



Certification Requirements

The various levels of First Tee are meant to mark growth both in life skills and golf skills. Progression through the levels will follow the order below:

Junior Links (5 & 6 year olds) → PLAYer → Par → Birdie → Eagle → ACE (high school)

All certifying levels of First Tee have both Life Skills knowledge and Golf Skills requirements to move on to the next level. The Junior Links level is for participants ages 5 and 6 and is *not* considered a certifying level. Participants will automatically be considered at the PLAYer level once they turn 7 years old.

Below you will find the requirements for each level that a participant must complete to move on to the next level. Requirements will vary by level but will increase in difficulty as the levels progress.

Junior Links

Non-certifying level, no yardage book required

PLAYer Level

24 hours of PLAYer Level programming

Completion of PLAYer Yardage Book

Pass 80% of the Life Skills and Golf Skills written assessment

Play Requirements – participation in play days during session

Putting – complete 9-holes in 30 strokes or less

PLAYer Level 12-18 Years Old

May certify out of PLAYer Level after one session

See 'PLAYer Level' certification requirements

PLAYer Level 12-18 Years Old on High School Teams

May certify out of PLAYer & Par Levels after one session

See 'Par Level' certification requirements

Par Level

36 hours of Par Level programming

Pass 80% of the Life Skills and Golf Skills written assessment

Completion of Par Yardage Book

Play Requirements – participation in play days during session

Putting – complete 9-holes in 27 strokes or less

Up/Down – 3-holes in 12 strokes or less

Fairways Hit – 2 of 6

Birdie Level

48 hours of Birdie Level programming

Pass 80% of the Life Skills and Golf Skills written assessment

Minimum of 2 activities per Core Lesson completed in the Birdie Yardage Book

Play Requirements – Five 9-hole rounds, score of 63 or less at 1900-2500 yards

Putting – 9-holes in 27 strokes or less

Up/Down – 6-holes in 21 strokes or less

Greens Hit – 3 of 6 from 50-75 yards

Eagle Level

60 hours of Eagle Level programming

Pass 80% of the Life Skills and Golf Skills written assessment

Minimum of 2 activities per Core Lesson completed in the Eagle Yardage Book

Play Requirements – Ten 18-hole rounds, score of 108 or less at 5000-6000 yards

Putting – 9-holes in 21 strokes or less

Up/Down – 9-holes in 30 strokes or less

Fairways Hit – 3 of 6, ball must travel at least 150 yards

Greens Hit – 3 of 6 from 80-100 yards

ACE Level

Minimum age of 14 or entering 9th grade

Participants work to complete 4 different projects