

Comprehensive Guide to Starting a Team



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What is the NCCGA?

The NCCGA, owned and operated by the PGA of America, is the leading national entity supporting non-varsity collegiate club golf.

We support more than 300 schools and 10,000 students playing club golf every year.



Quick NCCGA Facts

- 28 Regions (And Growing!)
- 2-3 Tournaments per semester in each region
- Two National events per year
- Tournaments are 2 day/36 holes
- Clubs can bring 5-8 players per team + B/C/D teams
- Top 5 scores count towards team total each day
- Top teams receive bids to Nationals each semester

Expenses?

The NCCGA aims to keep costs as low as possible. Here are some standard costs for club golf teams:

- Team Dues: \$500 per semester), \$200 for each additional team
- Tournament fees: \$100-190 per tournament per player
- Teams budget for things like gas, hotels, and travel to regional events
- Nationals: ~\$400 per player + lodging and practice rounds

What are my first steps?

Contact Campus Rec

Contacting your school's club sports/rec department is the best way to begin the process of starting a club golf team. While the NCCGA does not require teams to be official with the school, being official can lead to funding from your university.

Traditional School Requirements

- Minimum amount of participating students
- A leadership board (President, VP, Treasurer, etc.)
- A budget
- A schedule of events
- Campus involvement
- Create a Club Constitution (optional)





How do clubs find players for my team?

Regardless of becoming official with the school, you will need to find players to play on the team:

- Talk with friends, fraternity members, classmates, etc. about golf and playing in tournaments or just joining for the recreational side
- Collect email addresses or phone numbers to contact members about practices and club meetings. Many clubs own a GroupMe for ease of communication.
- Speak with professors and administrators about helping find students
- Post in the class facebook groups and hang flyers
- Create a club social media presence to help market to new students
- Talk with the athletic department and varsity coaches about getting players
- Ask your local course PGA Professional about students who play golf. They can be a great resource, and some even volunteer their time as a coach.





Contacting a local course for play

Tips and Tricks

One challenge new teams have is finding a place to practice and play. Keep these tips in mind when finding a course:

- Contact multiple facilities. Depending on the size of the course and whether it is public or private, that can have a big effect on access. Be flexible - Getting a relationship with the closest golf course is nice but may be impractical.
- Look around campus within a 10-20 minute drive to see what facilities there are. Let the course know how many players you have, when you would be willing to play, and ask the course when they are the least busy.
- Provide options - When contacting a golf course about playing options, providing different options to the head professional will help them figure out a solution which can work. Options include memberships, discounted pay per round, range memberships only, 9 hole discounts, or even working relationships where your team can work at the course for playing privileges.
- Be personal - Going to the course and shaking hands with the golf professional is much better than trying to arrange a course partnership over the phone or email. Be kind, humble, and thankful.



Other Resource Links



Items of Interest

- [7 Fundraising Tips for Clubs](#)
- [6 Fun Fundraiser Ideas](#)
- [Sample Semester Budget](#)
- [How To Manage Your Budget](#)

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