Tournament-Style Fundraising Ideas

Friendly competition. Social connection. Community impact.

Tournament-style fundraisers are social, repeatable, and work well for third-party hosts because they're structured but still fun. Below is a **menu of tournament-style fundraising ideas** that bring people together in a relaxed, community-building way.

Fun twist:

- Offer bonus points for sustainable actions (bike to the event, reusable mug, green team name).

Why Tournaments Work So Well

- Clear structure and simple pricing
- Built-in social experience
- Easy to repeat annually
- Scalable for different group sizes
- Natural fit for pubs, halls, workplaces, and clubs

Card & Table Game Tournaments

Low-cost, highly social, easy to host in pubs, community halls, or homes.

- Euchre Tournament
- Cribbage Tournament
- Poker Night (non-cash prizes or charity-approved formats)
- Bridge Tournament
- Chess or Checkers Tournament
- Board Game Tournament (Catan, Ticket to Ride, Scrabble)

Trivia & Quiz Tournaments

Perfect for pubs, workplaces, and community groups.

- Pub Trivia Tournament
- Themed Trivia Night (environment, local history, pop culture)
- Team Trivia League (weekly or monthly standings)

Sports & Recreation Tournaments

Great for outdoor seasons and active groups.

- Pickleball Tournament
- Cornhole / Bean Bag Toss Tournament
- Darts Tournament
- Bowling Tournament
- Golf Tournament or Mini-Golf Challenge
- Soccer, Dodgeball, or Volleyball Round Robin

Casual & Social Competitions

Inclusive, low-pressure, and community-friendly.

- Bingo Tournament (permit may be required)
- Karaoke Competition
- Talent Show Tournament
- Lip Sync Battle
- Comedy or Improv Showdown

Creative & Skill-Based Tournaments

Engaging and great for mixed-age groups.

- Bake-Off or Chili Cook-Off
- Best Garden or Best Balcony Contest
- Photography or Art Contest
- DIY or Repair Challenge
- Sustainable Fashion or Upcycling Contest

Voting idea:
Attendees “vote” with donations.

Workplace & Corporate Tournaments

Easy to scale and repeat annually.

- Office Trivia or Games Tournament
- Ping-Pong or Foosball Tournament
- Steps or Active Minutes Challenge
- Green Challenge Tournament (waste reduction, car-free days)

Bonus:
Match employee donations or sponsor the winning team.

Seasonal & Outdoor Tournaments

Tie the event to weather or community calendars.

- Winter Games Tournament (curling, snowshoe relay, cards indoors)
- Spring Clean-Up Challenge
- Summer Lawn Games Tournament
- Fall Harvest or Oktoberfest Games

Hybrid & Fundraising Boosters

Layer these onto any tournament to increase funds raised.

- Team sponsorships
- Silent auction or raffle
- Direct donation + proof = perk
- Food & drink partnerships
- “Buy a bonus round” donations