cars.
  - Participants cannot get out of their car before directed by the safety coach.
  - Car line locations:

- Patriots Point Links: by the driving range pavilion
- Wescott Golf Club: at the bag drop area
- Charleston Municipal: by the putting green
- Shadowmoss Golf Club: by the putting green
- The Club at Pine Forest: at the clubhouse
- RiverTowne Country Club: on RiverTowne Country Club Drive, lined up along the practice facility
- Berkeley Country Club: at the putting green
- Wrenwoods Golf Course: at the clubhouse
- We prefer that families only transport children within their family and not carpool.
- All players will be temperature checked at arrival with a temporal thermometer. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will not be allowed to participate that day.
  - Coaches will primarily check temperatures on the inside of participants' wrists but may need to scan their foreheads if the thermometer does not read their wrist properly.
  - Any additional participants traveling with the 100.4+ degree participant will also be asked to leave for the day.
  - We will not issue any refunds or offer makeups for missed classes this season, due to smaller COVID-related class sizes.
- Participants AND their parents/guardians must wear masks during the check-in process, including temperature checks. Please have your child already in his/her mask when rolling down the window or exiting the car to be temperature checked.
- One Parent/Guardian is strongly encouraged to stay on-site for the duration of practice to assist with any health and/or inclement weather situations.
  - Unless hitting golf balls on the range or practicing on their own, Parents/Guardians are asked to remain in their car or watch the group from a distance.
- Once participants arrive at their colored cone for the day, they will be given hand sanitizer to use.

### **Equipment Sharing**

- When signing up for a class online, players will be asked if they need to borrow equipment. If you indicate "yes," you will be emailed prior to the class start date for your child's height and if he/she is left or right-handed.
- At no time should players share or touch one another's equipment. This includes but is not limited to – Ball markers, Pushcarts, Golf balls, Clubs, Tees, Towels, Apparel, Rangefinders.

### **During Class**

- Coaches will drive participants to a practice location in 6 or 8-seater golf carts. These shuttle carts will not exceed one participant per row and will only carry those individuals' golf clubs. Facial coverings must be worn during this time by coaches and participants.
- Hitting stations on the driving range will be set up at least 12 feet apart so that coaches will have room to work with participants while also remaining socially distant.
- Safety zones will be set up 12 feet back from the hitting stations so that coaches may walk freely in the area between the hitting and safety zones to coach while staying socially distant.
- Any time that a coach is working with a participant one-on-one, both parties must wear masks.

### **Inclement Weather**

- All players and coaches will shelter in their own vehicles if inclement weather begins during a class. (This is one of the reasons that all players are asked to have a Parent/Guardian present.)

### **Check Out**

- At the conclusion of class, a coach will walk to the start of the car line, designating that it is pick up time.
- Parents/Guardians must remain in their cars while waiting for their player.
- Players will wait at their cones (same cones where they waited upon arrival) until their Parent/Guardian is at the front of the designated car line, at which time they will walk over to their car to leave as directed by the Safety coach.
- All participants will use hand sanitizer before leaving.

### **Sanitary Precautions**

- Classes will be scheduled 30 minutes apart so that coaches will have time to sanitize all equipment, golf carts, and set up for the next class.
  - Participants may not arrive early and must wait in their car until class begins, at which time the Safety coach will go to the front of the car line to begin check-in.
- Hand sanitizer will be supplied during practice and use will be encouraged by the Safety coach throughout all activities.
- We will not be offering any class makeups or refunds due to individual missed classes this season. Our classes are all at their maximum capacity.

### **Preparing for When Someone Gets Sick**

- If someone associated with the program becomes sick, coaches and parents are expected to follow the [reporting guidelines outlined by the CDC](#). Meghan Taylor (meghan@firstteechs.org) will be the point of contact for parents to communicate when a person tests positive for COVID-19 or was exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
  - If a participant, volunteer, coach, or family member in the same household tests positive for COVID-19, he/she must report their positive status to Meghan Taylor. All coaches and participants who were present in that class or have been in subsequent classes with the coach in the infected class will be emailed and must either get tested or not return to programs for 14 days.
  - We realize, especially in the case of lead coaches, this may impact other classes, but safety is our top priority. Please note that there is only one scheduled makeup day for each class, which would be used in case of a COVID-19-related cancellations.