

EDGE Tournament Charity Program

The sport of disc golf is gaining more momentum than ever with new players, tournament opportunities and over 2,500 courses to play. As we reflect on where we have been and where we are going, it becomes clear that the greater number of participants involved in the game, the more likely we are to increase the benefits of this momentum. While we all have put forth some great efforts to increase exposure and awareness, often we overlook where we started with a life long activity. All of us participated in physical education when we were younger and many of us participated in some form of youth-oriented activities be it scouts, soccer, summer camp, etc. It was those early experiences that led most of us to the games and sports we continue to enjoy, support or play throughout

our lives. What if we had a disc golf program dedicated to the FUTURE and introducing the game we love to students of all ages, from early elementary through college? This program would create new disc golfers to continually bolster our local clubs, courses and scenes which will lead to new courses, stronger community involvement and eventually more tournament players, spectators and sponsors.



Well, the FUTURE IS NOW! The Educational Disc Golf Experience (EDGE) is a non-profit charitable organization, formed to provide schools and other youth organizations with a sound program of teaching disc golf fundamentals and allied skills. Contributions from World Champion disc golfers, educators and a recreation therapist have injected a great variety of skills and approaches to bringing this subject matter to life. Read on to find out how you and your tournament or series can be involved in growing the future of the sport.

What is the EDGE Program?

The EDGE Program is the first school-based curriculum to effectively teach the basic skills of disc golf. The Educational Disc Golf Experience follows the NASPE national standards and combines teaching the fundamentals of the sport with the educational objectives of science, civics, and the environment. EDGE begins with lessons teaching basic throwing skills, course play, and initial discussions of rules and courtesy. More advanced lessons delve into the science of disc flight, the mathematics of scoring, handicapping, statistics, environmental concerns and civic responsibility as a player. The final phase ideally entails a competitive club disc golf league between area schools. Resource materials that include an instructional DVD, lesson plans, student worksheets and related materials are available for varying grade levels.

Who is the EDGE Program For?

The EDGE program is available to all youth outreach endeavors including schools, camps, churches, scouts and recreational programs. Many colleges and universities have also taken advantage of EDGE for training future Physical Education teachers, campus recreation and elective classes. EDGE can be used for physical education, after school programs or campus recreation by installing a permanent course right on campus with disc sets for check-out.

Who Benefits From the EDGE Program?

Youth - The youth involved with EDGE are taught the skills to play and enjoy disc golf with their friends and family throughout their lifetime almost anywhere they travel to. As our nation's obesity epidemic continues, it is vital to enrich our children's lives with activities that are fun and accessible.

Schools and Youth Programs - Physical Education and youth program budgets are being hampered while activity costs continue to rise. The EDGE program provides low cost equipment and curriculum to bring an exciting lifetime activity that is accessible to all.

Community - The community benefits from having healthier recreational minded citizens that support the parks and the disc golf courses in them. Disc golf provides an easy to learn activity that has low overhead and impact on lesser utilized park spaces.

Local Disc Golf Scene - The more players that get involved with the sport, in general, leads to more club members, tournament players and greater community awareness. Locally this translates to the building of new courses, more sponsorship opportunities and a legacy for the local scene or club.

How Does My Tournament /Series Get Involved?

It is really quite simple. EDGE is a non-profit charitable organization which means it runs on contributions large and small from anyone who believes in the cause.

1. Register your tournament /series by contacting EDGE at tournaments@edgediscgolf.org
2. Generate a donation to EDGE on behalf of your tournament (get creative!)
 - Per player donation built into entry fee
 - Charity Raffle at the tournament with donated goods
 - Sponsored lunch with donation to charity
 - Charity Auction with donated goods
 - CTP or Basket throw-off with a per throw fee
 - Sponsor donations that split 50/50 between charity and tournament
 - Sell mulligans at your league or non-sanctioned event
3. Send your results and donation into EDGE for earmarking and distribution

Where Does Your Donation Go?

This is the really cool part of this program because your donation comes right back to help your area and its youth programs grow the sport of disc golf. One-third of your donation is used to assure the continuation of EDGE and defers some of the many costs associated with running the program. Two-thirds of the donation will be earmarked to be used within the area of origination for current and future EDGE programs. EDGE will actively pursue leads within your area and use the allocated funds for matching grants, equipment donations and teacher training. Players in your area are encouraged to pass on leads for schools and youth programs with connections or abilities to utilize disc golf with the EDGE program.

Are There Any Benefits for the Tournament / Series?

- It's a fact: Sponsors donate more if your tournament(s) is involved with a charity directly benefiting local children, schools and community. (More info with registration)
- Tournament donations will be eligible to win some great prizes via a year end raffle. For every fifty dollars donated, the TD/Tournament will receive one raffle ticket.
- Qualifying donations will be acknowledged with a tax-deductible charitable donation receipt
- Promotion of your event(s) through EDGE information outlets
- Pride in knowing your tournament / series is doing something to give back and grow the sport

*For more information on the EDGE program visit www.edgediscgolf.org.

**For inquiries or to register your event contact EDGE at tournaments@edgediscgolf.org.