

Proposed Par Royal IV Bylaws for 2025

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this **Club** shall be PAR ROYAL IV GOLF CLUB.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

FIRST: To promote the game of golf, provide its members a closer bond for their mutual benefit, and to promote and conserve the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf for their membership.

SECOND: To enforce uniformity in the rules of the game by creating a representative authority.

THIRD: To maintain a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the regulations of the Northern California Golf Association in cooperation with the United States Golf Association.

FOURTH: To afford a convenient and authoritative body to govern Club tournaments held at various courses.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership is annual, individual and non-transferable. Dues will include membership in the Northern California Golf Association. The NCGA provides bi-monthly computerized handicap services, NCGA tournament eligibility and many other membership services.

Section 2: All candidates for membership must complete an annual membership application and pay all fees. Membership fees are annual. Payment of fees is not prorated based on when a member joins the club and fees are not refunded if a member leaves the club.

Section 3: In the event any member of this organization shall commit any act which reflects discredit to the golf club, or shall refuse or neglect to comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the Officers, such member shall be subject to suspension or expulsion by a majority vote of the Club Officers.

Section 4: Failure for a member to pay membership dues or tournament fees in a timely fashion is subject to suspension or expulsion from the club by a majority vote of the Club Officers.

ARTICLE IV – CLUB OPERATION

Section 1: The fiscal year for the Club will be the calendar year.

Section 2: The Annual Meeting of the Par Royal IV Golf Club shall be held at the last scheduled club tournament of the year which is typically held in conjunction with the Club's annual awards ceremony.

Section 3: A legal quorum of the Annual Meeting shall be fifteen members present in person. Each active member present and in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

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Section 4: Fees for each tournament shall be established by the Officers in such amounts as they deem to be adequate to operate and maintain the Club. Once signing up to play in a given tournament, club members shall be liable for such fees even if they do not play unless a suitable paying substitute is found or the fees are waived by the tournament course.

Section 5: NCGA rules shall be used for all Club tournaments, except as noted in Article VIII, Par Royal local rules.

Section 6: NCGA indexes shall be used in each Club tournament, with the following exception: Any member, at the discretion of the Handicap Chairman, shall be re-rated for a given Par Royal tournament to align his or her index with his or her last three Club posted scores.

Section 7: The NCGA indexes used for a given Par Royal IV tournament shall be obtained from the NCGA no earlier than the Wednesday immediately prior to the tournament date.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1: The Board of **Officers** shall consist of **six (6)** Members in good standing of the Par Royal IV Golf Club and shall exercise all powers of management of the Club not specifically excepted by these Bylaws.

Section 2: The Members will nominate candidates for each Officer position to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The term of each Board position is one year and is renewable through the nomination and voting process. Officers may hold only one Board position at a time.

Section 3: Besides the Annual Meeting, the Officers may meet at such times and places as they may select to discuss and vote on club business. A majority of the Board (currently 4 of 6 Officers) shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 4: In case of any vacancy through death, resignation, disqualification or other cause, the remaining Officers, by a majority vote, may appoint a successor for the Officer whose place is vacant.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS and COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Officers shall consist of a **president**, a **tournament chairman**, a **prize chairman**, a **treasurer**, a **club secretary** and a **handicap chairman**, and their duties shall be such as their title would indicate or such as may be assigned to them respectively from time to time. The treasurer and the president and/or the tournament chairman and/or handicap chairman shall be signatory on the club treasury.

Section 2: The Officers shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all committees. Chairmen and members of all committees shall be appointed by the Officers. The following committees may be appointed: Membership Committee, Social Committee, Handicap Committee and other as deemed advisable and necessary by the Officers.

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ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Section 1: Requested amendments to the Bylaws may be made in writing by any Member in good standing of the Club. The Board shall consider such requests at their next Officers meeting or Annual Meeting whichever occurs first.

Section 2: Amendments to the Bylaws must be approved by the majority vote of the Officers at an Officer's meeting and be presented to the Club for ratification at the next Annual meeting. Bylaws and changes will be made available by posting on the club's web site at www.parroyal4.org and be available at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – PAR ROYAL IV LOCAL RULES

Section 1: A player may invoke a Par Royal IV local rule if presented with one of the situations listed below in this section. These local rules are for pace-of-play purposes. A player is not required to use the local rule unless using the appropriate USGA rule would leave the player out of position on the course.

- a. Striking a ball out-of-bounds as defined by white stakes or by course rules, a player may:
 - a. move to the spot where the ball went out-of-bounds, drop no further than two club lengths from the spot where the ball went out of bounds, but no closer to the hole, take a one-stroke penalty, and hit their next shot, or
 - b. remain at the location from where they hit the errant shot, take a one-stroke penalty, and hit their next shot. This option is not available once a player leaves the location from where they hit their errant shot.
- b. Lost ball outside of the general area, a player may use the same rules defined in the previous paragraph, i.e. striking a ball out of bounds.
- c. Lost ball in the general area and player may:
 - a. move to the spot where the ball was believed to be lost, drop no further than two club lengths from that spot and no closer to the hole, take a one-stroke penalty, and hit their next shot.

Section 2: In each Par Royal tournament, a club member shall be assigned to one of three flights based on their USGA Index as of the Wednesday prior to the tournament. Lower index players shall be assigned to the Woods flight and play the "blue" tees. Players in the two remaining flights shall be assigned to play the "white" tees, or "red" tees if the player is female. The only exceptions to the flight assignment are as follows.

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- a.** A low handicap player who does not wish to play the “blue” tees can request to the club president or club handicap chairman, to be assigned to play the “white” tees. The member must make this request before they play their first Par Royal tournament for a given year. If the request is granted, the club member must play the “white” tees in all Par Royal tournaments that year regardless of their handicap. This request must be renewed each year. If a player who is reassigned to play the “white” tees is deemed to have gained an unfair advantage, as determined by the handicap committee, the reassignment can be revoked at any time during the season.
- b.** A female player whose index would place them in the Woods (i.e. low handicap) flight shall be assigned to play from the ladies tees whose slope and rating most closely match the men’s “blue” tees. This shall be done at the discretion of the handicap chairman.