



Birdie Certification Requirements

Participant must complete at least 48 hours of Birdie level programming to be eligible to complete certification process. Participants who have been enrolled in Birdie level classes prior to 2015 will receive 15 hours for each season enrolled. Beginning in 2015, participants will be credited the number of hours attended each season.

The Birdie participant must be able to complete the golf skills and the written portion of the certification exam as well as complete all exercises in the Birdie Yardage Book to become Birdie certified. The written part of the exam must be passed with a grade of 80% or higher.

Skills Exam: BIRDIE participants may attempt each skill test no more than 2 times in any one certification day.

Greens Hit:	Get the ball to stop on the green 3 out of 6 greens from 50-75 yards
Up and Down:	Complete a 6-hole up-and-down chipping or pitching course in a maximum of 21 strokes
Putting:	putt a 9-hole course in 25 strokes or less
Pace of Play:	Must be able to demonstrate appropriate pace of play, knowledge of rules and etiquette during playing classes
Play Requirements:	Turn in (5) 9-hole scorecards on day of certification with a score of 63 or under on a 1900-2500 yard course yardage.

**Written Exam: Birdie participants may attempt written test no more than 2 times in any one certification day.
(Two versions of test will be used)**

The following 7 points are topics covered on the written exam in multiple choice, true-false and fill in the blank questions

1. Identify The First Tee Nine Core Values taught throughout the season
2. Understand and implement The First Tee Code of Conduct
3. Have an understanding of The Rules of Golf, penalties and etiquette
4. Understand the importance of goal setting and the 4 steps for setting them
5. The importance of a "goal ladder" and STAR
6. The difference between match and stroke play, scramble, best ball, alternate shot formats
7. Be able to identify hazards and loose impediments throughout a golf course

Yardage Book:

1. Complete a minimum of two activities for each core lesson in the Birdie Yardage Book and turn in to The First Tee staff no later than the day of certification testing. (must be completed prior to certification)