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**Malisone Chanthapanya, Samantha Gibbs, and Madison Le of
First Tee – Fort Worth, to compete in the Inaugural
First Tee National Championship**

*Chanthapanya, Gibbs, and Le will showcase golf skills among 48 other teens from across
First Tee network at The Walker Course at Clemson University on June 20-25*

[Fort Worth, TX] (June 20, 2021) – Malisone Chanthapanya, Samantha Gibbs and Madison Le of First Tee – Fort Worth will compete in the First Tee National Championship, June 20-25, 2021 at Clemson University. Malisone Chanthapanya graduated this spring from Saginaw High School where she played on both the golf and tennis teams. Samantha Gibbs will be a junior at Timber Creek High School where she plays on both the golf and softball teams. Madison Le will be entering her senior year at Mansfield High School where she plays on the varsity golf team as well. This first-ever event with a total of 48 players will bring together First Tee's elite golfers for an opportunity to showcase how the program has helped build the strength of character needed to play at the collegiate or next level. The tournament was postponed in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

While COVID protocols will be in effect, the 54-hole event will take place and the winners of each girls' and boys' divisions will be awarded with the Tattersall Cup and also will earn an exemption into the PGA TOUR Champions' PURE Insurance Championship Impacting the First Tee held at Pebble Beach Golf Links September 21-26, 2021.

"We are proud to see Malisone, Samantha, and Madison from our area compete in this inaugural event, which will provide them with a college level experience on and off the course" said Kevin Long, Executive Director of First Tee – Chapter. "Each of these girls has been part of our chapter anywhere between 4 and 13 years and we are delighted to see their growth over the years in character development as well as in level of play."

First Tee National Championship will be held annually at various college campuses around the nation providing First Tee participants the opportunity to network with others from across the country and take in the college experience.

Clemson University's The Walker Course is set to host the inaugural Championship. During the week, Malisone, Samantha and Madison will have the opportunity to hear from PGA Head Golf Professional Steve Scott on how his values intersected with his experience of finishing Runner-Up to Tiger Woods in the 1996 U.S. Amateur Championship.

The field includes 24 boys and 24 girls, ages 14-19, who were selected based on their golf skill, competitive golf experience and handicap. Players will come from 32 First Tee chapters across the country. (Full list below.)

First Tee – Fort Worth is a youth development organization dedicated to helping young people learn life skills and build character through the game of golf. First Tee National Championship is one of more than 10 national opportunities provided by First Tee headquarters to empower and motivate teens as they progress through the program and toward higher education opportunities. For more information on First Tee – Fort Worth, visit firstteefortworth.org. For more information on the tournament and First Tee, visit www.thefirsttee.org.

About First Tee – Fort Worth

First Tee – Fort Worth is a youth development organization focused on providing kids life skills and core values needed to be successful both now and in the future by introducing youth to the game of golf. Through the inherent values taught through the game and coach-youth relationships we look to instill self-confidence, resiliency, an appreciation for diversity, and inner strength in all of the youth we serve. First Tee – Fort Worth is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Our tax number is 20-5545252. All contributions are tax-deductible.

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