



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.*

- 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 – Not Played
2024 – Jack Barber	2019 – Jason Anthony
2023 – Daniel Connolly	2018 – Matt Cohn
2022 – Ian Dahl	2017 – Bobby Bucey
2021 – Nick Randazzo	2016 – Zachary Solomon

- 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.

- 2025 NCGA Public Links Champion (if age eligible):**

Ian Fisher

- 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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