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Driving Range Netting Cost Guide (2026)

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How Much Does Driving Range Netting Cost?

*There is no standard per-foot price for driving range netting. A full turnkey driving range netting project with steel poles typically ranges from **\$100,000 to \$500,000+** — and depending on the size and complexity of the range, projects can exceed a million dollars. That range is wide because the variables are real, and every site is different. This guide walks through every cost driver so you can budget intelligently before requesting a quote.*

Why There Is No Standard Per-Foot Price

No reputable netting contractor publishes standardized per-foot pricing — because too many variables make it meaningless. A 150-foot run at 30 feet high on flat ground with good soil is a completely different project than a 150-foot run at 80 feet high on a hillside with rock. Same linear footage, dramatically different cost.

Modern technology — Google Maps, Google Earth, soil sample records, and site plans — allows experienced contractors to develop accurate estimates remotely for many projects. This approach is common because not every client has the budget or timeline to accommodate a physical site visit during the estimating phase. When remote estimating is used, a full site visit is still conducted before project commencement to verify conditions and finalize scope. A contractor with no interest in site conditions, access for equipment, or project specifics is not giving you a reliable number — regardless of whether they visit in person or work remotely.

What Drives the Cost of Driving Range Netting?

Netting height is the single biggest cost driver for materials. Every additional foot of height increases pole size, foundation depth, engineering requirements, and wind-load calculations. Most driving ranges use netting between 45 and 65 feet at the tee area, but ranges near residential areas or roads can require heights of 100 feet or more.

Labor and equipment are major cost drivers as well. The faster a client needs the project completed, the more crew members and specialized equipment are required. Ground conditions, site access, geographic location, and system height all dictate the size of the crew and the type of equipment needed to complete the work safely and on schedule.

The full list of cost variables:

- **Netting height** — Ranges from 20 to 160 feet for golf and sports barriers. Height determines pole size, foundation depth, and engineering complexity.
- **Linear footage** — Total length of the netting run. Longer runs require more poles, more netting material, and more cable.



- **Labor and crew size** — Faster timelines and taller systems require more crew members and larger equipment.
- **Equipment** — Specialty equipment (cranes, diggers, man-lifts) adds cost on complex or tall installations.
- **Soil conditions** — Rock, sand, high water table, or clay all affect foundation design and drilling costs.
- **Geographic location** — Labor rates, permitting costs, and mobilization fees vary by region.
- **Wind speed requirements** — Coastal and high-wind zones demand heavier engineering and stronger materials.
- **Permitting and engineering** — Taller systems (typically 30'+) require stamped engineering drawings. Permitting timelines and costs vary by municipality.
- **Pole type — wood vs. steel** — Wood poles work well up to about 70 feet. Above that, steel poles are more cost-effective and structurally necessary.
- **Material grade** — Economy, Pro, or Premium netting materials each carry different lifespans and price points.

Pole Spacing and Type: Wood vs. Steel

Fifty feet on center is the standard for pole spacing and is adhered to in most installations. Depending on engineering requirements, pole size, and wire strand specifications, spans can occasionally be wider — but 50 feet is the sweet spot, and exceeding it without engineering justification puts excessive stress on cables and netting, leading to premature failure.

- **Wood poles** — Suitable for heights up to approximately 70 feet. More economical for shorter systems. Standard for many golf course barrier applications.
- **Steel poles** — Required and more cost-effective at 70+ feet. Engineered with concrete foundations (2,500 PSI backfill). Longer lifespan and better wind resistance.

At 80 feet and above, steel is not just recommended — it is the practical choice. The engineering and foundation costs for wood at those heights eliminate any material savings.

Netting Materials and Lifespan

Mesh size for driving ranges should be 3/4-inch to 1-inch. Anything larger and golf balls pass through. Material grade directly affects how long your netting lasts before replacement.

Material Grade	Expected Lifespan	Best For
Economy (Polyester)	5–7 years	Budget installations, short-term use
Pro (Polyester)	7–10 years	Standard commercial driving ranges



Material Grade	Expected Lifespan	Best For
Premium (Nylon)	10–14 years	High-end facilities, long-term ROI

Cheaper netting saves money upfront but costs more over a 20-year facility lifespan. A Premium nylon net replaced once costs less than an Economy net replaced three times — and you avoid three rounds of labor, equipment, and downtime.

What's Included in a Turnkey Quote?

A turnkey quote means one contractor handles everything from engineering to final walkthrough. When you receive a turnkey proposal from Gorilla Netting, it covers:

- Site assessment and measurement
- Stamped engineering drawings (for systems requiring them)
- Pole procurement and setting (wood or steel, with foundations)
- Cable and hardware installation
- Netting material, installation, and tensioning
- Final inspection and project handoff
- 5-year full coverage warranty

Note: *Permitting is the responsibility of the property owner or general contractor. Gorilla Netting can provide documentation needed for permit applications but does not apply for or obtain permits on behalf of clients.*

Turnkey is the standard for permanent installations. Splitting the project across multiple subcontractors introduces coordination risk, warranty gaps, and finger-pointing when something goes wrong.

How to Get an Accurate Quote

Start with a site assessment. During a site evaluation — whether conducted in person or using remote tools like Google Earth and soil records — a qualified estimator reviews soil conditions, measures the perimeter, surveys wind exposure, identifies obstacles like power lines, trees, and adjacent structures, and assesses site access for equipment. For most projects, a formal site visit is conducted prior to project commencement to confirm all conditions.

Gorilla Netting handles full turnkey installations across all 50 states and internationally. Contact us to discuss your project.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much does it cost to net a driving range?



A: Full turnkey projects with steel poles typically range from \$100,000 to \$500,000+. Larger or more complex driving ranges can exceed a million dollars. The price depends on netting height, linear footage, pole type, soil conditions, wind requirements, and material grade. There is no reliable per-foot price — every site is different.

Q: How tall should driving range netting be?

A: Most driving ranges use netting between 45 and 65 feet at the tee area. Ranges near residential areas, roads, or with elevated tees may need 80–125+ feet. Netting height is the single biggest cost driver for materials on driving range projects.

Q: How long does driving range netting last?

A: Economy-grade netting lasts 5–7 years. Pro-grade lasts 7–10 years. Premium nylon lasts 10–14 years. Lifespan depends on UV exposure, wind, impact volume, and maintenance.

Q: Should I use wood or steel poles for a driving range?

A: Wood poles work well up to about 70 feet. Above that, steel poles are more cost-effective and structurally sound. For most driving ranges at 45–65 feet, either can work depending on budget and site conditions.

Q: Can I get a netting quote without a site visit?

A: Yes — experienced contractors can develop accurate estimates using Google Maps, Google Earth, soil records, and site plans. When this approach is used, a formal site visit is still conducted prior to project start to verify conditions. A contractor who shows no interest in site specifics or equipment access — regardless of method — is not giving you a reliable number.

Ready to budget your driving range netting project?

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