



## **The Gate Golf Club Awarded Sports Matter Grant by The DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation and Golf Galaxy in Naples**

(NAPLES, FL – June 24, 2025) – The Gate Golf Club is honored to announce it has been awarded the Sports Matter Grant from [The DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation](#). This grant recognizes [The Gate Golf Club](#)'s mission to make golf more accessible and affordable for families, children and players of all skill levels in Collier County.

As a 501(c)(3) public charity currently developing a public 9-hole golf course and practice complex in Naples, Florida, The Gate Golf Club is committed to creating opportunities for the community to engage in the game of golf. Residents of Collier County and juniors will benefit from discounted green fees, ensuring greater access to the sport.

"We are deeply grateful to The DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation and Golf Galaxy in Naples for supporting our vision to expand access to golf and make a lasting impact on young lives in our community," said Kristina Schmieding, President of The Gate Golf Club.

As the flagship initiative of The DICK'S Foundation, The Sports Matter Program supports organizations working to expand access to youth sports and remove financial barriers to participation.

The grant funds will be directed to [First Tee – Naples/Collier](#), a local chapter of an international youth development organization, which will be based at The Gate Golf Club. First Tee – Naples/Collier will use the grant to provide scholarships for participants in its [Game Changers](#) and Outreach programs, specifically targeting youth from Title I schools in Collier County. These programs are designed to teach young people life skills and values—including integrity, respect and perseverance—through the game of golf.

"We are truly honored to receive The Sports Matter Grant on behalf of our close partners at The Gate Golf Club. The mission of the First Tee is to teach the Nine Core Values through the game of golf, and with the tremendous help from this grant, we will be able to carry out our mission by providing scholarships to students who will truly benefit the most from our program.," said Cindy Darland, Executive Director of First Tee - Naples/Collier.

For more information about The Gate Golf Club, visit [www.thegategolf.org](http://www.thegategolf.org).