



Golf Operations Division Profile

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Overview

Mission

The City of San Diego **Golf Operations Division** is dedicated to serving its patrons and players of all ages and abilities, while enhancing their enjoyment of the game by providing a high-quality golf experience.

Vision

The Golf Operations Division will:

- Provide golf opportunities for all skill levels at the best overall value with excellent customer service.
- Be a local and national leader in Municipal Golf operations and maintenance.
- Be diligent stewards of the resources and finances within the Division, following the highest standards in transparency and accountability.
- Continuously strive to improve our environmental practices, seeking to invest in long-term environmental sustainability at each of our facilities.
- Recognize value and invest in our employees.

Facts and Figures

Number of Rounds Played (Fiscal Year 2023): 407,200 (approx.)

Number of Golf Complexes: 3 (with a total of 81 holes)

Balboa Park Golf Complex (under City operation since 1919):

- 18-hole Course - 6,281-yard championship course.
- 9-hole Course - 2,175-yard executive course.

Mission Bay Golf Complex (under City operation since 2003):

- 18-hole Course - 2,706-yard executive course.

Torrey Pines Golf Complex (under City operation since 1957):

- North Course (18 holes) - 7,258-yard championship course. Site of an annual PGA Tour event since 1968.
- South Course (18 holes) - 7,802-yard championship course. Site of an annual PGA Tour event since 1968, host of the 2008 and 2021 U.S. Open Golf Championship.

Golf Complexes

Golf Course Managers

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Balboa Park Golf Course – Council District 3

2600 Golf Course Drive, San Diego, CA 92102

Balboa Park Golf Course began operating as a municipal golf course in April 1919. The 160-acre facility features a 6,281-yard 18-hole course and a 2,175-yard 9-hole executive course. The latest major renovation of both courses was completed in April 1995. A new irrigation system installation was completed in November 2011 for both courses. Also, in 2014, work was completed on the 18-hole course to add a continuous cart path system.

Along with Torrey Pines Golf Course, Balboa Park Golf Course has hosted the San Diego City Amateur Championship, Junior Golf events, and local high school matches.

In Fiscal Year 2023, approximately 77,000 golf rounds were played on the 18-hole course,

and approximately 74,900 on the 9-hole course.

The Balboa Park Golf Course Improvements Project is an ongoing capital improvement that will reconfigure the 9-hole course to align with the Balboa Park Golf Course Master Plan and help address changes to Golf Course Drive via the Golf Course Drive Improvement Project. The existing project will be split into two projects in Fiscal Year 2024 to address needed changes to both the 9-hole and 18-hole courses. These changes include the redesign, reconstruction, and, in some cases, the rebuilding of several holes, as well as bunker renovation throughout the golf course.

Mission Bay Golf Course and Practice Center – Council District 1

2702 North Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, CA 92109

The City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department assumed control of this facility in November 2003. The golf course was built in May 1955 and was previously managed by a City lessee. Staff oversees the management of the 18-hole course, practice driving range, and golf carts. The executive 18-hole course measures 2,706 yards and sits on 46 acres. It is the only golf course in San Diego County with night lighting.

The facility recently completed construction as part of a Capital Improvement Project that began in January 2022. The project included a new irrigation system, new electrical infrastructure, and new modular structures for Golf Operations and a food and beverage operator. The Golf Operations building was completed in January 2024 and the build-out of the food service building is anticipated in Fall 2024.

In Fiscal Year 2023, approximately 85,000 golf rounds were played.

Torrey Pines Golf Complex – Council District 1

11480 North Torrey Pines Road, San Diego, CA 92037

The Torrey Pines Golf Complex was built in 1957 with two 18-hole, championship golf courses, the North and the South, across 220 acres atop cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Torrey Pines has been hosting a Professional Golf Association (PGA) tournament since 1968, and the South Course has hosted the prestigious 2008 and 2021 U.S. Open Championship. In addition to the annual PGA TOUR event, Torrey Pines also hosts the Junior World Golf Championships and the San Diego City Amateur Championship annually.

In September 2019, the South Course, which measures 7,802 yards, underwent a seven (7) month renovation project to install a new irrigation system, improved drainage, a complete

bunker renovation and strategic changes to numerous holes. The last major renovation on the shorter, yet more player-friendly North Course, measuring at 7,258 yards, was completed in the fall of Fiscal Year 2017. The project included 18 new greens, tees and bunkers, as well as a new irrigation system, a complete network of cart paths, and strategic improvements throughout the golf course.

Torrey Pines remains a “bucket list” golf destination for residents and visitors from around the globe. While tee times are in high demand, staff continues to ensure residents have access to 70% of the tee times, as approved by City Council.

In Fiscal Year 2023, approximately 90,800 golf rounds were played on the North Course, and approximately 79,500 on the South Course.