

## Welcome to Far From Par! What you can Expect.

Welcome to Far From Par Golf Club. A few fellow golfers and myself are using our golf experience to run a golf club with a focus of providing a welcoming and enjoyable environment for members and guests to play golf, socialize, have several laughs and maybe an occasional cry. Below are a few paragraphs outlining our approach to managing the Club. We aim to be as transparent as possible and are open for input. If you have some input, grab an Officer, and have a conversation.

**Benefits.** We are an NCGA associate club and individual dues paid to NCGA will gain you an USGA index, NCGA magazine subscription, and various NCGA member privileges. Members of our club are eligible to participate in all events including Player Of Year competition, 3 day Away Trip, and 36 hole Club Champion event.

**Use of free mobile apps.** Please download the 'Squabbit Golf' application to your smart phone. Squabbit is a free golf tournament and league management with live leaderboards, notifications, handicaps, group chat and more. We tested the functionality last season; the functionality is as advertised and did we mention its free! Squabbit will be used for all tournament scoring in 2025. The first couple tournaments we will do scorecards as a backup as folks get comfortable with the app. Eventually all scoring will be done through the app, this makes tournament wrap ups, skin calculations and archiving of tournament scores quick and clean for the Club. **For non-tournament golf rounds**, scoring can be posted on 'USGA GHIN', also a free app. What the app icons look like:



Squabbit



USGA GHIN

**Tournaments.** Events will be run by a league officer and likely you see several officers get us off the tee box on time as well as run the post tournament festivities. Flight money will be paid in cash, when available (some golf courses build in pro-shop credit as part of tournament fees, which we will distribute as awards). Other/optional games (skins) are paid in cash to individual winners. The annual away trip might be the except to payments policy above. Our intention is to pay awards ASAP, but logistics on away trips may challenge this. If so, payments will be ready shortly after return to Sacramento.

With 2025 being our inaugural year, we will start the year with two handicap flights for the Club. Half the roster in flight 1, the other in flight 2 split evenly by handicap index. If there is a need to re-evaluate a flight or individuals' status in a flight, this will be done by the Board. All aspects will be considered, including Player Of Year (POY) points.

**Player Of Year.** This will be a 'year long' award. From March through October a player can earn POY points based on their finish in individual tournaments. No points will be awarded for team events or match play. POY will be awarded for each handicap flight in the Club. Point values will be doubled for 'major events,' currently 3 dates in 2025 are major tournaments. All individual events March through October are eligible for POY points. Scoring:

Place	Points	
	Standard Event	Major Event
1st	50	100
2nd	45	90
3rd	40	80
4th	35	70
5th	30	60
6th	25	50
7th	20	40
8th	15	30
9th	10	20
10th & Higher	5	10

There are 10 to 12 opportunities (schedule or format changes may reduce number of individual tournaments) to earn POY points. A maximum of seven scores will be permitted for POY points. This will award those who play more without too terribly punishing golfers who may miss some time/tournaments.

If you play in eight events and have eight finishes, your low score will be dropped for POY standings. If you play nine, two scores are dropped, etc., etc.

**Handicaps.** We request that all recreational rounds and outside tournament scores be posted in a timely manner (within 2 days). **Our club will post all club tournament rounds.** For tournament handicaps, we will use the lower of 1) your current NCGA index, or 2) the lowest index from your last three tournaments played with Far From Par GC. We will monitor tournament scores. The USGA has an Exceptional Tournament Score Probability Table which helps evaluate whether a player had an exceptional round. If a tournament net score differential falls into the Table necessitating an adjustment, the Handicap Committee may act on this. Any questions regarding handicapping can be directed to our Handicap Chairman and/or Committee.

**Tournament & Club Policies.** We will run our events in a friendly, but official manner. We expect pace of play, dress code, and conduct policies to be followed. We encourage all players to familiarize themselves with each golf course attire requirements. You can never go wrong with typical golf attire. We will show no compassion for those showing up to course in blue jeans cut off shorts and/or, tee shirts. We are adopting a 72-hour cancellation policy. We understand life happens and you may have to withdraw from a tournament. Most course contracts have a no refund policy 2 to 3 days out of event date. We can happily refund your entry with 72-hour notice, outside of this, we are honestly at the mercy of the golf course.

Again, welcome to the club!

*Far From Par Golf Club Board*