

The First Tour staff have been working to improve programming for the 2024 season. This document contains more information on these changes and why they have been implemented. This document may contain terminology that is confusing to those unfamiliar with competitive golf. Please reach out to the tournament director at TLe@firstteedallas.org with any questions.

Definition of active participant in regards to FTGD open enrollment programming

Even though golf is a regular part of programming, First Tee is not a golf program. We are a youth development program that enables kids to build the strength of character and life skills, golf is simply a tool we use to seamlessly integrate it into our delivery. The First Tee curriculum takes precedence over the opportunities offered within the program such as First Tour thus the requirements for participation has changed.

A First Tour 2024 membership will only be available to active First Tee Greater Dallas participants. To meet "Active" status in FTGD participants will need to have attended a minimum of two full sessions in the past year and continue to maintain that throughout the season. At least one of those sessions must be either the Fall 2023 or Spring 2024 session.

In order to maintain a First Tour 2024 membership participants must not go more than a year without taking two full sessions. With such a high demand for memberships and only 90 available, First Tour is being more selective on participant requirements this season. Only participants who are familiar with First Tee programming are eligible for memberships.

The "full sessions" in FTGD are listed below and are subject to change.

- Spring 8 week session
- Summer 4-6 week session (outdoor)
- Summer camp
- Fall 8 week session

FAQs

Q. Why don't the Indoor sessions count towards a participant's active status?

A. Since the indoor sessions are only 3-4 weeks and 60 minutes long, it does not allow for FTGD staff to cover enough curriculum that satisfies the active participation requirement.

Q. Does attending two sessions at the same time count?

A. No, it does not count. Only part of the First Tee curriculum is covered each session and we expect any First Tour participant to be familiar with the curriculum which can only be done by attending different sessions throughout the year.

- Q. I'm not able to take my child to class every week, are they able to get an exemption?
- A. No they are not. While First Tour is meant to be a fun tournament series, we still expect participants to practice and work on their game. If they are not able to take a 75 minute class once a week, they will not be able to put in the expected effort to progress. FTGD offers classes six days a week at locations all over the Dallas metroplex. Please reach out to your region's program manager if you need help finding a class that works for you.
- Q. How can I know if my child meets the active participant requirement?
- A. Email the tournament director at TLe@firstteedallas.org to check on their active status. If they do not meet active status you will receive a notification.
- Q. What happens if a participant does not maintain their active status?
- A. If a participant is not able to maintain their FTGD active status throughout the season, their membership will be suspended until the status is restored. If their membership is suspended for two sessions, their membership will be revoked.
- Q. What does it mean to have a suspended or revoked status?
- A. If a membership is suspended, you will not be able to register or participate in First Tour in any capacity. This includes but is not limited to, tournaments, events or the points challenge until the suspension is removed. If a membership is revoked, participants will no longer have one and will have to restart the membership process and be put at the bottom of the waitlist for a renewal.
- Q. I only recently learned about First Tee and my child hasn't taken any FTGD classes yet, are they eligible for a membership?
- A. No they are not. Since memberships are only available for active participants, your child will have to wait until they have attended two full sessions before being eligible for a membership. (full sessions are defined above)
- Q. We recently moved to Dallas and participated in First Tee programing at another chapter, is my child eligible for membership?
- A. Contact the tournament director at TLe@firstteedallas.org to verify eligibility from another chapter.