

Torero Athletics

Championing Teamwork



Golf/Softball Facility: \$8 million

Background

Torero Athletics is seeking \$8 million to build a **new facility to support USD's golf and softball programs**. In 2009, the USD golf team advanced to the NCAA National Championship Tournament for the first time, placing 13th. Since then, the golf team regularly made it to the top 25.

The goal of the golf program — to win a national championship — could be possible with this new facility. Currently, the golf team must travel 30 minutes each day for practice. This daily travel impacts the student-athletes time for study and additional campus involvement and has become a disadvantage in recruiting against other top-25 programs. Approximately 80 percent of the top-25 teams in Division I offer on-campus practice facilities.

The Torero softball team — one of USD's developing sports and new addition to the West Coast Conference (WCC) — regularly competes against programs with far superior facilities. The softball team does not have a permanent locker room or meeting space. This adds to the difficulty in competing in the WCC's automatic playoff sport or championship title.

Objective

Golf: Set along Tecolote Canyon, a slice of property adjacent to the University of San Diego softball field provides space for a two-story building and short-range practice facility for the nationally ranked Torero golf program.

The first floor of the building will provide the golf team with a locker room, team room lounge, shower and restroom, indoor technology hitting range, club repair work area and storage for grips, shafts and balls. Expansive windows looking out to the practice hole will enhance the team areas. A small satellite office will serve the coaching staff.

On the same level, a multipurpose room will provide meeting space for the football and club sports, which use the adjacent Manchester Field. Space for the golf team to work with small weights, on-ball flexibility and stretching can also be provided.

A completely fenced short-range golf practice facility will be located immediately adjacent to the golf team rooms and Tecolote Canyon. The 90- to 100-yard practice area will include fully enclosed netting and light systems, tee area, two greens with sand traps and multiple elevations around the hole. The park-like setting of Tecolote Canyon will surround the hole. Access to the golf practice facility will be limited only to members of the golf team.

Softball: The second floor of the facility will house USD softball, featuring a locker room similar to Fowler Park with a team lounge with sofas and television screens on each wall. A restroom with showers and a changing room will provide privacy. The clubhouse will connect to an expanded the dugout in the softball stadium. Coaches' offices, space for video review, a small sports medicine room and two officials' rooms, as well as public restrooms for the softball facility, will also be included. Spectator entry to softball games will be on the second level, which is also home to the softball stadium.

On the same level, a large open club sports team room will be available to teams that practice and compete on Manchester Field. This is intended to be an all-purpose room that can house several club sports teams, showcase their trophies and promote camaraderie. Storage areas for all teams will be provided.

A softball ticket office window and concession stand will be located near the entrance to the second level. ADA access will be provided for all fans wishing to attend games.

Impact

Your support will allow Torero Athletics to:

- Provide a much-needed on-campus, short-game practice facility and indoor driving range for USD's golf team, lessening the need to travel on a daily basis.
- Build permanent locker rooms and lounges for USD's golf and softball teams as well as for club sports teams.
- Provide new restrooms and a concession stand for the complex, which will improve the experience of our fans and guests.
- Provide meeting space for the football team near its practice facility at Manchester Field.

The golf and softball programs have both made great strides in recent years. Golf is very close to becoming a national power. An on-campus practice facility will help the team become a regular participant in the NCAA National Championship Tournament. The softball team is now a member of the West Coast Conference. Improved facilities will make a significant impact on the team's ability to recruit quality student-athletes and compete for a WCC championship.

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