College Disc Golf Club Starter Guide

Thank you for your interest in developing a College Disc Golf Club on campus! This guide was designed to help you through the process of starting or growing a College Disc Golf club.

Whether this is your first time starting a new club, reestablishing one, or you're just looking for ways to further your club, this guide will help you grow your student organization.

To learn more about College Disc Golf and to access more resources, visit our website: CollegeDiscGolf.com.

Also, feel free to reach out to us at info@collegediscgolf.com. We are here to help!

John Baker
Development Manager
College Disc Golf

Table of Contents

What is College Disc Golf ? 6
What is Disc Golf? 6
Getting started 7
Recruitment and retention 8
Establish means of communication 10
First meeting 10
Leadership roles 11
Courses 12
Equipment 12
Become accredited with your college or university 13
Insurance 13
Fundraising 14
Competition 16
College Disc Golf Season 17
Season wrap 17
Club marketing guide 18
Sample practice schedule 19
Sample Flyer 20
Sample letter to college administrator 21
Sample bylaws 22
Sample budget 23
Sample sponsor flyer 24

What is College Disc Golf?

The governing body for all of collegiate disc golf, College Disc Golf, is the only organization devoted entirely to collegiate disc golf. The organization oversees all Collegiate Disc Golf events and the crowning event, the College Disc Golf National Championship. The National Collegiate Disc Golf Union was founded in 2007 to produce a tournament specifically for collegiate disc golfers. The organization has since grown to include College Disc Golf, with a goal to develop collegiate disc golf in colleges throughout the US and abroad. For information regarding College Disc Golf membership, our event schedule, and any additional information visit www.CollegeDiscGolf.com.

What is Disc Golf?

Disc golf is played much like traditional golf. Instead of a ball and clubs, however, players use a flying disc, or Frisbee®. The sport was formalized in the 1970's, and shares with "ball golf" the object of completing each hole in the fewest strokes (or, in the case of disc golf, fewest throws). A golf disc is thrown from a tee area to a target which is the "hole". The hole can be one of a number of disc golf targets; the most common is called a Pole Hole® an elevated metal basket. As a player progresses down the fairway, he or she must make each consecutive throw from the spot where the previous throw has landed. The trees, shrubs, and terrain changes located in and around the fairways provide challenging obstacles for the golfer. Finally, the "putt" lands in the basket and the hole is completed. Disc golf shares the same joys and frustrations of traditional golf, whether it's sinking a long putt or hitting a tree halfway down the fairway. There are few differences, though. Disc golf rarely requires a greens fee, you probably won't need to rent a cart, and you never get stuck with a bad "tee time." It is designed to be enjoyed by people of all ages, male and female, regardless of economic status.

-PDGA

Starting your disc golf club checklist

- ❏ **1. Subscribe to CDG emails on the College Disc Golf Website**
  - ❏ Visit CollegeDiscGolf.com and subscribe with the email popup.
- ❏ **2. Prepare**
  - ❏ Give yourself time.
  - ❏ Start in the Fall.
- ❏ **3. Recruit**
  - ❏ Convey what they'll get and deliver a strong message.
  - ❏ Highlight benefits; social, athletic, and competitive.
  - ❏ Use established members as recruiters. Create literature to hand out.
  - ❏ Attend **all club days and campus activities.**
  - ❏ Purchase our recruiting kit.
  - ❏ Advertise using flyers, posters, and other media.
  - ❏ Use your school resources - check with student activities office.
  - ❏ Promote on social media
- ❏ **4. Retain**
  - ❏ Introduce new players.
  - ❏ Structure your practices and create a positive environment.
  - ❏ Mentor new club members and provide positive feedback and encourage them.
  - ❏ Encourage the social aspect. Create a bonding experience.
  - ❏ Provide new players with extra attention
- ❏ **5. Encourage Communication**
  - ❏ Acquire everyone's contact information and update accordingly.
  - ❏ Respond promptly and keep everyone up to date.
  - ❏ Create and release a schedule.
  - ❏ Use social media (create a Whatsapp chat or Facebook group)
- ❏ **6. Hold your first meeting**
  - ❏ Schedule it early in the fall semester.
  - ❏ Set the tone and define your goals for the year.
  - ❏ Have an agenda. Plan your entire meeting.
  - ❏ Organize your club leadership and highlight strengths of your members.
- ❏ **7. Establish your club vision and mission**
  - ❏ What is your ideal experience?
  - ❏ Are you competitive focused or more about the social aspect?

- ❏ Will you need tryouts?
- ❏ Will you compete in any events? When?
- ❏ What is the level of commitment you expect?
- ❏ Are there expectations outside of practice?

❏ **8. Identify club needs**

- ❏ An advisor or coach
- ❏ Student Leadership
- ❏ Start thinking about your budget and the funding you'll need.
- ❏ Social Media/Website
- ❏ Club sports requirements

❏ **9. Schedule your events!**

- ❏ Practices
- ❏ Fundraisers
- ❏ Conference events of other competitions

❏ **10. Establish membership requirements**

- ❏ How much are dues?
- ❏ How many events will you attend?

❏ **11. Budget**

- ❏ Use our sample budget
- ❏ Estimate your costs and income

❏ **12. Establish Leadership**

- ❏ Coach
- ❏ Captains
- ❏ President, VP
- ❏ Treasurer
- ❏ Secretary
- ❏ Technology
- ❏ Fundraising
- ❏ Recruiting
- ❏ Club Sport

❏ **13. Gain accreditation**

- ❏ Reach out to your sports club department or student life office.
- ❏ Determine the process to gain official club status.
- ❏ Do this as soon as possible.
- ❏ Establish bylaws, constitution, and any other required documentation.
- ❏ GET FUNDING!!!

Starting your club

Be Ready

Starting you club can be difficult, but with the support of new members and a little determination it can be a very rewarding experience. Students are looking for hobbies and ways to make friends. They want to play disc golf! And once they start, you know they'll be obsessed!

Beginners may feel a little anxious, shy, or doubtful of their abilities. In order to obtain new members for your club, it is important to create a fun and welcoming atmosphere for potential members. If you create a positive experience and influence their desire to play disc golf, they will want to participate in your club.

Give yourself enough time to work out everything that comes along with starting a new club. You will need at least a few weeks to work out all the logistics for starting your new club. The more you prepare, the better the experience will be for potential club members.

Recruit!!

It can be a struggle to acquire enough players in your club to hold practices and travel to tournaments. Most often the hardest part isn't getting players to come out to practices or club events, its retaining those players. You retain players by creating an environment they would want to return to.

During the fall semester is the best time to start your club. Most students are searching for things to do and there are a lot of opportunities to get the word out about your club.

Recruiting

Recruiting is an important aspect of any successful club. When you're recruiting new members you want to convey to them what they'll get out of joining your club. You want to deliver a strong message that highlights the athletic, social, and competitive aspect of joining a disc golf club.

Here are a few key points to focus on:

- Get everyone involved. You want your entire club spreading the message about the club and the sport of disc golf. Get some information together that each club member can have at hand to give out. Each club member should also be knowledgeable about the club and disc golf to answer any questions a potential member might have.
- Talk with everyone you can. This means take advantage of club days and any activities on campus to get your club in front of the student population.
- Purchase our recruitment kit. We provide your organization with all of the tools necessary to promote your club. This includes displays, brochure templates, promotional materials, and other goods to help promote your club.
- Advertise about your club. Get the word out on campus using flyers, posters, and any other media you can create.
- Figure out your target audience. Is it athletes? Who is your main focus?
- Use school resources. Many universities have resources set up to help their clubs and organizations. Check with your Club Sports director.
- Take to social media. Produce videos, pictures, and other creative posts to generate a buzz about your club.

Retention

Getting new players to come to meetings and practices will not be very difficult. The challenge will be keeping these players active with your club. Engaging a new player's interest and keeping that interest in the club will require hard work and

creativity. Here are a few suggestions to help you retain more players:

- Introduce the new players. When potential club members come to participate, introduce them. This can be a way of welcoming them to the club and will make them feel like a part of your organization.
- Organize your practices. The more structure and organization that goes into your events, the more new members will enjoy the experience.
- Create a positive learning environment. To engage new players in the sport and your club, help them strive to be better players. If they are learning something new, reinforcing their effort in a positive way.
- Mentor the new club members. Make sure the higher skill players are spending time helping to develop the newer player's skills.
- Help them feel successful. If a new member or player does something well, make sure to highlight that with positive feedback. And, if they do something wrong, don't criticize them too much.
- Create a bonding atmosphere. Promote the social aspect of joining the club. You should focus on building friendships and positive relationships.
- Provide the new players extra attention. Make sure to spend one-on-one time with them. Use this time for instruction or to simply build a friendly relationship.

Establish Means of Communication

Creating a seamless method for communication will be crucial. You want your club to stay active and up to date with all the information regarding club activities. There are a few simple ways to do this:

- Acquire everyone's contact information. Keep a current contact list and circulate it to all club members.
- Respond to inquiries promptly and keep everyone up-to-date with club activities. Publish a schedule of all upcoming events and make sure everyone in your club is aware of upcoming events.
- Use social media to your advantage. One of the easiest ways to create an open line of communication for your club is to create a Facebook group.

FIRST MEETING

Your first meeting should take place early in the year to set goals and provide direction for your team. This is the beginning of your club and will set the tone for the rest of the year.

Meeting Logistics

Your first meeting should take place early in the year to set goals and provide direction for your team. This is your opportunity to set the tone for your club and determine the goals your organization wants to accomplish. Here are a few tips to guarantee your first meeting a success:

- Organize your club and identify strengths. This is your opportunity to untie your club and to begin working towards common goals.

- Carefully plan every aspect of your meeting. It is very important to have a clear vision of how you want your first meeting to go.

Define Club Vision

Establishing the club's vision will provide the group with a focus and form a foundation for your club from which many future decisions will be based upon. Visions vary from club to club. You may choose to announce the club vision or you may choose to determine the club vision based on responses from the players. Just remember that club buy-in is important. Things to consider when determining your club's vision may include:

» What is your ideal club experience?

» Will there by tryouts?

» Will you compete in tournaments?

» When is your playing season?

» What would you like to accomplish as a club?

» Will you allow practice players that don't wish to compete?

» What level of commitment is expected from individuals?

» What are expectations outside of practice?

» Will there be a focus on the social aspects of being a club?

Identify Club Needs

The needs for each club vary. Work with your club to determine needs and brainstorm solutions. Following are some suggestions for things that most clubs will need to address. For more information about these needs, see the section on Leadership Roles.

» Coach

» Leadership

» Funds/Budget

» Fields/Insurance

» Web/Tech

» Player Logistics

» Competition Logistics

» Club Sports

Schedule

Everyone is here because they want to play! If a course has been secured then establish a practice schedule. At a minimum determine a time and meeting place to get together and throw.

Wrap Up

Everyone should leave this meeting with a clear understanding of what is coming next, what their responsibilities are, and what it means to be a part of the club. Come prepared with information and/or handouts to help answer questions participants may have. Some questions may include:

» What is the estimated cost for someone to play?

» Where might you travel for tournaments?

» What equipment do you need to play and where can you get it?

» Will there be financial support from the school?

LEADERSHIP ROLES

It is important to identify clear leaders for the club. It is likely that some roles have already been determined. But getting the club's involvement is important. You can't do it all yourself! Sharing responsibilities gives individuals an invested interested in the club and leads to club buy-in. There are many leadership structures that can exist. The key is to find the model that works best for your club.

Coach

Not all clubs have coaches. In fact, most don't. But many clubs do and it is becoming more widespread. It is not difficult for clubs to see the advantage in being coached by a more experienced player who is not a part of the club. Coaches offer perspective, experience, and they lessen the responsibilities of players on the club so that they can in turn focus on their own game. Because coaches are not playing, they can spend more time watching and providing feedback to the club and individual players. A coach is generally not looked upon as a peer like a captain may be. This means that club members are more likely to welcome their feedback and less likely to take suggestions for improvements personally. A good coach is an asset to any hard working club. If you don't have a coach, it is recommended that you ask around to see if you can find someone whose willing to fill that role. Past college players, current and past club level players that are in your area make the best candidates. Check with your local clubs and organizations.

For many clubs, the responsibilities of the coach may include:

» Planning/running practices. Each practice should be structured to best meet the needs of the club.

» Calling subs. This is often only done at tournaments and it is something your team may or may not choose to do.

» General club management (ensure other roles are handled).

Captains

Whether or not there is a coach, it is important to select a captain and co-captain for the team. If there is not a coach, then captains will often undertake the responsibilities outlined in the coaches section above. If there is a coach then s/he may take on these jobs or they may be divided up amongst the captains and coach. Even if there is a coach to take on all of these responsibilities, the roles of the captains are still an important component of any team. Captain's work with the coach to determine plans that are in the best interest of the team. They will often call positions on the field, inspire club members with psych-up speeches or cheers and should always lead by example.

Additional Club Roles

Club work is essential to any successful team. Therefore, it is important to get your club members involved in the work and sweat that goes into building a club. Following are some ideas for roles that may need to be filled on your club. Many of these roles are simple and may be combined with other tasks. Some of these roles are ideal for one person while others may be best accomplished by a committee.

» Treasurer. Responsible for determining and collecting club dues, maintaining the club budget, and writing checks for club expenses. Applies for club funding through the school.

» Fitness/Workout Planner. Should have knowledge of best fitness practices. Organizes club workouts outside of practice. May include throwing/skills work, track runs, stretching, etc.

» Courses. Responsible for finding courses for club practices and club events.

» Club Sports. Primary contact for the club sports department. Works to register club as a school club sport and obtain benefits available to affiliated programs.

» Listserv. Manages the club listserv maintaining easy communication amongst club members.

» Website. Create and maintain club website. College Disc Golf offers space for you to sell merchandise, organize events, and many other features. Check www.CollegeDiscGolf.com for more information.

» Fundraising. May be best done by a committee. Responsible for suggesting and organizing opportunities for the club to raise money. See the section on Fundraising for more details.

» Uniforms/Equipment. Orders club uniforms and equipment. May work with the fundraising person to order club merchandise that can be sold to raise money.

» Competitive Planner. Proposes a tournament schedule to the club. Submits entry fees to secure the team's spot.

» Travel Planner. Reserves hotels and cars for team travel. Organizes and provides directions and other logistical information to the team.

» Social Planner. Plans club activities, dinners, outings, etc. Promotes club bonding.

» Recruiting Committee. Actively recruits players throughout the year.

Courses

It is important to ensure that you have access to courses you can use for practices. Regularly scheduled practices are important to your club's success. Consistency in practice times and locations makes it more likely that players will attend. A general recommendation is that you practice at least twice a week before and/or during the competitive season. Some colleges have courses on campus. But if not, check the PDGA course directory at www.pdga.com/course-directory to find a course in your area.

EQUIPMENT

Fortunately, disc golf is a relatively low-cost sport to play. Not much is needed to get started. Clubs may find information about purchasing equipment at henry@collegediscgolf.com.

Club Equipment

Having the proper equipment before you get started is critical to the club's safety and fun. At a minimum club equipment will include a basket and discs. It should include enough discs for new players, although it may be reasonable to expect each player to bring their own discs. Having club discs ensures that there will always be plenty available at practice and your ability to execute drills correctly will not depend on individuals bringing them.

Player Equipment

It is also important to consider an individual player's equipment. All a player really needs to get started are discs. Many new players will show up to practice with an ultimate disc. It is a good idea to encourage players to purchase disc golf discs as soon as possible. Playing disc golf with a Frisbee has several disadvantages. When throwing a Frisbee, players cannot throw very far, make accurate shots and are more likely to get frustrated. They also have a hard time playing against others who are throwing golf discs. Players with the appropriate discs will have a better experience on the course and are more likely to return.

Become Accredited with your College or University

It is important to pursue accreditation with your school. While accreditation may not be necessary for you to play, this recognition will bring you additional benefits and earn your club respect with school officials. Meet with your Club Sports Director to discuss the process you must follow to become an official club sport. You should do this as soon as possible as there may be a waiting period, voting process, or other administrative requirements to apply. Some things you may need to do to become an official club sport include:

» Establish club bylaws. They may have an example for you to use or you can use the one provided in this manual.

» Name a faculty advisor for your club.

» Establish and elect club officers.

» Establish a budget. A sample budget of costs associated with starting a new disc golf club is included in this manual.

» It is recommended that you identify a club sports manager on your team that can maintain the relationship between the team and the school.

Information about disc golf for the School Administrator

While most schools are familiar with disc golf, occasionally there may be a Director that doesn't consider it a legitimate sport. This perception may be due to a lack of knowledge about disc golf. If this is the case with your school, there are several handouts included in the team development kit designed to bring school administrators up to speed with the legitimacy of our sport. Share that information with your Club Sports Director. These forms (About disc golf, About College Disc Golf and the School Administrator letter) are also available online at www.CollegeDiscGolf.com. The hope is that with information about how widespread the sport is and how College Disc Golf is working with others to provide additional opportunities to play, your Director may see the benefits of including and supporting a disc golf club.

College Disc Golf Conferences and Events

Organizers can apply to have their leagues, series, and tournaments approved by College Disc Golf as a Collegiate Disc Golf Conference, Qualifier, . For more details about applying to run a Qualifier go to www.CollegeDiscGolf.com/season.

Fundraising

While playing is rather inexpensive because of the minimal equipment needed, players will often need financial assistance to travel and compete. You will find ways to cut costs when necessary. However, it is always good to plan for a revenue source in order to keep your club going.

There are many ways a team can earn money. It is important to get everyone involved. After all, everyone hopes to benefit from the revenue. Following are a few suggestions (see sample budget included in this manual) for ways in which teams can get their revenue. But don't let this limit you. Be creative in developing ways for your team to raise money.

» Events

» Merchandising

» Sponsorship

» Pledges

» Team Dues

Events

Events can provide a great revenue source for teams. The key is to be sure they are carefully planned and well publicized. Select a date when participants are likely to attend. This will differ depending on the type of event. Consider free weekends when people will be around, holiday times for themed events, or soon after a major team victory. Announce the event well in advance.

Typical fundraising events include hat or regular team tournaments. But disc golf players often enjoy The first thing you should do is create a list of local businesses that may be interested in sponsoring your team. Small, locally owned businesses are more likely to contribute than big businesses. Determine what the sponsor may be able to provide for you (if something other than cash) and participating in other disc sports. Consider competitions with alternative games.

A good event will require some money be spent up front. Participation fees will offset these costs and provide extra for the team.

Well organized raffles can also be a great source of revenue. It is ideal to coordinate them with an event where the prize will be announced. Many of your teammates may have access to different resources. Consider raffling items or services such as discs, t-shirts or team gear, massages, dinners, artwork and more.

Merchandising

Selling team merchandise is one of the easiest ways to earn team money. This is an opportunity for family and friends to show their support. Items that are generally easy to sell are discs and team shirts. But also consider hats, hoodies, pants, wristbands, etc. Have a talented local player help create a team logo or design. Find a manufacturer that offers good rates and you can double the cost that it took to purchase them.

Sponsorship

Soliciting local sponsorship can be a great way to raise money for the team. But if not done properly, it can amount to a lot of work with little results. Many local businesses have a budget for sponsorship or donations. The key to being successful is to do your homework and execute a well-researched plan.

Also think through what you can provide to the sponsor.

Sponsorship should be beneficial to both the recipient and the sponsor. Most sponsorship includes financial support; however, in-kind gifts can be helpful as well. In-kind gifts that might be

useful for a team include jerseys, uniforms, practice gear, equipment, food, sports drinks, and travel discounts. In exchange for sponsorship, a business hopes to enhance its public image and gain access to a wider audience. How can you help them do this? Advertising and promoting their business can be done in many ways. Put their logo on your uniforms, in any printed material you may produce and on your website if possible. Promote them through word of mouth. Perhaps you can host a weekly team social at a sponsoring bar or restaurant.

Disc golf players wear a lot of hi-tech gear. Your team could purchase this gear at the local sporting goods store. Be creative when considering why a business may want to sponsor you.

Now that you know who to target, you should develop a sponsorship package. Following is the information you should include in a sponsorship package.

» Information about disc golf (available from the PDGA.)

» Information about College Disc Golf.

» History of your team and its mission statement (see sample flyer)

» Pictures of your team showing team spirit, competition and/or receiving awards

» Schedule including practices, games and tournament participation

» Results (if positive or show growth)

» Personalized letter explaining the reasons for the partnership. What will the sponsor get for their investment and what type of support do you hope to receive?

Start soliciting sponsorship in the fall if possible. Give yourself ample time to follow through with your bargain. If logos need to be screen printed on uniforms, you will want to do this before your competitive season starts. Personal contact is the key to making connections. Don't mail the packages. Find out specifically who you should direct your proposal to, and hand-deliver your package. Follow up on your visit within a week. Call the contact and remind them of your proposal. Offer to answer questions. After you have received sponsorship, be sure to keep up your end of the bargain. Follow through with the agreement. Send updates throughout your season. Make sure to send a thank you along with a summary of your accomplishments at the end of the season. Explain how important their support was and what it helped you accomplish. Follow-through and follow-up is important to potential future sponsorship.

Pledges

Consider setting up a Pledge for Points system. An example of how this might work is you ask team supporters to pledge a certain amount of money for how many strokes under par your team finishes. So for example, if a person has pledged $1 per stroke and your team finishes -20 then that person would owe you $20 for that tournament. To organize the pledge and make it more interesting for the person making the pledge, you can provide a list of tournaments you will be playing in, team rankings for each event, and online score postings soon after the event. Pledges offer a fun way for supporters to get involved and follow along with the progress of the game.

Team Dues

Collect money from team members at the beginning of the season. This will provide the team with funds to front for tournament fees, team jerseys, merchandise, etc. It's often easier and more effective to estimate an individual's cost to participate on the team for a year and collect the money once rather than each time a situation arises in which you need to pay for something.

Competition

As a club you should decide what you would like your competitive season to look like. Competition can come in many forms. Your team will want to compete at some level, otherwise what's the use of practicing? Visit our website at www.CollegeDiscGolf.com/season for information about College Disc Golf events in your area.

You can also choose to play at the local level. This will eliminate the need to travel. However, it will most likely be up to you to organize the events. You can contact other college teams and form a conference to arrange regular competition.

By joining a College Disc Golf conference, you can compete in regular season events and Conference Championship. These organizations will vary to a wide degree. Small conferences may only host a few local teams (minimum of 3) while larger conferences can host (maximum 10) teams. The only competitive college series of tournaments available are hosted by College Disc Golf. You can find information about participating in the College Disc Golf season section included in this manual.

PDGA Sanctioned tournaments offer another opportunity for competition. You will find many opportunities to attend tournaments near you.

College Disc Golf Season

College Disc Golf's 2019-2020 Season is comprised of Regional Qualifier events followed by the College Disc Golf National Championships. Participation in the regular season is required for teams who wish to qualify for the CDGNC event. The College Disc Golf Season is a sequence of tournaments leading up to the College Disc Golf National Championships (a.k.a. Nationals). The season takes place in the spring and fall of each year and is comprised of events across the US. Any college team, provided that all players meet the eligibility requirements, may compete in any tournament.

The top teams from each qualifier event then qualify for the National Championships, a four-day tournament usually held in April every year. A maximum of 144 teams may play at Nationals but only 36 qualify for the National Championship Flight. Schools that want to field more than one team, can register their additional teams to compete in the First Flight or Second Flight Division.

Teams must register with College Disc Golf in order to earn a bid for Nationals.

For Nationals, each player on your roster must be a College Disc Golf member, a PDGA member, and meet College Disc Golf's eligibility requirements. In order to make sure your team follows the rules for competing, review the details regarding eligibility guidelines and how to register at www.CollegeDiscGolf.com. For additional information on participating in the qualifier season, the National Championships, or registering your team with College Disc Golf please review the information online at www.CollegeDiscGolf.com or contact info@collegediscgolf.com.

Season Wrap Up

Organize a special game or social event at the end of the season to highlight the team's triumphs for the year.

Be creative, make the event fun. Encourage non-participating students to be a part of the future team.

With the end of each season comes an important time to evaluate your program. Determine what has worked and areas for improvement. Take notes, distribute a survey and make plans for modifying the program. Remain open-minded to suggestions. Your efforts to continue to improve the program and find ways to involve new students each season will ensure the program's success and growth.

Marketing Guide

Team Logo & School/Team Name Here

Your team needs you to bring in new players and help secure its future! Current players spreading their passion for disc golf by word of mouth is the best recruiting tool we have. Please get out there and talk with everyone you meet about the sport of disc golf and why it's so awesome. Don't miss these opportunities to incite interest in a potential new player.

Here are some ideas for things you can talk about that will help convey your excitement about being part of our disc golf club. When talking with others, imagine all the reasons why you play. There is no bigger selling point than talking earnestly about why you enjoy the sport. Consider why others may be hesitant to play and address those concerns.

Talk about these things when recruiting for the team:

» Is a real sport that is played at the local, national and international level

» Has an awesome culture which is why it is such a cool sport today

» Is governed by College Disc Golf which hosts the competitive college season

» Costs a lot less than other sports to play

» Is structured so that even new teams have the opportunity to compete at the national level

» Allows new teams to rise to the top fast

» Focuses on sportsmanship

» Is played by more than 2 million people in the U.S. (as reported by PDGA).

» Provides people of all sizes an opportunity to excel as a player

» Will get you in shape and keep you fit

About your club:

» Closely bonded, has a lot of fun together

» Will give you instant friends

» There are no tryouts, everyone is welcome.

» No experience is necessary

» Can work with your schedule and will allow varying levels of commitment

» Will give you the opportunity to travel around the country and play with friends

Sample Practice schedule

This sample practice schedule can give you an idea of how to spend your time. Remember that you want practices to be structured so that people stay interested and don't feel it is a waste of their time.

0:00 Start. Practice throwing while teammates arrive and get ready.

0:15 Introduction/Welcome/Quick mention of the plan/goal for the day.

0:20 Warm-up. Prepares participants for activity and helps minimize injuries.

0:30 Skills and drills.

1:00 Sprints or other exercise.

1:15 Practice Round

2:45 Wrap-up. Address questions and talk about what's ahead.

3:00 End.

TIPS

» Playing several short rounds of 9 holes or less which focus on particular aspects of the game are often more effective than single, long rounds.

» Involve local professionals or highly skilled players. The addition of skillful instruction can improve your technique, strategy, and form your team into better players.

Sample Flyer

Interested in playing disc golf?

Everyone is welcome to join

There are no cuts

We are the <school name> Disc Golf Club!

Where: <practice location>
When: <practice time>
Contact: your name at you@email.address

Sample letter to administrator

Dear College Administrator-

I would like to introduce you to the sport of disc golf, one the fastest growing sports in the country. According to the Professional Disc Golf Association's (PDGA) there are 120,000 registered players with an estimated 500,000 players in the world. Disc golf can be played from school age to old age, making it one of the greatest lifetime fitness sports available. Disc golf shares the same joys and frustrations of traditional golf, whether it's sinking a long putt or hitting a tree halfway down the fairway.

There are a number of reasons to support the development of disc golf on your campus. Disc golf:

» is inexpensive to play- all you need are a few discs and a course

» is a real sport played at the local, national and international level

» is governed by the PDGA which supports the competitive College Disc Golf Season

» tournaments are held all over the country throughout the academic year

» is structured so that all teams have the opportunity to compete at the national level

» allows new teams to rise to the top fast

» provides people of all sizes an opportunity to excel as a player

» involves walking, skill and hand-eye coordination which keeps players fit

For these reasons and many more, please help your school to join the over 100 college teams currently participating in the College Disc Golf Season each year and the hundreds more that are in various stages of development.

College Disc Golf is the National Governing Body for all of collegiate disc golf and offers resources to support the development of disc golf teams.

Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. Playing collegiate disc golf is an incredible experience and I hope to talk with you soon about helping your student-athletes have that opportunity.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME

CLUB TITLE

EMAIL

PHONE

Sample Bylaws

BYLAWS OF
<Insert College or University name>
(if officially affiliated)
DISC GOLF CLUB

ARTICLE I
The club is and shall be called the <insert your school name> Disc Golf Club.

ARTICLE II
Purpose

The purpose of the club is to:

» Introduce, teach, promote, and encourage participation in the sport of disc golf in all its aspects, within the University, within the community.

» Ensure that disc golf is played according to the rules of the sport

ARTICLE III
Membership

The <insert school name> Disc Golf Club membership shall be open to any willing and able person that wishes to participate and contribute to the purpose of the club.

» Members pay dues to the club by the deadline specified by the club President.

» The club will determine the annual membership fee.

» General members may consist of players or non-players.

» Members take responsibility to follow the Bylaws and any Code of Conduct that may be instituted by the club or the <insert school name>.

» The club has fulfilled all the University requirements for insurance.

ARTICLE IV
Affiliation

» The club and its members will observe and be immediately governed through its affiliation with <insert school name>.

ARTICLE V
Officers

The officers of the club will be as follows:

» President. The President of the club shall oversee the affairs and property of the club, subject however to the control of the voting members. The President shall also be the chief representative of the club.

» Secretary. The Secretary of the club shall keep meeting minutes, handle relevant correspondence and maintain appropriate club records.

» Treasurer. The Treasurer of the club shall be responsible for all funds of the club including but not limited to

Sample Budget

<Insert School Name> Disc Golf Club Budget

Expenses

Equipment	Item Cost	Total Cost
Discs	$10-$15/each or $400-$500 for 100	$
Basket	$125-$200	$
Uniform – 2 jerseys	$20-$50 per shirt	$
Uniform – 1 shorts	$25-$40 each	$
	Subtotal	$
Competition		
Tournament	Fees $100-$300 per tournament	$
Hotels	_____ $@ $50-$120/night	$
Car Rental	_____ $@ $30-$100/day	$
Flights	_____ $@ $_____/per ticket	$
Gas $	$10-$200 per car per event	$
CDG Membership Dues	$20 * players in club	$
	Subtotal	$
General		
Greens Fees	$0-$100	$
Logo Design	$0-$200	$
Merchandising		$
Other		$
	Subtotal	$
	Total Expenses	$

Revenues

General		
Player club dues	$30-$200/player	$
School funding		$
Merchandise - Shirts	Sale price - actual price *#sold	$
Merchandise – Discs	Sale price - actual price * #sold	$
Merchandise – Hats	Sale price - actual price * #sold	$
Merchandise - Other	Sale price - actual price * #sold	$
Local Sponsorship		$
Raffle		$
Special Events		$
	Total Revenue	$
	-Total Expenses	$
	Net Income/ Loss	$

Sample Sponsor Flyer

<LOGO>

The <insert school name> Disc Golf Club

About Our Team

The <Name of your University or College> Disc Golf Club boasts a growing team of athletic and ambitious students which thrive on the challenges of playing hard, learning the game and working as a team. Disc golf has brought out the best in each of us fostering our growth as players, individuals and friends. Through this sport we have developed common goals which bring us together each time we play. Those goals are to work hard, play fair and support each other.

Our club practices regularly so that we can compete as a team at the national level. As our skills and knowledge of the game have strengthened, we hope to become a competitive force on the field and a proud representative of our school and community.

Our team wants to spread the unique spirit of the sport of disc golf. Through our daily actions we share this passion with anyone who will listen. Your support is needed to ensure the success of the team and development the sport of disc golf.

Mission Statement

We are the Disc Golf Club for the <Name of Your University or College>. Disc golf is structured so that it emphasizes honesty and builds character in individuals. We believe that every person should have an opportunity to experience true sportsmanship in a team-oriented environment. Therefore, we are dedicated to introducing, promoting and teaching players about the sport of disc golf. Our program ensures that disc golf is played according to the rules of the sport and with a positive attitude. We hope to spread the word about this sport so that everyone may have an opportunity to participate.

Levels of Sponsorship

Become a disc golf supporter!

» Ace Contributor. Donate $300 and above.

» Eagle Donor. Donate $50 to $249.

» Birdie Member. Donate $49 and under.

Contact

YOUR NAME

YOUR EMAIL