



SCGA Club Formation FAQs

Q: Does our golf group have to be associated with a single golf course, as a “home club?”

A: No, the group/club does not have to be associated with a single golf course. The majority of clubs actually play golf at a variety of facilities. The “home” for a club may be a place that members congregate for other functions, the house of a club official, almost anywhere. We happen to call groups that are not tied to a single golf course “affiliate clubs.”

Q: Can one individual be the contact point for all things SCGA on behalf of a club?

A: No, the SCGA needs at least two contacts so that if we have difficulty reaching one contact that we have options for interaction.

Q: What fees are involved with being an SCGA member club?

A: There are no club dues; the SCGA charges each club \$36 per member, per calendar year.

Q: Are there limitations to the “Name” of our club?

A: The club’s name cannot contain “Golf Association”. The SCGA will check to verify there are no duplicates in club names before approving the club.

Q: How do we keep track of our members, notify the SCGA about our membership, keep contact information and scoring records for our members up to date, etc.?

A: The SCGA provides an internet tool for a club official to manage all of these things. Once a club application is approved, the applicant will receive an email with instructions on how to accomplish tasks, along with being given access to the SCGA Handicap Chair website and Resource Center.

Q: How do our members and our club learn about features and benefits associated with the SCGA?

A: A good spot to start is [member benefits](#) on [scga.org](#). Once someone becomes a member, periodic email communications and publications highlight and offer specific benefits.

Q: How do we pay fees for our members?

A: The SCGA will invoice your club monthly for each member that you add/approve. During the months of October through December, we do not charge a club for any additions, a time period that we call "open enrollment." This also allows golfers a time period to change from one club to another. An annual invoice is generated on January 1 in relation to any member on a roster as of January 1.

Q: What exactly is the role of Handicap Chair?

A: The Handicap Chair is a member of the club who will oversee that the club is in compliance with the USGA Handicap System, including peer review. This person will be responsible for educating members about handicapping and ensuring that scoring records are accurate (facilitates corrections on behalf of the club's members).