

Golf can be an effective supplemental intervention for children with autism. Participating in a golf program can increase self worth and confidence while providing new opportunities to develop and build friendships, relationships, and deeper ties to the community.

The Ernie Els #GameON Autism Golf Program is a 9-session golf program specially designed to teach children and young adults with ASD how to play the game of golf. There are 9 specially designed lesson plans in the curriculum along with an athletic assessment and warm up/fitness routine. Golf instructors will teach up to 16 participants, ages 6-21, the Ernie Els #GameON Autism Golf Program curriculum. Throughout the course of the program (2 sessions per week), students will exercise and work on new golf skills, while practicing specific autism learning concepts that are infused into every #GameON Autism Golf session.

Program Information:

- <u>Dates</u>: 9/1/2015- 9/29/2015 (2 golf sessions per week for 4 weeks)
- <u>Days/Times</u>: Golf sessions will take place every **TUESDAY/THURSDAY** from **4:00-5:30pm**. The first session is Tuesday, September 1, 2015.
- <u>Location</u>: Harvey Penick Golf Campus: 5501 Ed Bluestein Blvd. Austin, TX 78723
 P. 512-732-0380
- <u>Dress code</u>: Slacks and collared shirts are the standard required dress on golf club grounds. Jeans or denim is not permitted. Shirts must be tucked-in.
- <u>Lead golf instructor</u>: Michael Brice, The First Tee of Greater Austin Email: mbrice@firstteeaustin.org P. (512)-732-0380 ext. 203
- <u>Els for Autism contact</u>: Jen Hong, Program Assistant. Email: <u>jen.hong@ernieels.com</u> P. (561) 598-6199

Note: Registrants should be coordinated by Autism Society of Central Texas. Participants should be attended by a parent, teacher, or aide.

A signed player registration form is mandatory for all participants and should be submitted no later than **August 18, 2015**. Please fill out the information sheet as it will greatly help Els for Autism with program preparations. Please fill out and return to the Autism Society of Central Texas, Els for Autism golf coordinator- Suzanne Potts.



2015 GOLF PROGRAM PLAYER REGISTRATION – AUSTIN

Player Name:				Age:
Approximate heigh	nt:	Player is:	o Right handed	o Left handed
Golf Skill Level:	o First day	o Beginner	o Intermediate	o Advanced
Communicates:	o Verbally	o With pictures	o With a device	o Sign language
Receptive language capability:		o Full Sentences	o 1-2 words	o Gestures only
Special diet or alle	rgies?			
Additional information	tion golf instru	ctor should know:		

Release:

Please read the following release, kindly sign it, and return it to the Els for Autism staff in advance of the event.

By signing below I voluntarily assume all risks of loss, property damage, or personal injury, including death, that I may sustain or cause as a result of participating in the Ernie Els #GameON Autism[™] Golf Program, whether caused by my negligence or that of Els for Autism or its officers, agents or employees, and agree not to make any claim of any kind against Els for Autism its officers, agents or employees for any loss, property damage, or personal injury. I hereby bind other members of my family, my heirs and assigns to this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement.

Els for Autism may take photographs and/or videos of you or your child and other children, or teachers at the event to be used for educational, research, informational and fund raising purposes. I, the player or parent(s) or guardian(s) of the player (if under 18) named above hereby **GRANT** permission for the video tape or photographs which have been or will be taken at the Els for Autism event to be used in a manner that the Els for Autism deems appropriate, including but not limited to, research or educational purposes, fund raising events, community presentations, brochures, or website. This may include uses by The First Tee, PGA of America, PGA Reach, U.S. Kids or their designees.

Signature of parent/guardian

Date