



## Program Overview & Policies

### Welcome to First Tee – Silicon Valley!

Our mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values, and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.

### Stay Updated

- Our “Fore! Families” weekly email is sent each Tuesday providing specific information about upcoming events, deadlines, and opportunities.
- Our ‘Private Participant Page’ (PPP) contains parent resources, and video resources.
  - Visit our website, [firstteesiliconvalley.org](http://firstteesiliconvalley.org)
  - Click the PRIVATE button (top of the home page),
  - Click “Participants & Families” (password - Class22).
- Questions?
  - English - Tue-Sat (10am-6pm) [reg@ftsv.org](mailto:reg@ftsv.org) or 408.508.4880
  - Spanish – Saturday (9am-6pm) [lina@ftsv.org](mailto:lina@ftsv.org) or 408.508.4886

### Why We Exist:

- Building character to help youth succeed in life.

### How We Coach:

- Provide a supportive, safe, and positive environment where relationships can form and students feel welcomed, empowered, and included.
- Engage participants by creating an activity-based experience where participants learn and apply our life and golf skill curriculum through participation in our games.
- Deliver process-focused coaching to build a growth mindset among our participants.

### What We Coach

- Life skills and golf skills seamlessly integrated into golf games and activities
- Certifying life skills Classes - 27 life lessons throughout 5 levels:
  - **PLAYer (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and Up) = Nine Core Values**

- PLAYer Teen (6<sup>TH</sup> Grade and Up) = Nine Core Values
- Par (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and Up) = Communication and Self-Management Tools
- Birdie (5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Up) = Goal Setting
- Eagle 7<sup>th</sup> (Grade and Up) = Resilience Skills, Conflict Resolution, Advanced Interpersonal and Self-Management Tools
- Ace (9<sup>th</sup> Grade and up) = 4 Projects - Career Development, Post High School Education, Volunteerism, Advanced Mental & Physical Golf Training.
- Golf Skills - 9 Golf Fundamentals each with Factor of Influences
- Skills Advancement Classes – Offered to Par level & up. Designed for golf development. → Golf Rounds, Golf Play, Golf STEM

## **LSE Class Progression**

### Levels

- The First Tee has five levels (PLAYer, Par, Birdie, Eagle, Ace).
- The program starts at the PLAYer Part 1\* regardless of golf skills.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up should take PLAYer Teen
- Participants must complete the Part 1 & Part 2 class and each certification requirement to demonstrate they are ready for the next level.
- The progression is as follows:
  - PLAYer Part 1 → PLAYer Part 2\*
  - Par Part 1 (3<sup>rd</sup> grade+) → Par Part 2\*\*
  - Birdie Part 1 (5<sup>th</sup> grade+) → Birdie Part 2
  - Eagle Part 1 (7<sup>th</sup> grade+) → Eagle Part 2
  - Ace (9<sup>th</sup> grade+)

\*PLAYer Teen (6<sup>th</sup> grade and above) → \*\*Par Teen

\*Par Teen (6<sup>th</sup> grade and above) → Birdie Part 1

### Certification

- What goes into certification:
  - Convey all Nine Core Values
  - Exhibit core life lessons
  - Complete post class assignments
  - Complete certification of golf and life skills assessments
  - Be grade eligible (see above)
- When: Certification is done during lessons #6 and #7 of the season. (8 lessons per season)
- How to prepare: The following items are available on our PPP.  
Password: Class22

- Review sheets – provides certification requirements, book pages (Birdie and above), and information included on the written assessments.
- External Scorecard document and video – provides details on the playing (golf rounds) requirement for Par level and above participants.
- Core lesson videos – provides a description of each core lesson
- Golf Cue videos (PLAYer and Par levels) – provides a description of our golf cues for participants to practice outside of class.
- Repetition is encouraged. participants can spend 1-2 years at each level.
- We use “ready or not ready” for the next level instead of “pass or fail.”

## **Policies**

- Attendance - please inform instructor about absences one week prior
- Punctuality - arrive 10 min early to allow for a safe check-in.
- Late Policy - 1 min after class starts, participant will not be admitted into class.
- Attendance Policy – can miss up to 2 classes and still be eligible to move into the next level.
- Check In- parents/guardians walk students to and from the check in/out table
- Parent Responsibilities – Help participants absorb life lessons. Please stay 25 yards away from participants during class.
- Dress Code – Pockets, athletic shoes (no baseball, football, or soccer cleats).
- Clubs provided for all levels if needed. Par level & above are encouraged to purchase clubs. We have a club leasing program for those on financial aid and clubs available for purchase for everyone else. For more information, please contact [manny@ftsv.org](mailto:manny@ftsv.org)
- Rain Policy – class held rain or shine. We have a standing policy to cancel anytime it is raining consistently AND less than 50 degrees Fahrenheit OR if the air quality index is greater than 150 OR if there is lightning. We also use a heat chart to monitor the safety of class. Email [weather@ftsv.org](mailto:weather@ftsv.org) to receive an update on the day’s class status.
- Cancellation Policy – Full refund if you cancel registration before the published registration deadline. No refunds will be given if the cancellation is made after the registration deadline. You must email [reg@ftsv.org](mailto:reg@ftsv.org) to notify us of cancellation.

+ In the event of a public health emergency, we will follow guidance from the Santa Clara County Department of Health. Stay home if you are sick. Please review our safety document on the participant private page.

- Late admin fee - If registration occurs after the published registration deadline, a fee equal to 25% of the class fee will be incurred (this does not apply to waitlisted participants being placed in a class by FTSV staff).
- Full class payment must be received before participant can join the class.
  - In the case of a no-show on the first day of class (without notification\*), the participant will be removed from class and the next person on the waitlist will be admitted. \*notify by emailing [reg@ftsv.org](mailto:reg@ftsv.org)

### **Parent Responsibilities**

- Reinforce Core Lessons of the week at home - ask a coach or FTSV staff member and they will be happy to provide a recap of what was covered.
- Help your child absorb the life lessons. Be an active listener and a supporter.
- Do not carry your child's golf bag (help us to promote participant responsibility).
- Stay updated by reading the "Fore Families!" email each Tuesday.
- Check out our parent resources on our private page.

### **Opportunities**

- For Par level & above – Participants are offered several opportunities every year. Some opportunities are unique to FTSV and some are administered by TFT Headquarters.
  - FTSV – Scholarships, Seasonal Tournaments, Girls Golf, NCGA Youth On Course, Field Trips, Clinics, Speaking, Leadership Academies, Discount Cards and more!
  - TFT Headquarters – Scholarships, Leadership Academies, Tournaments, & more!
  - Visit our [Youth Opportunities](#) page for more info.

### **Volunteering**

- As a non-profit organization, we rely heavily on volunteer assistance.
- Volunteer coaches – assist as life and golf skill coaches. 1 class per week (same day each week) for 2.5 hours per class.
- Administrative volunteers - assist with check-in/check-out at our locations during season.
- Please go to <https://www.firstteesiliconvalley.org/about/volunteer/> and click on 'Volunteer Form' to get started. You must be through the onboarding process before: March 1<sup>st</sup> (Spring), June 1<sup>st</sup> (Summer), August 10<sup>th</sup> (Fall) or November 10<sup>th</sup> (Winter) in order to volunteer for the next session.

We look forward to meeting you this season!