

## **First Tee - Aiken Weather Policy**

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**First Tee - Aiken programs are designed to be held outdoors. In the event of temperature extremes or inclement weather, our staff may decide to hold class indoors, make modifications to the lesson, and/or cancel programming.**

**Conditions that will be considered in the decision making process (but not limited to):**

Temperature

Humidity

Heat index

Wind Chill

Storms

Length of time outdoors

Adequacy of clothing of the children

Condition of the practice areas and golf course

Health and safety of staff, volunteers, families, and participants

### **Heat Advisory Guidelines**

#### **Programming Accommodations**

1. When the heat index reaches 95 degrees and above, coaches and participants will take extra water breaks in an air-conditioned environment. Indoor activities may be provided for extra relief. Participants are encouraged to keep water with them at all times. In the event of extreme heat, our staff may elect to cancel.
2. Staff and coaches will closely monitor the health and safety of adults and children. Any person who shows signs of heat exhaustion or overheating will be taken to an air-conditioned environment immediately and seek additional medical attention if warranted.
3. Staff and coaches should be aware of medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy (seizure), allergy, medications, etc. which places individuals at a high risk of heat illness. These conditions could be intensified if exercising in hot weather. Please inform our staff if your child has a medical condition that could be impacted by extreme temperatures.
4. Weather related absences are excused. Please use your best judgment in deciding if attending First Tee - Aiken programming in extreme temperatures is appropriate for your child.

### **Cold Weather Advisory Guidelines**

#### **Programming Accommodations**

1. Increased caution will be practiced when temperatures reach below 40 degrees including the *wind chill* factor. Coaches and participants will take extra breaks in a heated environment.
2. When the temperature falls below 35 degrees (including wind chill), lessons will either be conducted indoors or canceled.
3. Temperature considerations and proper clothing:
  - a. Below 60 degrees jacket or long sleeves recommended

- b. Below 50 degrees coat and long pants recommended
  - c. Below 40 degrees gloves and hats with previously recommended gear necessary
4. Weather related absences are excused. Please use your best judgment in deciding if attending First Tee - Aiken programming in extreme temperatures is appropriate for your child.

### **Rain, Thunderstorm, and Hurricane Guidelines**

#### **Rain**

1. Light rain will not impact programming. Please dress for the weather.
2. Heavy rain before or during programming may require our staff to cancel programming or move lessons indoors.

#### **Thunderstorm**

1. During programming - When lightning is within 10 miles, all First Tee - Aiken children and adults must return to the building immediately.
2. Forecasted to impact programming - If lightning is forecasted to impact programming and we know this information in advance, we will cancel class. See below for Cancellation Guidelines.

#### **Hurricane**

1. Hurricanes can impact one or more days of programming. Course conditions may be impacted for several days. First Tee - Aiken follows hurricane guidelines provided by the Aiken County Emergency Management Division. Hurricane related cancellations will be communicated by email.

### **Cancellation Guidelines**

#### **Communication**

- Weather decisions are evaluated daily. First Tee - Aiken staff will send cancellation information by email as soon as possible.
- We will use the email address provided at registration. Please contact Coach Kristy if you'd like to confirm/edit your email address.

#### **Make-Up Classes**

- If First Tee - Aiken must cancel several classes due to weather, we will make reasonable efforts to schedule a make-up opportunity. Very often, material lost in lesson cancellations can be accommodated in subsequent lessons throughout the course session. If make-up opportunities are needed and scheduled, they will be communicated by email.
- Refunds will not be issued due to weather conditions. If necessary, credits for future registrations may be provided on a case-by-case basis.