



2025 Champion: Wes Payne

2026 Mid-Amateur Championship Exemption List

Poppy Ridge GC, June 1 - 2, 2026

CLOSING DATE: APRIL 20, 2026

Players who are exempt are required to register prior to the exempt closing date and must meet all eligibility requirements unless indicated otherwise. *Players who are not age eligible are not listed.*

1. Past Champions (*Champions prior to 2004 have a lifetime exemption. Any champion from 2004 and beyond is exempt for 10 years.*):

2025 – Wes Payne	2020 – <i>Not Played</i>
2024 – Jack Barber	2019 – Jason Anthony
2023 – Daniel Connolly	2018 – Matt Cohn
2022 – Ian Dahl	2017 – Bobby Bucey
2021 – Nick Randazzo	2016 – Zachary Solomon

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

Wes Payne*	Domingo Jojola
Scotland Schmidt	Nick Randazzo*
Jeremy Gearhart	Jason Anthony*
Jack Barber*	Ryan Sloane
Taylor Bromley	Mikey Burkland

*Signifies being exempt from a previous category.

3. 2025 NCGA Public Links Champion (if age eligible):

Ian Fisher

4. 2025 NCGA Senior Champion:

Steve Sear

5. 2025 NCGA Amateur Stroke Play Champion (if age eligible):

Not Age Eligible

6. 2025 NCGA Amateur Quarterfinalists (if age eligible):

Jimmy Castles

7. 2025 NCGA Valley Amateur Champion (if age eligible):

Wes Payne*

8. 2025 NCGA Valley Senior Amateur Champion

Bob Niger

9. Qualified for the 2025 U.S. Open (1) or 2025 U.S. Senior Open (2) (if age eligible):

NCGA members that qualified need to contact the NCGA Championships Department

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

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11. 2025 California Amateur Match Play Round of 32 (if age eligible):

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12. 2025 California Senior Amateur Top 10 and ties:

Bob Niger*	Mike Stieler
Bobby Schaeffer	Trae Cassell
Mike Rowley	Keith Huber
Steve Sear*	

13. Top 5 Age Eligible from the 2025 NCGA Player of the Year Standings

Matt Cohn* AJ Fitzgerald Nick Randazzo* Mike Perchak Wes Payne*

14. Top 150 in World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) age 25 or older as of April 1, 2025:
To Be Determined

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