



## **2024 Exemption Criteria for State/AGA/Regional/National Events**

### **Summary of Exemptions**

Exemptions will be determined based on the below criteria using WAGR power ranking data from 2021-23. All exemptions will take effect beginning in 2024. Exemptions for subsequent years will be evaluated each fall using the previous three years of WAGR power ranking data (i.e. 2025 exemptions will utilize data from 2022-24).

|                             | State Amateurs                                       | AGA Amateurs      | Regional Amateurs  | National Amateurs  |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>U.S. Amateur</b>         | All 50 states plus Puerto Rico (must be WAGR ranked) | 50+ power ranking | 100+ power ranking | 600+ power ranking |
| <b>U.S. Women's Amateur</b> | 40+ power ranking                                    | 50+ power ranking | 100+ power ranking | 600+ power ranking |
| <b>U.S. Junior Amateur</b>  | 20+ power ranking                                    | 25+ power ranking | 35+ power ranking  | 300+ power ranking |
| <b>U.S. Girls' Junior</b>   | 25+ power ranking                                    | 30+ power ranking | 40+ power ranking  | 400+ power ranking |

### **Dates and Cut-Offs:**

The intention of the State/AGA exemption category is to have one champion exempt in the USGA Championship field for each year of the Championship.

***The exemption cutoff date for all USGA Championships will be eight (8) days prior to the first day of the Championship proper. Eight days is the Sunday before advance week for these four Championships, which all start on a Monday.***

- Ex) The 2024 U.S. Amateur Championship will begin on August 12. The cutoff date for state amateur exemptions to be claimed in 2024 will be August 4. All state amateurs where the intended conclusion is on August 4<sup>th</sup> or earlier will receive an exemption to the 2024 Championship. All state amateurs with an intended finish of August 5<sup>th</sup> or later will have their champions receive their exemption into the 2025 Championship.

If players contact the USGA with the question of whether they can claim their exemption in a different year (i.e., a player who is exempt to the following year's Championship wants to play in the present year), the player will not be allowed to change the date of their exemption under any circumstances.

If a date change to the championship is necessary and unavoidable, the AGA should contact the USGA as soon as possible, so information regarding the exemption can be communicated to the competitors and those who receive the exemption in a timely manner.



**\*\*\*For the first three-year term of this exemption, each AGA must confirm to the Championship Administration team whether their state amateur event will be a “same-year exemption” or “following-year exemption”, following the definitions as outlined below.**

- A same-year exemption is defined as a state/AGA championship where the final round is scheduled to conclude more than 8 days prior to the first stroke-play round of the respective USGA Championship.
- A following-year exemption is defined as a state/AGA championship where the final round is scheduled to conclude less than 8 days before (or following) the first stroke-play round of the respective USGA Championship.

| Championship         | 2024 Championship Dates | Cutoff for Same-Year Exemption |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| U.S. Girls' Junior   | July 15-20              | Sunday, July 7                 |
| U.S. Junior Amateur  | July 22-27              | Sunday, July 14                |
| U.S. Women's Amateur | August 5-11             | Sunday, July 28                |
| U.S. Amateur         | August 12-18            | Sunday, August 4               |

## Clarifications

### Clarification on Identifying the Event to Receive Exemption

In some cases, there are AGA's who conduct multiple WAGR-ranked events, or there are multiple events conducted within a state or AGA that could be eligible for the exemption. In both cases, the USGA has identified an event for initial consideration of the exemption in the below document. If the AGA does not agree with the USGA's designation and would like to identify a different event for consideration, they may do so via written submission to the USGA. The established working group, which comprises Regional Affairs Directors, Championship Directors, and Championship Administration, will evaluate the request based on the overall power ranking and strength of field of both events, the history of both events, and the golf landscape within that particular region.

### Clarification on Affiliated Events

*In instances where an AGA does not conduct a championship in the respective demographic, a state championship may be eligible for the exemption, but it must be conducted by, jointly administered by or affiliated with an Allied Golf Association of the USGA.*

One of the core principles of these exemptions is to elevate the State/AGA amateur championships. That said, there are instances where an AGA does not conduct a championship in the respective demographic. In those cases, the AGA has the opportunity to designate a partner organization or championship that would be eligible for the exemption. However, the AGA would need to have some affiliation with the event to ensure it is being conducted at a high standard. This could include providing



rules officials, assisting with the preparation or conduct of the championship, assisting with the administration of the championship, or a long-standing connection between the associations.

In these cases, the USGA will evaluate the event being considered to determine if it falls within the principles and overall philosophy of these exemptions.

### **Clarification on Eligibility Requirement**

For State Amateur Championships, the following is required for the event to qualify for an exemption:

*Must have an eligibility requirement that limits participation to residents or association members of that state.*

The intention of awarding an exemption to State/AGA Amateur Championships is to provide an additional opportunity for players in their area to earn a spot in the field. Given that there is no restriction on the number of State/AGA Amateurs an individual can play in, we want to avoid a situation where players are traveling the country playing in State Amateurs and subsequently representing a state or area that they have no affiliation with.

Events that do not have any limitation on participation to residents or association members may be considered a national amateur championship and be subject to the power ranking threshold in order to obtain the appropriate exemption.

### **Clarification on Regional Amateur Championships**

The regional championship category recognizes regional amateur championships conducted by or affiliated with an AGA. The scope of these events is intentionally narrow, with the New England Golf Association and the Pacific Northwest Golf Association being the only two currently in this category. These events are conducted by a collection of AGA's and have a long-standing history. Additionally, these events take place in areas where it is likely that some or all AGA's may not qualify for an exemption under the respective category due to their overall size.

### **Clarification on how WAGR ranking thresholds were determined**

In order to determine the WAGR power ranking thresholds for each championship, a considerable amount of research was conducted to assess the correlation between State/AGA amateur championships and qualifying. Ultimately, the quality and strength of players receiving an exemption through the new qualifying model needed to reflect the quality and strength of players that presently earned a spot through qualifying. In looking at the historical power rankings across all events and the quality of champions produced at these events, we were able to determine a power ranking threshold that will provide a large number of State/AGA championships with an exemption while also ensuring that each respective championship has the strongest field possible within their respective demographic.

## U.S. Amateur Championship

### Full Exemption Criteria

- 1) State Amateur Championships
  - a. Defined by the geographic boundaries of the United States (50 states) plus Puerto Rico
  - b. Must be a WAGR-ranked event in the previous year
  - c. Must have eligibility requirement that limits participation to residents or association members of that state.
  - d. Only one championship per state may qualify for exemption under this category.
- 2) AGA Amateur Championships not defined by specific state boundaries
  - a. Must be a WAGR-ranked event with an average WAGR power ranking of **50** or greater (3-year rolling average)
  - b. Only applies to those AGA's who are not defined by specific state boundaries. Only one championship per AGA may qualify for exemption.
- 3) Regional Amateur Championships with affiliation to an AGA
  - a. Must be a WAGR-ranked event with an average WAGR power ranking of **100** or greater (3-year rolling average)
  - b. Must be affiliated with or conducted by an AGA (i.e. Pacific Northwest Amateur, New England Amateur, etc...)
- 4) National Amateur Championships conducted within the United States
  - a. A full exemption will be granted to any National Amateur Championship conducted within the United States that has an average power ranking of **600** or greater (3-year rolling average)

### Local Exemption Criteria

1. State/AGA Amateur Championships
  - 1.1. All State/AGA Amateur champions who received a full exemption to the Championship in previous year will be locally exempt for the following year's championship.
    - Ex. A 2024 state amateur champion is fully exempt to the 2024 U.S. Amateur and will receive a local exemption in 2025 (1 year full exemption, 1 year locally exempt)
    - A 2024 state amateur champion who is fully exempt in 2025 (due to the date of the championship) would be locally exempt in 2026.
  - 1.2. For State/AGA amateur championships with a 3-year average power ranking of 100 or greater, the top 5 or quarterfinalists will receive an exemption from local qualifying for the following year.
  - 1.3. For State/AGA amateur championships with a 3-year average power ranking of 50 or greater, the top 3 or semifinalists will receive an exemption from local qualifying for the following year.
  - 1.4. For State/AGA amateur championships with a 3-year average power ranking below 50, the runner-up will receive an exemption from local qualifying for the following year.

1.5. For State/AGA amateur championships that do not meet the WAGR threshold or are not ranked in WAGR, the champion will receive an exemption from local qualifying for the following year.

1.6. For 2024 only, all 2023 State/AGA Amateur Champions will be locally exempt.

## **2024 Exemption Summary**

**\*Events highlighted in green will receive exemption in 2024**

### **State Amateur Championships (Must be WAGR ranked)**

| <b>Championship</b>                    | <b>2023 Power</b> | <b>2022 Power</b> | <b>2021 Power</b> | <b>Power (Avg. 2021-23)</b> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alabama State Amateur                  | 106.0             | 99.9              | 86.6              | <b>97.5</b>                 |
| Alaska State Amateur Championship      | 23.8              | 23.8              | 16.1              | <b>21.2</b>                 |
| Arizona Amateur Championship           | 120.3             | 60.3              | 62.7              | <b>81.1</b>                 |
| Arkansas Amateur Championship          | 35.5              | 36.2              | 39.6              | <b>37.1</b>                 |
| California Amateur Championship        | 171.8             | 261.3             | 320.5             | <b>251.2</b>                |
| Colorado Amateur Championship          | 41.7              | 86.2              | 44.9              | <b>57.6</b>                 |
| Connecticut Amateur Championship       | 60.0              | 30.7              | 66.6              | <b>52.4</b>                 |
| Delaware Amateur Championship          | 35.2              | 34.8              | 36.5              | <b>35.5</b>                 |
| Florida Amateur Championship           | 109.1             | 171.5             | 127.8             | <b>136.1</b>                |
| Georgia Amateur Championship           | 187.6             | 109.1             | 94.1              | <b>130.3</b>                |
| Hawaii State Amateur Championship      | 34.1              | 22.7              | 21.5              | <b>26.1</b>                 |
| Idaho State Amateur                    | 26.5              | 22.9              | 59.0              | <b>36.1</b>                 |
| Illinois State Amateur                 | 97.1              | 117.5             | 113.6             | <b>109.4</b>                |
| Indiana Amateur Championship           | 54.5              | 53.9              | 74.3              | <b>60.9</b>                 |
| Iowa Amateur Championship              | 75.7              | 88.8              | 90.4              | <b>85.0</b>                 |
| Kansas Amateur                         | 46.2              | 47.7              | 86.4              | <b>60.1</b>                 |
| Kentucky Amateur Championship          | 47.1              | 84.0              | 112.7             | <b>81.3</b>                 |
| Louisiana Amateur                      | 27.8              | 36.4              | Not submitted     | <b>32.1</b>                 |
| Maine Amateur Championship             | 45.9              | 24.1              | 24.1              | <b>31.4</b>                 |
| Maryland Amateur                       | 49.0              | 51.3              | 31.7              | <b>44.0</b>                 |
| Massachusetts Amateur Championship     | 61.1              | 38.6              | 100.4             | <b>66.7</b>                 |
| Michigan Amateur Championship          | 72.5              | 49.3              | 89.4              | <b>70.4</b>                 |
| MGA Amateur Championship               | 113.3             | 117.1             | 131.5             | <b>120.6</b>                |
| Mississippi State Amateur Championship | 88.5              | 84.0              | 154.5             | <b>109.0</b>                |
| Missouri Amateur Championship          | 52.9              | 62.2              | 54.3              | <b>56.5</b>                 |
| Montana State Amateur                  | 23.8              | 23.5              | 23.5              | <b>23.6</b>                 |
| Nebraska Amateur Championship          | 33.6              | 34.8              | 44.9              | <b>37.8</b>                 |
| Nevada State Amateur Championship      | 30.8              | 28.2              | 30.7              | <b>29.9</b>                 |
| New Hampshire Amateur Championship     | 27.6              | 27.5              | 27.5              | <b>27.5</b>                 |
| New Jersey Amateur Championship        | 82.1              | 61.7              | 65.9              | <b>69.9</b>                 |
| New Mexico-West Texas Amateur          | 38.0              | 37.7              | 86.5              | <b>54.1</b>                 |
| New York State Amateur Championship    | 74.0              | 44.0              | 50.1              | <b>56.0</b>                 |

|   |       |       |       |              |
|---|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| North Carolina Amateur Championship         | 96.3  | 53.4  | 119.8 | <b>89.8</b>  |
| Ohio Amateur Championship                   | 134.0 | 119.7 | 90.4  | <b>114.7</b> |
| Oklahoma State Amateur                      | 44.1  | 39.0  | 35.6  | <b>39.6</b>  |
| Oregon Amateur Championship                 | 75.5  | 122.6 | 56.9  | <b>85.0</b>  |
| Pennsylvania Amateur Championship           | 54.8  | 85.1  | 117.7 | <b>85.9</b>  |
| Rhode Island Amateur                        | 26.5  | 29.6  | 35.7  | <b>30.6</b>  |
| South Carolina Amateur Championship         | 83.5  | 65.2  | 56.6  | <b>68.4</b>  |
| Tennessee State Amateur                     | 106.7 | 64.7  | 93.6  | <b>88.3</b>  |
| Texas Amateur Championship                  | 166.8 | 122.0 | 112.0 | <b>133.6</b> |
| Utah State Amateur Championship             | 98.7  | 72.9  | 85.5  | <b>85.7</b>  |
| Vermont Amateur Championship                | 27.0  | 28.5  | 18.6  | <b>24.7</b>  |
| VSGA Amateur Championship                   | 82.7  | 128.3 | 68.2  | <b>93.1</b>  |
| Washington State Amateur Championship       | 68.3  | 51.2  | 174.1 | <b>97.9</b>  |
| West Virginia Amateur                       | 27.4  | 27.2  | 28.5  | <b>27.7</b>  |
| Wisconsin State Amateur Championship        | 55.5  | 48.9  | 80.2  | <b>61.5</b>  |
|   |       |       |       |              |
| Puerto Rico (No event)                      | NR    | NR    | NR    | <b>NR</b>    |
| North Dakota State Stroke Play Championship | NR    | NR    | 15.6  | <b>NR</b>    |
| South Dakota Amateur Championship           | NR    | NR    | 35.5  | <b>NR</b>    |
| Wyoming Amateur Championship                | NR    | NR    | NR    | <b>NR</b>    |

#### AGA Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR power ranking of 50 or higher)

| Championship                                       | 2023 Power | 2022 Power | 2021 Power | Power (Avg. 2021-23) |
|--|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Met Amateur Championship                           | 195.1      | 160.2      | 169.4      | 174.9                |
| SCGA Amateur Championship                          | 109.0      | 138.4      | 141.6      | 129.7                |
| Carolinas Amateur Championship                     | 107.0      | 136.6      | 122.0      | 121.8                |
| NCGA Amateur Championship                          | 58.4       | 81.8       | 123.5      | 87.9                 |
| Philadelphia Amateur Championship                  | 57.2       | 62.2       | 57.0       | 58.8                 |
|  |            |            |            |                      |
| Western Pennsylvania Amateur Championship          | 79.4       | 32.4       | 32.3       | 48.0                 |
| Metropolitan Amateur Championship (MAGA)           | 36.1       | 46.9       | 46.0       | 43.0                 |
| CDGA Amateur Championship                          | 46.6       | 43.9       | 37.8       | 42.7                 |
| Tony Blom Metropolitan Amateur Championship (GCGA) | 26.2       | 43.6       | 36.8       | 35.5                 |
| Northeast Ohio Amateur                             | 29.7       | Not ranked | 25.0       | 27.4                 |
| Columbus District Amateur Championship             | 25.2       | 34.9       | 20.0       | 26.7                 |
| RDGA District Championship                         | 25.9       | Not ranked | 21.6       | 23.7                 |



Regional Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR power ranking of 100 or higher)

| Championship                           | 2023 Power | 2022 Power | 2021 Power | Power (Avg. 2021-23) |
|--|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Pacific Northwest Amateur Championship | 99.5       | 70.7       | 92.7       | 87.6                 |
| New England Amateur Championship       | 59.0       | 58.9       | 66.7       | 61.5                 |

National Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR power ranking of 600 or higher)

| Championship                           | 2023 Power | 2022 Power | 2021 Power | Power (Avg. 2021-23) |
|--|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| The Western Amateur Championship       | 987.8      | 977.7      | 968.4      | 978.0                |
| Jones Cup Invitational                 | 938.0      | 898.2      | 934.9      | 923.7                |
| Southern Amateur Championship          | 972.3      | 922.2      | 851.9      | 915.4                |
| Northeast Amateur Invitational         | 956.1      | 932.8      | 834.5      | 907.8                |
| Sunnehanna Amateur                     | 895.1      | 876.5      | 884.2      | 885.2                |
| North and South Amateur Championship   | 882.4      | 838.9      | 795.3      | 838.8                |
| Pacific Coast Amateur                  | 614.1      | 812.8      | 741.8      | 722.9                |
| Trans-Mississippi Amateur Championship | 837.3      | 711.8      | 497.1      | 682.1                |
|  |            |            |            |                      |
| The Dogwood Invitational               | 548.0      | 476.3      | 562.8      | 529.0                |
| Terra Cotta Invitational               | 373.5      | 439.7      | 573.3      | 462.2                |
| Monroe Invitational                    | 401.6      | 449.2      | 528.0      | 459.6                |
| Porter Cup                             | 146.1      | 429.0      | 403.7      | 326.3                |

## U.S. Women's Amateur Championship

### Full Exemption Criteria

- 1) State Amateur Championships
  - a. Defined by the geographic boundaries of the United States (50 states) plus Puerto Rico
  - b. Must be a WAGR-ranked event with an average power ranking of **40** or higher (3-year rolling average)
  - c. For events not currently ranked in WAGR or who do not have a 3-year history of being ranked in WAGR:
    - Average power ranking of 50 or greater in the two most recent years, or;
    - Power ranking of 50 or greater in the most recent year
  - d. Must have eligibility requirement that limits participation to residents or association members of that state.
  - e. Only one championship per state may qualify for exemption under this category.
- 2) AGA Amateur Championships not defined by specific state boundaries
  - a. Must be a WAGR-ranked event with an average WAGR power ranking of **50** or greater (3-year rolling average)
  - b. Only applies to those AGA's who are not defined by specific state boundaries. Only one championship per AGA may qualify for exemption.
- 3) Regional Amateur Championships with affiliation to an AGA
  - a. Must be a WAGR-ranked event with an average WAGR power ranking of **100** or greater (3-year rolling average)
  - b. Must be affiliated with or conducted by an AGA (i.e. Pacific Northwest Amateur, New England Amateur, etc...)
- 4) National Amateur Championships conducted within the United States
  - a. A full exemption will be granted to any National Amateur Championship conducted within the United States that has an average power ranking of **600** or greater (3-year rolling average)
  - b. Age or eligibility-restricted events are excluded (i.e. junior, collegiate etc..)

### 2024 Exemption Summary

**\*Events highlighted in green will receive exemption in 2024**

State Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR power ranking of 40 or higher)

| Championship                            | 2023 Power | 2022 Power | 2021 Power | Power (Avg. 2021-23) |
|---|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| California Women's Amateur Championship | 238.7      | 296.7      | 350.1      | 295.2                |
| Florida Women's Amateur Championship    | 141.8      | 274.1      | 283.9      | 233.3                |
| Women's Texas Amateur Championship      | 82.0       | 156.8      | 235.2      | 158.0                |
| Georgia Women's Amateur Championship    | 89.6       | 153.1      | 164.9      | 135.9                |



|  |       |       |       |      |
|--|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Arizona Women's Amateur Championship                 | 109.3 | 113.3 | 59.4  | 94.0 |
| Tennessee Women's Amateur Championship               | 105.9 | 68.8  | 100.4 | 91.7 |
| CGA Women's Stroke Play Championship                 | 50.7  | 108.4 | 78.6  | 79.2 |
| Utah Women's State Amateur                           | 88.8  | 70.0  | 74.9  | 77.9 |
| Washington State Women's Amateur Championship        | 50.5  | 77.1  | 99.0  | 75.5 |
| Oregon Amateur Championship                          | 58.0  | 67.8  | 100.0 | 75.3 |
| Women's South Carolina GA Amateur State Championship | 49.3  | 68.8  | 85.3  | 67.8 |
| Women's Ohio State Amateur                           | 78.0  | 42.5  | 60.3  | 60.3 |
| Illinois State Amateur Championship                  | 46.6  | 59.4  | 70.7  | 58.9 |
| Kansas Women's Amateur                               | 38.8  | 49.0  | 87.2  | 58.3 |
| Women's Massachusetts Amateur Championship           | 55.0  | 56.0  | 54.8  | 55.3 |
| Indiana Women's Amateur Championship                 | 37.4  | 43.2  | 85.2  | 55.3 |
| New Jersey Women's Amateur Championship              | 59.5  | 40.5  | 63.9  | 54.6 |
| Michigan Women's Amateur                             | 40.4  | 55.4  | 67.5  | 54.4 |
| Pennsylvania Women's Amateur Championship            | 48.8  | 61.8  | 48.7  | 53.1 |
| VSGA Women's Amateur Championship                    | 53.9  | 43.9  | 61.4  | 53.1 |
| MGA Women's Amateur Championship (Minnesota)         | 41.8  | 50.3  | 49.6  | 47.2 |
| Missouri Women's Amateur & Mid Amateur Championship  | 41.7  | 38.9  | 55.3  | 45.3 |
| Iowa Women's Amateur                                 | 39.3  | 54.1  | 41.6  | 45.0 |
| Nebraska Women's Amateur Championship                | 46.9  | 47.2  | 36.2  | 43.4 |
| New York State Women's Amateur Championship          | 34.6  | 44.2  | 46.1  | 41.6 |
|  |       |       |       |      |
| Wisconsin Women's Amateur Championship               | 40.8  | NR    | NR    | 40.8 |
| Alabama State Amateur Championship                   | 38.0  | 40.5  | 40.2  | 39.6 |
| Maryland Women's Amateur                             | 40.4  | 39.2  | 25.6  | 35.1 |
| West Virginia Women's Amateur Championship           | 38.7  | 40.1  | 25.1  | 34.6 |
| Montana Women's Amateur                              | 40.2  | NR    | 28.2  | 34.2 |
| Idaho Women's State Amateur                          | 34.3  | 34.3  | 33.1  | 33.9 |
| Maine Women's Amateur Championship                   | NR    | NR    | 33.2  | 33.2 |
| Hawaii State Amateur Championship                    | 37.2  | 30.6  | 29.5  | 32.4 |
| Mississippi Women's State Amateur                    | 29.1  | 35.9  | 31.7  | 32.2 |
| Louisiana Women's Amateur                            | 33.0  | 28.8  | NR    | 30.9 |
| South Dakota Women's Amateur                         | NR    | NR    | 25.9  | 25.9 |
| Rhode Island Women's Amateur Championship            | 26.3  | 24.9  | 23.2  | 24.8 |
| Arkansas Amateur Championship                        | 22.4  | NR    | NR    | 22.4 |
| Alaska State Women's Amateur Championship            | NR    | NR    | NR    | NR   |
| Connecticut Women's Amateur                          | NR    | NR    | NR    | NR   |
| Delaware Women's Amateur Championship                | NR    | NR    | NR    | NR   |
| Kentucky Women's Amateur Stroke Play Championship    | NR    | NR    | NR    | NR   |
| Nevada State Women's Amateur Championship            | NR    | NR    | NR    | NR   |
| NH Women's Amateur Championship                      | NR    | NR    | NR    | NR   |
| New Mexico - West Texas Women's Amateur              | NR    | NR    | NR    | NR   |

|                                   |      |      |      |    |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|----|
| NCWGA State Amateur               | 31.7 | 43.6 | #N/A | NR |
| NDWGA - Women's State Stroke Play | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR |
| Women's Oklahoma State Amateur    | #N/A | 64.9 | 30.1 | NR |
| Vermont Women's Amateur           | #N/A | NR   | 28.4 | NR |

#### AGA Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR power ranking of 50 or higher)

| Championship                                  | 2023 Power | 2022 Power | 2021 Power | Power (Avg. 2021-23) |
|---|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| SCGA Women's Amateur Championship             | 208.2      | 399.1      | 335.1      | 314.1                |
| CGA Carolinas Women's Amateur Championship    | 190.7      | 99.1       | 143.8      | 144.5                |
| NCGA Women's Amateur Championship             | 127.3      | 81.3       | 74.5       | 94.4                 |
| Metropolitan Women's Amateur (GCGA)           | 50.0       | 37.1       | 28.4       | 38.5                 |
| GAP Women's Championship                      | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |
| Metropolitan Women's Amateur (MAGA)           | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |
| Metropolitan Amateur                          | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |
| NNGA Women's Amateur Championship             | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |
| Northeast Ohio Women's Amateur Championship   | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |
| WRDGA Rochester District Women's Championship | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |
| Southern Nevada Amateur                       | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |
| WPGA Women's Amateur Championship             | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |

#### Regional Amateur Championships (Average WAGR power ranking of 100 or higher)

| Championship                             | 2023 Power | 2022 Power | 2021 Power | Power (Avg. 2021-23) |
|--|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Pacific Northwest Women's Amateur        | 137.9      | 122.0      | 129.4      | 129.8                |
| New England Women's Amateur Championship | 45.6       | 49.1       | 53.5       | 49.4                 |

#### National Amateur Championships (Average WAGR power ranking of 600 or higher)

| Championship                             | 2023 Power | 2022 Power | 2021 Power | Power (Avg. 2021-23) |
|--|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Augusta National Women's Amateur         | 998.7      | 996.3      | 995.4      | 996.8                |
| North & South Women's Amateur            | 764.5      | 836.0      | 848.3      | 816.3                |
| Women's Western Amateur                  | 645.2      | 620.7      | 594.7      | 620.2                |
| Women's Orlando International Amateur    | 527.8      | 448.2      | 564.9      | 513.6                |
| Southwestern Amateur                     | 348.2      | 490.6      | 499.0      | 445.9                |
| The Sally                                | 330.0      | 446.7      | 486.8      | 421.2                |
| Ladies National Golf Association Amateur | 150.2      | 394.3      | 350.1      | 298.2                |



## U.S. Junior Amateur Championship

### Full Exemption Criteria

- 1) State Junior Amateur Championships
  - a. Defined by the geographic boundaries of the United States (50 states) plus Puerto Rico
  - b. Must be a WAGR-ranked event with an average power ranking of **20** or higher (3-year rolling average)
  - c. For events not currently ranked in WAGR or who do not have a 3-year history of being ranked in WAGR:
    - Average power ranking of 25 or greater in the two most recent years, or;
    - Power ranking of 25 or greater in the most recent year
  - a. Must have eligibility requirement that limits participation to residents or association members of that state and limits participation to junior golfers (17 or 18 & under)
  - d. Only one championship per state may qualify for exemption under this category.
- 2) AGA Junior Amateur Championships not defined by specific state boundaries
  - a. Must have eligibility that limits participation to junior golfers (17 or 18 & under)
  - b. Must be a WAGR-ranked event with an average WAGR power ranking of **25** or greater (3-year rolling average)
  - c. Only applies to those AGA's who are not defined by specific state boundaries. Only one championship per AGA may qualify for exemption.
- 3) Regional Junior Amateur Championships with affiliation to an AGA
  - a. Must be a WAGR-ranked event with an average WAGR power ranking of **35** or greater (3-year rolling average)
  - b. Must be affiliated with or conducted by an AGA (i.e. Pacific Northwest Amateur, New England Amateur, etc...)
- 4) National Junior Amateur Championships conducted within the United States
  - a. A full exemption will be granted to any National Amateur Championship conducted within the United States that has an average power ranking of **300** or greater (3-year rolling average)

### 2024 Exemption Summary

**\*Events highlighted in green will receive exemption in 2024**

State Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR power ranking of 20 or higher)

| Championship                        | 2023 Power | 2022 Power | 2021 Power | Power (Avg. 2021-23) |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Florida Junior Amateur Championship | 44.2       | 42.3       | 35.3       | 40.6                 |
| Tennessee Junior Amateur            | 47.0       | 22.9       | 22.6       | 30.8                 |
| Oregon Junior Amateur               | 43.1       | 23.5       | 15.9       | 27.5                 |
| Texas Junior Amateur                | 27.7       | 27.1       | 27.6       | 27.5                 |

|  |               |      |               |      |
|--|---------------|------|---------------|------|
| Massachusetts Junior Amateur Championship    | 32.4          | 25.0 | 18.3          | 25.2 |
| South Carolina Junior Championship           | 29.7          | 27.5 | 17.9          | 25.0 |
| VSGA Junior Stroke Play Championship         | 26.1          | 24.6 | 24.0          | 24.9 |
| Oklahoma Junior Boys                         | 27.4          | 23.2 | 20.9          | 23.8 |
| Nebraska Junior Amateur                      | 25.7          | 23.1 | 18.7          | 22.5 |
| Indiana Boys State Junior Championship       | 28.1          | 23.7 | 14.5          | 22.1 |
| North Carolina Junior Boys Championship      | 26.3          | 23.9 | 14.6          | 21.6 |
| Illinois State Junior Amateur Championship   | 23.7          | 23.5 | 17.5          | 21.6 |
| Georgia Junior Championship                  | 23.9          | 21.7 | 18.1          | 21.2 |
| Alabama State Junior Championship            | 24.8          | 22.9 | 15.7          | 21.1 |
| Colorado State Junior Championship           | 23.7          | 23.7 | 14.8          | 20.7 |
| Mississippi Junior Amateur                   | 23.0          | 22.8 | 16.4          | 20.7 |
| Michigan Junior State Amateur Championship   | 24.5          | 22.0 | 14.8          | 20.4 |
| Idaho Junior Amateur                         | 22.8          | 23.1 | 14.8          | 20.2 |
| Wisconsin Junior Boys Championship           | 23.2          | 22.9 | 14.5          | 20.2 |
| Kansas Boys Junior Amateur                   | 22.8          | 21.8 | 15.7          | 20.1 |
| Louisiana Junior Amateur Championship        | 26.2          | 22.1 | NR            | 24.1 |
| NYS Boys' Junior Amateur Championship        | 26.2          | NR   | NR            | 26.2 |
|  |               |      |               |      |
| Iowa Junior Amateur Championship             | 23.0          | 21.7 | 14.5          | 19.7 |
| Missouri Junior Match Play Championship      | 22.8          | 21.4 | 14.6          | 19.6 |
| New Jersey Junior Championship               | 24.9          | 19.0 | 14.7          | 19.5 |
| Rhode Island Boys Junior Amateur             | 24.3          | 16.7 | 10.8          | 17.3 |
| Connecticut Junior Amateur                   | 23.9          | 22.5 | Not submitted | 23.2 |
| Pennsylvania Junior Boys' Championship       | 23.1          | NR   | NR            | 23.1 |
| New Mexico - West Texas Junior Amateur       | 22.9          | NR   | NR            | 22.9 |
| New Hampshire Junior Championship            | Not submitted | 22.0 | 17.3          | 19.7 |
| Alaska (No event)                            | NR            | NR   | NR            | NR   |
| Arizona (No event)                           | NR            | NR   | NR            | NR   |
| Arkansas Junior Amateur Championship         | NR            | NR   | NR            | NR   |
| California State Junior Amateur Championship | NR            | NR   | NR            | NR   |
| Delaware Junior Boys' Championship           | NR            | NR   | NR            | NR   |
| Hawaii State Junior Championship             | NR            | NR   | NR            | NR   |
| Kentucky Junior Amateur                      | NR            | NR   | NR            | NR   |
| Maine Junior Championship                    | NR            | NR   | NR            | NR   |
| Maryland Junior Amateur Championship         | NR            | NR   | NR            | NR   |
| Minnesota State Junior Boys' Championship    | NR            | NR   | NR            | NR   |
| Montana State Junior Championship            | NR            | NR   | NR            | NR   |
| Nevada State Junior Amateur Championship     | NR            | NR   | NR            | NR   |
| NDGA State Junior Championship               | NR            | NR   | NR            | NR   |
| Ohio Junior Championship                     | NR            | NR   | NR            | NR   |
| SDGA Junior Championship                     | NR            | NR   | NR            | NR   |
| Utah (No event)                              | NR            | NR   | NR            | NR   |

|                            |    |    |    |    |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Vermont Junior Stroke Play | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| WPGA Junior Championship   | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| Washington (No event)      | NR | NR | NR | NR |

### AGA Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR power ranking of 25 or higher)

| Championship                                    | 2023 Power | 2022 Power | 2021 Power | Power (Avg. 2021-23) |
|---|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Carolinas Junior Boys' Championship             | 29.7       | 24.1       | 21.1       | 25.0                 |
| Northern California Junior Championship         | 24.8       | 23.7       | 18.1       | 22.2                 |
| Met Junior Championship                         | 29.4       | 17.9       | 15.4       | 20.9                 |
| GAP Junior Boys' Championship                   | 22.9       | 19.1       | NR         | NR                   |
| Metropolitan Junior Boys Championship           | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |
| Metropolitan Junior Amateur Championship        | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |
| NNGA Junior Amateur                             | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |
| RDGA Junior Championship                        | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |
| Southern California Junior Amateur Championship | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |

### Regional Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR power ranking of 35 or higher)

| Championship                            | 2023 Power | 2022 Power | 2021 Power | Power (Avg. 2021-23) |
|---|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| New England Junior Amateur Invitational | 26.7       | 24.8       | 37.4       | 29.6                 |
| Pacific Northwest Junior Boys' Amateur  | 23.1       | 33.4       | 18.5       | 25.0                 |

### National Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR power ranking of 300 or higher)

| Championship                                     | 2023 Power     | 2022 Power | 2021 Power | Power (Avg. 2021-23) |
|--|----------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Junior Invitational at Sage Valley               | 392.7          | 515.0      | Not played | 453.9                |
| Junior PLAYERS Championship                      | Not yet played | 412.0      | 228.4      | 320.2                |
| Rolex Tournament of Champions                    | Not yet played | 181.3      | 396.0      | 288.6                |
| AJGA Simplify Boys Championship at Carlton Woods | 175.5          | 377.0      | 274.4      | 275.6                |
| Team TaylorMade Invitational                     | 133.0          | 200.0      | 174.9      | 169.3                |
| Junior Orange Bowl International                 | 182.1          | 171.8      | 132.5      | 162.1                |
| Dustin Johnson World Junior                      | 152.6          | 220.1      | 103.7      | 158.8                |
| Boys Junior PGA Championship                     | 160.9          | 105.8      | 166.6      | 144.4                |
| IMG Academy Junior World Championship            | 25.5           | 20.5       | 97.5       | 47.8                 |

## U.S. Girls' Junior Championship

### Full Exemption Criteria

- 1) State Junior Amateur Championships
  - a. Defined by the geographic boundaries of the United States (50 states) plus Puerto Rico
  - b. Must be a WAGR-ranked event with an average power ranking of **25** or higher (3-year rolling average)
  - c. For events not currently ranked in WAGR or who do not have a 3-year history of being ranked in WAGR:
    - Average power ranking of 30 or greater in the two most recent years, or;
    - Power ranking of 30 or greater in the most recent year
  - d. Must have eligibility requirement that limits participation to residents or association members of that state and limits participation to junior golfers (17 or 18 & under)
  - e. Only one championship per state may qualify for exemption under this category.
- 2) AGA Junior Amateur Championships not defined by specific state boundaries
  - a. Must have eligibility that limits participation to junior golfers (17 or 18 & under)
  - b. Must be a WAGR-ranked event with an average WAGR power ranking of **30** or greater (3-year rolling average)
  - c. Only applies to those AGA's who are not defined by specific state boundaries. Only one championship per AGA may qualify for exemption.
- 3) Regional Junior Amateur Championships with affiliation to an AGA
  - a. Must be a WAGR-ranked event with an average WAGR power ranking of **40** or greater (3-year rolling average)
  - b. Must be affiliated with or conducted by an AGA (i.e. Pacific Northwest Amateur, New England Amateur, etc...)
- 4) National Junior Amateur Championships conducted within the United States
  - a. A full exemption will be granted to any National Junior Amateur Championship conducted within the United States that has an average power ranking of **400** or greater (3-year rolling average)

### 2024 Exemption Summary

**\*Events highlighted in green will receive exemption in 2024**

State Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR power ranking of 25 or higher)

| Championship                       | 2023 Power | 2022 Power | 2021 Power | Power (Avg. 2021-23) |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Texas Junior Amateur               | 41.9       | 82.9       | 38.6       | 54.5                 |
| Florida Girls' Junior Championship | 41.5       | 49.7       | 47.8       | 46.3                 |
| California Junior Championship     | 38.5       | 40.2       | 46.3       | 41.7                 |
| Nebraska Girls' Amateur            | 37.1       | 45.3       | NR         | 41.2                 |

|   |      |      |      |      |
|---|------|------|------|------|
| Georgia Junior Championship                         | 44.0 | 39.2 | 36.6 | 39.9 |
| Tennessee Girls' Junior Championship                | 35.9 | 40.6 | 34.2 | 36.9 |
| Kansas Girls Junior Amateur                         | 34.7 | 36.3 | 39.3 | 36.8 |
| North Carolina Junior Girls' Championship           | 36.1 | 35.4 | 34.9 | 35.5 |
| Alabama Girls State Junior                          | 35.2 | 40.0 | 31.0 | 35.4 |
| Colorado Junior State Championship                  | 34.0 | 37.0 | 34.4 | 35.1 |
| Michigan Girls' Junior State Amateur                | 35.4 | 36.4 | 31.4 | 34.4 |
| Indiana Girls State Junior Championship             | 34.6 | 36.1 | 28.0 | 32.9 |
| Women's South Carolina GA Junior Girls Championship | 27.3 | 34.7 | 33.5 | 31.8 |
| Oklahoma Junior Girls                               | 32.7 | 34.5 | 26.1 | 31.1 |
| Idaho Girls' Junior Amateur                         | 31.4 | 32.3 | 28.7 | 30.8 |
| Oregon Junior Amateur                               | 35.4 | 34.2 | 20.3 | 30.0 |
| Missouri Junior Match Play Championship             | 31.5 | 26.9 | 26.2 | 28.2 |
| Mississippi Junior Amateur                          | 28.9 | 33.4 | 22.1 | 28.1 |
| WSGA WPGA Junior Girls Championship                 | 35.1 | 27.1 | 21.2 | 27.8 |
| Iowa Junior Girls' Amateur Championship             | 30.4 | 25.9 | 24.5 | 26.9 |
| NYS Girls' Junior Amateur Championship              | 39.9 | NR   | NR   | 39.9 |
| New Jersey Junior Girls' Championship               | 37.6 | NR   | NR   | 37.6 |
| VSGA Junior Girls' Championship                     | 35.6 | NR   | NR   | 35.6 |
| Massachusetts Girls' Junior Amateur Championship    | 34.8 | NR   | NR   | 34.8 |
| Pennsylvania Junior Girls' Championship             | 34.7 | NR   | NR   | 34.7 |
|   |      |      |      |      |
| New Mexico - West Texas Junior Amateur              | 26.9 | NR   | NR   | 26.9 |
| Rhode Island Girls Junior Amateur                   | 19.3 | 21.1 | 22.5 | 21.0 |
| Louisiana Girls Junior Amateur                      | 19.8 | NR   | NR   | 19.8 |
| Alaska (No event)                                   | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| Arizona (No event)                                  | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| Arkansas Junior Amateur Championship                | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| Connecticut Girls Junior Amateur                    | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| Delaware Junior Girls' Championship                 | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| Hawaii State Junior Championship                    | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| Illinois State Junior Girl's Championship           | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| Kentucky Girls' Junior Amateur Championship         | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| Maine Junior Championship                           | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| Maryland Junior Girls Championship                  | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| Minnesota State Junior Girls' Championship          | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| Montana State Junior Championship                   | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| Nevada State Junior Championship                    | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| New Hampshire Girls' Junior Championship            | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| NDGA State Junior                                   | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| Ohio Junior Girls Championship                      | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| SDGA Junior Championship                            | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |
| Utah (No event)                                     | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   |

|                            |    |    |    |    |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Vermont Junior Stroke Play | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| Washington (No event)      | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| WV Junior Amateur          | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| WJGT Junior Amateur        | NR | NR | NR | NR |

### AGA Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR power ranking of 30 or higher)

| Championship                                    | 2023 Power | 2022 Power | 2021 Power | Power (Avg. 2021-23) |
|---|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Carolinas Junior Girls' Championship            | 40.1       | 55.2       | 40.1       | 45.1                 |
| Northern California Junior Championship         | 28.4       | 24.8       | 26.6       | 26.6                 |
| Metropolitan Junior Girls Championship          | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |
| Metropolitan Junior Amateur Championship        | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |
| NNGA Junior Amateur                             | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |
| RDGA Junior Championship                        | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |
| Southern California Junior Amateur Championship | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                   |

### Regional Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR power ranking of 40 or higher)

| Championship                            | 2023 Power | 2022 Power | 2021 Power | Power (Avg. 2021-23) |
|---|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Pacific Northwest Junior Girls' Amateur | 43.0       | 39.5       | 33.6       | 38.7                 |
| New England Junior Amateur Championship | 32.1       | 35.0       | 27.2       | 31.4                 |

### National Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR power ranking of 400 or higher)

| Championship                       | 2023 Power     | 2022 Power | 2021 Power | Power (Avg. 2021-23) |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Junior Invitational at Sage Valley | 710.8          | 576.9      | No event   | 643.8                |
| Rolex Tournament of Champions      | Not yet played | 439.8      | 458.7      | 449.2                |
| ANNIKA Invitational                | 544.8          | 525.0      | No event   | 534.9                |
| Girls' Junior PGA Championship     | 425.4          | 341.6      | 348.6      | 371.9                |