



2025 Champion: Ian Fisher

2026 NCGA Public Links Exemption List Poppy Ridge GC, September 14 -15, 2026

CLOSING DATE: July 28, 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 hold privileges at private courses are now eligible given that they also hold a public membership.

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

2025 – Ian Fisher	2020 – Drake Mendenhall
2024- Nick Randazzo	2019- Matt Cohn
2023- Jeremy Gearhart	2018 – Ben Peters
2022 – Matt Cohn	2017 – Nick Randazzo (Moore)
2021 – Matthew Manganello	2016 – Matt Cohn

2. Top 10 and ties from 2025 NCGA Public Links:

Ian Fisher*	Matthew Almajano
Juan Gonzalez	Tanner Makimoto
Sean Etow	Kyle Davis
Nick Randazzo*	Ryan Nix
Adam Croxton	Ryan Sloane

3. 2025 NCGA Senior Champion:

*Signifies being exempt from a previous category

Steve Sear

4. 2025 NCGA Mid- Amateur Champion:

Wes Payne

5. 2025 NCGA Junior Champion:

Kailer Stone

6. 2025 NCGA Amateur Stroke Play Champion:

Avinash Iyer

7. 2025 NCGA Amateur Champion:

Lukas Taggart

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 (*given that they hold membership at a public club)

11. 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):

NCGA members that qualified need to contact the NCGA Championships Department

12. Top 500 of World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) or Scratch Player World Amateur Rankings (SPWAR) as of July 1, 2025:

To Be Determined

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