



2025 Champion: Avinash Iyer

2026 NCGA Amateur Stroke Play Championship Exemption List

Poppy Hills GC, July 10 - 12, 2026

CLOSING DATE: May 26, 2026

Players who are exempt are required to register prior to the exempt closing date and must meet all eligibility requirements unless indicated otherwise.

1. Past NCGA Amateur Stroke Play Champions (10-year exemption):

2025 – Avinash Iyer	2020 – Nick Randazzo (Moore)
2024 – Joey Hayden	2019- Ian Dahl
2023 – John Stembridge (Pro)	2018 – Nick Randazzo (Moore)
2022 – Nathan Wang	2017 – Daniel Connolly
2021 – Daniel Connolly	2016 - Robby Salomon (Pro)

2. Top-10 and ties from 2025 NCGA Amateur Stroke Play:

Avinash Iyer*	Zack Tarter
Matt Cohn	Colin Huang
Mike Perchak	Luke Brandler
George McNeely	Jack Hayden
Lequan Wang	Mitchell Hoey
	Ian Dahl*

3. 2025 NCGA Amateur Quarterfinalists:

Jack Jarvis	Mason Benbrook
Deitrek Gill	Sebi Aliaga
Jimmy Castles	Lukas Taggart
Brandon Knight	Jonathan Chen

4. 2025 NCGA Public Links Champion:

Ian Fisher

*Signifies being exempt from a previous category

5. 2025 NCGA Senior Champion:

Steve Sear

6. 2025 NCGA Mid-Amateur Champion:

Wes Payne

7. 2025 NCGA Junior Champion:

Kailer Stone

8. 2025 NCGA Valley Amateur Champion:

Wes Payne*

9. 2025 NCGA Senior Valley Amateur Champion:

Bob Niger

10. Top 15 from 2025 NCGA Player of the Year list:

Matt Cohn*	Mitchell Hoey*	Jacob Goode
AJ Fitzgerald	Avinash Iyer*	Nick Randazzo*
Kailer Stone*	Sebi Aliaga*	Mike Perchak*
Lukas Taggart*	Luke Dugger	Luke Dariotis
Niall Shiels Donegan	Wes Payne*	Luke Brandler*

11. Qualified for the 2025 U.S. Open (1) or 2025 U.S. Senior Open (2):

NCGA members that qualified need to contact the NCGA Championships Department

12. Qualified for match play at the 2025 U.S. Amateur (1), U.S. Mid-Amateur (2), U.S. Senior Amateur (3) or U.S. Junior Amateur (4):

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13. 2025 California Amateur Match Play Round of 32: (must be a member of NCGA)

Brasen Briones	Jack Townsend	Nathan Tseng
Luke Dugger	Ian Maspat	Robert Keilch
Nahum Mendoza	Hill Wang	Dylan McDermott
Jackson Moss	Ayden Fynaut	Dylan Brack

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Evan Liu
Brandon Anderson
Mitchell Hoey
Caden Pinckes
Ivan Barahona
Bryant Hernandez
Jack Barber

Calder Overfelt
Marlon Jones
Brady McHenry
Jacob Goode
Blaize Rader
Nick Randazzo

Davis McDowell
Matthew Robles
Ian Bruchhauser
Jaden Dumdumaya
Kai Hirayama
Matthew Dieh
Mitchell Fedo

14. Top 500 of World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) or Scratch Players World Amateur Rankings (SPWAR) as of May 1, 2026:
To Be Determined

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