



## **NEW! Age – Based Program Changes and Registration FAQs**

### **Why are we changing our program from our current levels to be more age specific?**

Age-Based programming is necessary for recruitment and retention. Youth programs that target a wide age range of students often struggle with recruitment and retention of older youth (mostly high school age students). If youth feel that program experiences are repetitive year after year or are typically targeted to a younger audience, they will quickly find other activities to occupy their time, rather than returning to a program that is not fulfilling their needs (developmentally or emotionally) or challenging them to accomplish a new task or goal.

### **What are the age ranges for each group?**

Ages 7-9

Ages 10-11

Ages 12-13

Ages 14 and up

### **Why age-based vs grade?**

The age breakdowns are grouped together according to positive youth development best practices. These groupings are based on similarities in children's cognitive skills, physical and movement skills, language skills, as well as social and emotional skills, which will allow the curriculum and coaches to meet the needs of participants in developmentally appropriate ways.

### **Will age -based take the place of the current levels?**

Yes, participants will register by their age.



**Will certification still exist?**

Yes, we will still have certification, however it will be structured a little differently. Certification process will be associated with participants demonstrating and exhibiting observable life and golf skill behaviors.

**What if my child has never played before?**

Participants can now enter the program based on age instead of starting at entry level.

**Example: If your child is 10 years old they will register for the 10 – 11 yr old group; instead of the PLAYer class.**

**What if my child is returning to the program?**

Returning participants will register by their age group.

**Are Fundamental Fridays mandatory?**

Fundamental Fridays are informative golf session to enhance participants golf knowledge. This class not mandatory. However, spaces will be limited.

**What does my child need for class?**

Participants will be responsible for bringing all of their golf materials to each class and have them before class/golf match starts.

Items needed for class/match (All items can be purchased at First Tee – Augusta pro shop)

Golf Tees

Golf Balls

Ball Marker

Divot Tool

Golf Glove

Score Card

Golf Pencil

2021 Membership Card (Provided by Coach)

Golf Clubs/Golf Bag (If needed, coach will provide clubs during class.)



**Are parents allowed to watch classes?**

Yes, parents are always encouraged to support their participant during life and golf skill class and golf matches. However, unless authorized volunteer or coach parents are not allowed to talk to participant during class/match time. Unless a medical emergency we ask that parents stay in the fore caddie position.

**How can I volunteer with my child's class?**

We are always looking for parent volunteers to assist with classes and golf matches. If you are interested, please contact Coach Lashunda [lhall@thefirstteeaugusta.org](mailto:lhall@thefirstteeaugusta.org)

**How do I register?**

Visit [firstteeaugusta.org/registration/](http://firstteeaugusta.org/registration/)