



2021 Programming Protocols

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Preface

For the sake of this document:

All First Tee representatives on-site and involved in programming are referred to as “**coaches**,” whether they are full-time staff, part-time staff, adult volunteers, interns, or junior coaches.

All players engaged in the learning environment are referred to as “**players**.”

All procedures are based on the most recent guidelines provided by local government, and in this case for the state of Arizona. Guidance is subject to change over time, and based on the applicable jurisdiction(s).

Virus Prevention Procedures

Proper Hygiene:

Wash hands thoroughly (for a minimum of 20 seconds) and frequently (at least once before and after every class).

Hand sanitizer and facial tissue are available in high traffic areas.

Disinfect equipment and learning areas (see below).

Face Masks:

All coaches are required to wear face masks. We do not require players to wear face masks, but we do recommend them—especially for higher risk players.

6ft Distance and No touching:

Players and coaches are to remain 6ft away

No touching will be allowed of players, coaches, and equipment to limit contact tracing

Coaches and players are to use their words and demonstrate coaching activities

This is a great opportunity to showcase sportsmanship through words and gestures:

saying “Good Job,” giving “air high 5s”

Only exceptions to emergency situations will be allowed.

Health screening for coaches & players:

Each day of programming, coaches will provide the health screening below to all players and coaches.

If the coach or player fails the health screening they will not be able to participate in the class.

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Ask if:

Medication was used to lower temperature
Player has been exposed to anyone with coronavirus
Player is awaiting test results in the last 14 days
Check temperature (over 100.4 is considered a fever).

Pass:

No to all questions above
Temperature under 100.4

Fail:

Yes to any of the questions above
Temperature 100.4 or higher
If they fail, the player or coach will be required to leave.

Positive Case:

If a player or coach comes back with a positive case of COVID-19, then all staff and players will be notified of a positive case for contact tracing.
All coaches and players will be required to come back with a negative COVID-19 test before returning to classes.

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment:

Parents/Guardians are required to return a signed letter, acknowledging the review, understanding, and following of First Tee of Phoenix Protocols.

Equipment:

Clubs:

All players can bring their own clubs.
If a player does not have their own clubs, we will let them borrow clubs, which will be cleaned after use.

Golf Balls:

Each player will be given 1-3 golf balls to borrow for each class & then they will return them to be cleaned after the class over.
These golf balls will be used on the putting greens for that particular player.
There will be no exchanging or swapping of the golf balls. Players will keep their golf balls in their bag and will be the only ones able to handle them during programming.

First Tee Equipment:

After each class, coaches will sanitize all equipment, including cones, alignment rods, hula hoops, noodles, etc. used for programming.

At the end of each day, all sanitized equipment will be stored and labeled as Clean and Do Not Touch.

Bag Zone:

Each player will have a designated cone where they will keep their belongings.

This includes their bag, clubs, and water bottle.

There will be no sharing of any personal belongings.

Water:

Players are encouraged to bring their own water.

There will be no coolers or storage areas for personal water.

Players are to leave their water and other belongings in their coned area of the bag zone.

If players need water, or a refill, there will be coolers with water. Only coaches will be providing the water with gloved hands. No players are able to grab water, only coaches, as this will help keep contact low.

Provided Equipment:

For each class players will be provided golf balls, tees, and a ball marker as necessary to borrow or keep during each class.

Number of Participants

Players:

Depending on State of Arizona and Federal guidelines, at most there will be 20 players participating in a single programming class.

Coaches:

Depending on State of Arizona and Federal guidelines, at most there will be 7 coaches participating in a single programming class.

Parents:

Parents must remain outside of the learning environment, and encouraged to not loiter during class.

We understand that sometimes it is necessary to stay and wait for your kids during class. If this is the case, please keep your distance and we encourage parents and guardians to wear masks.

The goal is to limit the number of total participants at and around programming.

Drop-Off/Pick-up

Drop-off:

Parents will pull-up to the parking lot drop-off or walk up to the drop off area, where a coach will be present. Please either wait in the car or stay 6 feet apart while waiting outside until the coach is ready to receive the player.

When the coach is ready to receive the player, the coach will provide the health screening for the player to participate in the camp.

After the passed screening, players will be provided a designated cone where they will place their bag, water, snacks, etc. This cone will be in the First Tee - Phoenix golf designated area.

Pick-up:

At time of pick-up, a coach will be present dismissing players as their parents arrive for pick-up. Participants will wait in the designated area until their parents arrive.

Programming Classes

Hitting Stations:

Hitting stations will be 8ft apart with a safety zone hula hoop for those that are on-deck. At most there will be 2 players per station, with the goal of each player hitting from their own station.

Coaches will go over proper transition between hitting station and safety zone station.

Range Balls:

Each coach will provide each player with the golf balls they hit.

No player will grab or take their own set of range balls from the bucket.

Any left over range balls not hit, will be picked up and taken to the ball washer on the course facilities.

Chipping

Each coach will provide each player with the golf balls they hit.

No player will grab or take their own set of range balls from the bucket.

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Balls hit on the green or in the chipping area will be cleared by the coach using a club or other equipment.

No player will pick up or clear golf balls from the chipping area.

The left over range balls, will be picked up and taken to the ball washer on the course facilities.

Putting:

Players will use golf balls provided for putting (or use their own in some classes).

We will limit the use of golf holes during putting activities, utilizing faux holes and other targets to limit the high volume contact spots. Each player will have their own lane for putting, hitting putts to a faux hole.

For any partner activities, each player will keep in their own lane, and work with the player next to them, also in their own lane.

No lane crossing will be allowed.

If a player accidentally hits their ball into another lane, the coach will retrieve the ball for the player.

Transitioning:

Coaches will direct players in safe 6ft+ distance lines and walk with players to each station.

The coaches will stay with that group of players for the day.

Each day, players will work with a new coach to gain different perspectives

FAQ's

When should someone stay home?

If someone in your household has had any cold/flu symptoms in the past 72 hours.

People who are at a higher risk, including those: age 60+, with weakened immune systems, who are pregnant, and those with underlying health conditions including cancer, heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes.

What if a coach or player does not pass the screening?

Those who do not pass the screening are not permitted to participate, and must return home.

What if a coach does not comply with the guidelines?

Revisit the expectations and guidelines, and if the coach still does not comply, ask them to go home and/or call the Program Director to report the incident.

What if a player does not comply with the guidelines?

Revisit the expectations and guidelines, and if the player still does not comply, make immediate contact with a parent or guardian by phone. Report the incident to the Program Director.

How do we provide first aid or medical care while maintaining proper distancing?

In the event that medical care is required, that is the first priority. While the coach should not hesitate to follow First Aid & CPR procedures, including Check, Call & Care, they should first put on a face mask and disposable gloves.

What if there's an emergency, and evacuation procedures require us to gather in a smaller space or larger group?

In the event of emergency, where evacuation is necessary, the immediate physical safety of individuals and the group is first priority. Coaches should ensure that is taken care of, and then try to ensure COVID-19 prevention procedures are followed as possible.

Will the clubs provided need to be returned at the end of the camp?

Yes, the clubs provided will be lent to the player for the week of camp, and returned at the end of the camp.

Will there be ice buckets for players and coaches to keep their drink cold?

Unfortunately not. In order to keep personal items separate and to keep contact low, players and coaches will keep their items at their designated cone. Please plan ahead to keep water and other items cold.

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Resources (COVID-19)

[CDC Guidelines](#)

[OSHA Guidelines](#)

[Arizona Governor Guidelines](#)

[Arizona Department of Health and Safety](#)

Facility Specific

Aguila GC

Augusta Ranch GC

Briarwood Country Club

Desert Mirage GC

Cave Creek GC

Encanto / Palo Verde GC

Legacy GC

Lone Tree GC

Longbow GC

Papago GC

San Marcos GC

Talking Stick GC

TPC Scottsdale

Wigwam GC