



GOLFScore CLUB

Golf Buddies Trip Setup Guide

A beginner's step-by-step guide to planning a multi-day trip in GolfScore Club

Every buddies trip has the same shape once you've run a few: real excitement about the courses, and a quiet dread about the admin. This guide walks you through the whole setup, in the order it actually comes up. Work through it a step at a time — do each one in the app before moving to the next.

Step 1 — Book the courses first, lock the format second

Course availability drives everything else — how many rounds, how many days, what kind of group it can realistically hold. Only once that's locked in is it worth deciding on a scoring format.

While you're dealing with each course, grab their handicapping details too — Slope Rating, Course Rating, and the full tee and hole details: par and stroke index for every hole, for whichever tees your group's playing. You'll need all of that to set each round up correctly in the app, and it's a lot easier to pull it off the course's own scorecard or website now than to chase it down later once you're mid-setup.

Do this now: Confirm your course bookings, how many rounds your trip will have, and grab each course's Slope/Course Rating and full tee & hole details while you're at it.

Step 2 — Create one event with one round per day

A multi-day trip is one event, not several — each day gets its own round tab inside that one event, so your players and running standings stay together the whole trip.

From My GolfScore's Created tab, tap “+ Setup New Event”. Pick your format (Stableford is the default most trip groups use), name your event, then under “Number of Rounds” tap the number that matches how many days you're playing. Each round tab gets its own course; your player list only needs entering once and is shared across every round automatically.

Do this now: Create your event, set the right number of rounds, and add each day's course.

Step 3 — Add your players

If some players have been in a previous event with you, just start typing their name — it will offer to autocomplete from your saved Roster, handicap included. Brand new group? Grab the free Roster CSV Upload Template from Free Extras, fill it in, then go to Roster and use “Bulk import players from CSV”.

Do this now: Get your full player list into the event.

Step 4 — Decide how the trip is actually won

If everyone's playing the same course every day, your normal Stableford or Stroke Play total already decides the winner. If you're moving between courses of different difficulty, turn on Best Indexed Score under Setup's Competitions section — it tracks each player's best score against each stroke-index hole across every round, so the winner isn't just whoever drew the easiest courses.

Do this now: Decide if Best Indexed Score fits your trip, and turn it on if it does.

Step 5 — Sort the money before anyone leaves home

Green fees, accommodation, the prize pool — agree how it's split before you go. Golfscore Club doesn't touch any of that money itself, but Admin Panel's Trip Finance Manager downloads a real Excel workbook, already filled in with your player names and each round's course — cost entry and splitting math then happen entirely in Excel.

Do this now: Download the Trip Finance Manager workbook and share it with whoever's handling the money.

Step 6 — Get your join link and QR code before you go

Once your event's created, you'll see a one-time confirmation screen with your Event Link and a QR code — this is what you send your group to join and score.

Do this now: Copy the link or download the QR code image now and save it somewhere you can find it — this exact screen doesn't come back later.

***Note:** There's no “show me the QR code again” button anywhere in Admin Panel afterward — save the link/QR from this screen the first time.*

Step 7 — Between rounds, let the standings decide the groups

You don't have to manually rebuild groups for the next day. Each stroke-play round's Setup has a Groups mode picker — Manual, Random, or By Score. Random shuffles everyone; By Score seeds the next round's groups off the current standings, one tap.

Do this now: Try it on your own event once round one's scores are in.

Step 8 — Don't rebuild it from scratch next year

If it's a trip you'll run again, go to Admin Panel and tap Duplicate Event. Give it a new name, tick “Copy players” and “Copy courses & tees”, and next year's trip starts from this year's, not a blank page.

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