



USGA EXEMPTION EVENTS 2025 Exemption Criteria

Summary of Exemptions

Exemptions will be determined based on the below criteria using WAGR event Power data from 2022-24. All exemptions will take effect beginning in 2025. Exemptions for subsequent years will be evaluated each fall using the previous three years of WAGR® (World Amateur Golf Ranking®) event Power data (i.e. 2026 exemptions will utilize data from 2023-2025).

	State Amateurs	AGA Amateurs	Regional Amateurs	National Amateurs
U.S. Amateur	All 50 states (must be WAGR ranked)	50+ event Power	100+ event Power	600+ event Power
U.S. Women's Amateur	40+ event Power	50+ event Power	100+ event Power	600+ event Power
U.S. Junior Amateur	20+ event Power	25+ event Power	35+ event Power	300+ event Power
U.S. Girls' Junior	25+ event Power	30+ event Power	40+ event Power	400+ event Power

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 2025 U.S. Amateur Championship will begin on August 11. The cutoff date for state amateur exemptions to be claimed in 2025 will be August 3. All state amateurs where the intended conclusion is on August 3rd or earlier will receive an exemption to the 2025 Championship. All state amateurs with an intended finish of August 4th or later will have their champions receive their exemption into the 2026 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 or defer the year 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.

- 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	2025 Championship Dates	Cutoff for Same-Year Exemption
U.S. Girls' Junior	July 14-19	Sunday, July 6
U.S. Junior Amateur	July 21-26	Sunday, July 13
U.S. Women's Amateur	August 4-10	Sunday, July 27
U.S. Amateur	August 11-17	Sunday, August 3

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 event Power 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 event Power 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 event Power 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 event Powers across all events and the quality of champions produced at these events, we were able to determine an event Power 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)
 - 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 event Power of **50** or greater (3-year rolling average)
 - b. For events not currently ranked in WAGR or who do not have a 3-year history of being ranked in WAGR:
 - Average event Power of 60 or greater in the two most recent years, or;
 - Event Power of 60 or greater in the most recent year
 - 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 Amateur Championships with affiliation to an AGA
 - a. Must be a WAGR-ranked event with an average WAGR event Power 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 event Power of **600** or greater (3-year rolling average)

2025 Full Exemption Summary

***Events highlighted in green will receive full exemption in 2025**

State Amateur Championships (Must be WAGR ranked)

Championship	2024 Power	2023 Power	2022 Power	Power (Avg. 2022-24)
Alabama State Amateur	196.1	106	99.9	134.0
Alaska State Amateur Championship	23.6	23.8	23.8	23.7
Arizona Amateur Championship	102.2	120.3	60.3	94.3
Arkansas Amateur Championship	49.6	35.5	36.2	40.4
California Amateur Championship	279.1	171.8	261.3	237.4



Colorado Amateur Championship	49.9	41.7	86.2	59.3
Connecticut Amateur Championship	46.2	60	30.7	45.6
Delaware Amateur Championship	26.7	35.2	34.8	32.2
Florida Amateur Championship	113.3	109.1	171.5	131.3
Georgia Amateur Championship	233.5	187.6	109.1	176.7
Golf PR Island Amateur Championship	77.3	NR	NR	77.3
Hawaii State Amateur Championship	29.9	34.1	22.7	28.9
Idaho State Amateur	32.5	26.5	22.9	27.3
Illinois State Amateur	39.8	97.1	117.5	84.8
Indiana Amateur Championship	61.4	54.5	53.9	56.6
Iowa Amateur Championship	70.7	75.7	88.8	78.4
Kansas Amateur	74.1	46.2	47.7	56.0
Kentucky Amateur Championship	48.3	47.1	84	59.8
Louisiana Amateur	33.6	27.8	36.4	32.6
Maine Amateur Championship	26.2	45.9	24.1	32.1
Maryland Amateur	42.1	49	51.3	47.5
Massachusetts Amateur Championship	74	61.1	38.6	57.9
MGA Amateur Championship	87.6	113.3	117.1	106.0
Michigan Amateur Championship	63.3	72.5	49.3	61.7
Mississippi State Amateur Championship	71.5	88.5	84	81.3
Missouri Amateur Championship	51	52.9	62.2	55.4
Montana State Amateur	24	23.8	23.5	23.8
Nebraska Amateur Championship	53.5	33.6	34.8	40.6
Nevada State Amateur Championship	32.6	30.8	28.2	30.5
New Hampshire Amateur Championship	35.5	27.6	27.5	30.2
New Jersey Amateur Championship	85	82.1	61.7	76.3
New Mexico-West Texas Amateur	29.6	38	37.7	35.1
New York State Amateur Championship	61.6	74	44	59.9
North Carolina Amateur Championship	114.3	96.3	53.4	88.0
North Dakota State Stroke Play Championship	27	NR	NR	27.0
Ohio Amateur Championship	137.2	134	119.7	130.3
Oklahoma State Amateur	77.6	44.1	39	53.6
Oregon Amateur Championship	54	75.5	122.6	84.0
Pennsylvania Amateur Championship	49	54.8	85.1	63.0
Rhode Island Amateur	25.3	26.5	29.6	27.1
South Carolina Amateur Championship	66.6	83.5	65.2	71.8
South Dakota Amateur Championship	21.7	NR	NR	21.7
Tennessee State Amateur	115.1	106.7	64.7	95.5
Texas Amateur Championship	126.1	166.8	122	138.3
Utah State Amateur Championship	135.8	98.7	72.9	102.5



Vermont Amateur Championship	31.1	27	28.5	28.9
VSGA Amateur Championship	53.3	82.7	128.3	88.1
Washington State Amateur Championship	86.2	68.3	51.2	68.6
West Virginia Amateur	25.9	27.4	27.2	26.8
Wisconsin State Amateur Championship	88.8	55.5	48.9	64.4
Wyoming Amateur Championship	24.4	NR	NR	24.4

AGA Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR event Power of 50 or higher)

Championship	2024 Power	2023 Power	2022 Power	Power (Avg. 2022-24)
Met Amateur Championship	154.9	195.1	160.2	170.1
SCGA Amateur Championship	101.4	109	138.4	116.3
Carolinas Amateur Championship	85.8	107	136.6	109.8
NCGA Amateur Championship	81.6	58.4	81.8	73.9
Philadelphia Amateur Championship	45.5	57.2	62.2	55.0
Metropolitan Amateur Championship (MVGA)	61.9	47.7	NR	54.8
Western Pennsylvania Amateur Championship	36.6	79.4	32.4	49.5
Metropolitan Amateur Championship (MAGA)	28.8	36.1	46.9	37.3
CDGA Amateur Championship	33.4	46.6	43.9	41.3
Tony Blom Metropolitan Amateur Championship (GCGA)	42.5	26.2	43.6	37.4
Northeast Ohio Amateur	26.7	29.7	Not ranked	28.2
Columbus District Amateur Championship	27.2	25.2	34.9	29.1
RDGA District Championship	30.3	25.9	Not ranked	28.1

Regional Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR event Power of 100 or higher)

Championship	2024 Power	2023 Power	2022 Power	Power (Avg. 2022-24)
Pacific Northwest Amateur Championship	61.5	99.5	70.7	77.2
New England Amateur Championship	48.1	59	58.9	55.3

National Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR event Power of 600 or higher)

Championship	2024 Power	2023 Power	2022 Power	Power (Avg. 2022-24)
The Western Amateur Championship	975.8	987.8	977.7	980.4
Jones Cup Invitational	961.9	938	898.2	932.7
Southern Amateur Championship	934.5	972.3	922.2	943.0
Northeast Amateur Invitational	905.8	956.1	932.8	931.6
Sunnehanna Amateur	767.1	895.1	876.5	846.2
North and South Amateur Championship	821.6	882.4	838.9	847.6
Pacific Coast Amateur	657.0	614.1	812.8	694.6
Trans-Mississippi Amateur Championship	715.4	837.3	711.8	754.8



The Dogwood Invitational	453.1	548	476.3	492.5
Terra Cotta Invitational	313.9	373.5	439.7	375.7
Monroe Invitational	414.0	401.6	449.2	421.6
Porter Cup	154.3	146.1	429	243.1

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 event Power 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 event Power 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 that receive a full exemption and with a 3-year average event Power below 50, the runner-up will receive an exemption from local qualifying for the following year.
 - 1.5. For AGA amateur championships that do not meet the WAGR threshold for a full exemption or are not ranked in WAGR, the champion will receive an exemption from local qualifying for the following year.

2025 Local Exemption Summary

Championship	2024 Power	2023 Power	2022 Power	Power (Avg. 2022-24)
For events below in green, top 5/quarterfinalists will receive local exemption in 2026				
California Amateur Championship	279.1	171.8	261.3	237.4
Georgia Amateur Championship	233.5	187.6	109.1	176.7
Met Amateur Championship	154.9	195.1	160.2	170.1
Texas Amateur Championship	126.1	166.8	122	138.3
Alabama State Amateur	196.1	106	99.9	134.0
Florida Amateur Championship	113.3	109.1	171.5	131.3
Ohio Amateur Championship	137.2	134	119.7	130.3
SCGA Amateur Championship	101.4	109	138.4	116.3
Carolinas Amateur Championship	85.8	107	136.6	109.8
MGA Amateur Championship	87.6	113.3	117.1	106.0
Utah State Amateur Championship	135.8	98.7	72.9	102.5
For events below in green, top 3/semifinalists will receive local exemption in 2026				
Tennessee State Amateur	115.1	106.7	64.7	95.5
Arizona Amateur Championship	102.2	120.3	60.3	94.3
VSGA Amateur Championship	53.3	82.7	128.3	88.1
North Carolina Amateur Championship	114.3	96.3	53.4	88.0
Illinois State Amateur	39.8	97.1	117.5	84.8

Oregon Amateur Championship	54	75.5	122.6	84.0
Mississippi State Amateur Championship	71.5	88.5	84	81.3
Iowa Amateur Championship	70.7	75.7	88.8	78.4
Golf PR Island Amateur Championship	77.3	NR	NR	77.3
New Jersey Amateur Championship	85	82.1	61.7	76.3
NCGA Amateur Championship	81.6	58.4	81.8	73.9
South Carolina Amateur Championship	66.6	83.5	65.2	71.8
Washington State Amateur Championship	86.2	68.3	51.2	68.6
Wisconsin State Amateur Championship	88.8	55.5	48.9	64.4
Pennsylvania Amateur Championship	49	54.8	85.1	63.0
Michigan Amateur Championship	63.3	72.5	49.3	61.7
New York State Amateur Championship	61.6	74	44	59.9
Kentucky Amateur Championship	48.3	47.1	84	59.8
Colorado Amateur Championship	49.9	41.7	86.2	59.3
Massachusetts Amateur Championship	74	61.1	38.6	57.9
Indiana Amateur Championship	61.4	54.5	53.9	56.6
Kansas Amateur	74.1	46.2	47.7	56.0
Missouri Amateur Championship	51	52.9	62.2	55.4
Philadelphia Amateur Championship	45.5	57.2	62.2	55.0
Metropolitan Amateur Championship (MVGA)	61.9	47.7	NR	54.8
Oklahoma State Amateur	77.6	44.1	39	53.6
For events below in blue, champion & runner-up(s) will receive local exemption in 2026				
Maryland Amateur	42.1	49	51.3	47.5
Connecticut Amateur Championship	46.2	60	30.7	45.6
CDGA Amateur Championship	33.4	46.6	43.9	41.3
Nebraska Amateur Championship	53.5	33.6	34.8	40.6
Arkansas Amateur Championship	49.6	35.5	36.2	40.4
New Mexico-West Texas Amateur	29.6	38	37.7	35.1
Louisiana Amateur	33.6	27.8	36.4	32.6
Delaware Amateur Championship	26.7	35.2	34.8	32.2
Maine Amateur Championship	26.2	45.9	24.1	32.1
Nevada State Amateur Championship	32.6	30.8	28.2	30.5
New Hampshire Amateur Championship	35.5	27.6	27.5	30.2
Hawaii State Amateur Championship	29.9	34.1	22.7	28.9
Vermont Amateur Championship	31.1	27	28.5	28.9
Idaho State Amateur	32.5	26.5	22.9	27.3
Rhode Island Amateur	25.3	26.5	29.6	27.1
North Dakota State Stroke Play Championship	27	NR	NR	27.0
West Virginia Amateur	25.9	27.4	27.2	26.8
Wyoming Amateur Championship	24.4	NR	NR	24.4
Montana State Amateur	24	23.8	23.5	23.8
Alaska State Amateur Championship	23.6	23.8	23.8	23.7
South Dakota Amateur Championship	21.7	NR	NR	21.7
For events below in blue, champion will receive local exemption in 2026				
Pacific Northwest Amateur Championship	61.5	99.5	70.7	77.2

New England Amateur Championship	48.1	59	58.9	55.3
Western Pennsylvania Amateur Championship	36.6	79.4	32.4	49.5
CDGA Amateur Championship	33.4	46.6	43.9	41.3
Tony Blom Metropolitan Amateur Championship (GCGA)	42.5	26.2	43.6	37.4
Metropolitan Amateur Championship (MAGA)	28.8	36.1	46.9	37.3
Columbus District Amateur Championship	27.2	25.2	34.9	29.1
NNGA Amateur Championship	NR	NR	NR	NR
Southern Nevada Amateur Championship	NR	NR	NR	NR
Northeast Ohio Amateur	26.7	29.7	Not ranked	NR
RDGA District Championship	30.3	25.9	Not ranked	NR



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 event Power 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 event Power of 50 or greater in the two most recent years, or;
 - Event Power 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 event Power of **50** or greater (3-year rolling average)
 - b. For events not currently ranked in WAGR or who do not have a 3-year history of being ranked in WAGR:
 - Average event Power of 60 or greater in the two most recent years, or;
 - Event Power of 60 or greater in the most recent year
 - 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 Amateur Championships with affiliation to an AGA
 - a. Must be a WAGR-ranked event with an average WAGR event Power 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 event Power of **600** or greater (3-year rolling average)
 - b. Age or eligibility-restricted events are excluded (i.e. junior, collegiate etc..)



2025 Exemption Summary

***Events highlighted in green will receive exemption in 2025**

State Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR event Power of 40 or higher)

Championship	2024 Power	2023 Power	2022 Power	Power (Avg. 2022-24)
California Women's Amateur Championship	320.2	238.7	296.7	285.2
Florida Women's Amateur Championship	188	141.8	274.1	201.3
Women's Texas Amateur Championship	239.4	82.0	156.8	159.4
Arizona Women's Amateur Championship	218.1	109.3	113.3	146.9
Georgia Women's Amateur Championship	137.4	89.6	153.1	126.7
Tennessee Women's Amateur Championship	102.3	105.9	68.8	92.3
Connecticut Women's Amateur	89.7	NR	NR	89.7
Utah Women's State Amateur	107.5	88.8	70	88.8
Missouri Women's Amateur & Mid-Amateur Championship	144	41.7	38.9	74.9
Washington State Women's Amateur Championship	95.4	50.5	77.1	74.3
CGA Women's Stroke Play Championship	57.1	50.7	108.4	72.1
NCWGA State Amateur (North Carolina)	127.5	31.7	43.6	67.6
Pennsylvania Women's Amateur Championship	91.3	48.8	61.8	67.3
Oregon Amateur Championship	70.4	58	67.8	65.4
Women's Ohio State Amateur	70.8	78	42.5	63.8
New Jersey Women's Amateur Championship	91.3	59.5	40.5	63.8
Women's Massachusetts Amateur Championship	67.1	55	56	59.4
Alabama State Amateur Championship (<i>previously Alabama Stroke Play</i>)	67.4	41.1	56.4	55
Women's Oklahoma State Amateur	54.4	43.5	64.9	54.3
Indiana Women's Amateur Championship	77.8	37.4	43.2	52.8
Women's South Carolina GA Amateur State Championship	38.48	49.3	68.8	52.2
Michigan Women's Amateur	56.4	40.4	55.4	50.7
Illinois State Amateur Championship	44.3	46.6	59.4	50.1
VSGA Women's Amateur Championship	49.6	53.9	43.9	49.1
Maryland Women's Amateur	62.8	40.4	39.2	47.5
Iowa Women's Amateur	45.3	39.3	54.1	46.2
Nebraska Women's Amateur Championship	44.5	46.9	47.2	46.2
MGA Women's Amateur Championship (Minnesota)	43	41.8	50.3	45
Kansas Women's Amateur	44.3	38.8	49	44
New York State Women's Amateur Championship	42.8	34.6	44.2	40.5
Wisconsin Women's Amateur Championship	36	40.8	NR	38.4
Mississippi Women's State Amateur	49	29.1	35.9	38
West Virginia Women's Amateur Championship	32.8	38.7	40.1	37.2



Nevada State Women's Amateur Championship	36.4	NR	NR	36.4
Idaho Women's State Amateur	36.69	34.3	34.3	35.1
Louisiana Women's Amateur	32.86	33	28.8	31.6
Hawaii State Amateur Championship	22.3	37.2	30.6	30
Rhode Island Women's Amateur Championship	34.7	26.3	24.9	28.6
Arkansas Amateur Championship	21.3	22.4	NR	21.8
Montana Women's Amateur	35.24	40.2	NR	#N/A
Maine Women's Amateur Championship	NR	NR	NR	#N/A
South Dakota Women's Amateur	22.8	NR	NR	#N/A
Alaska State Women's Amateur Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
Delaware Women's Amateur Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
Kentucky Women's Amateur Stroke Play Championship	44.24	NR	NR	#N/A
NH Women's Amateur Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
New Mexico - West Texas Women's Amateur	28.9	35	NR	#N/A
NDWGA - Women's State Stroke Play	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
Vermont Women's Amateur	34.4	#N/A	NR	#N/A

AGA Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR event Power of 50 or higher)

Championship	2024 Power	2023 Power	2022 Power	Power (Avg. 2022-24)
SCGA Women's Amateur Championship	274.9	208.2	399.1	294.1
CGA Carolinas Women's Amateur Championship	142.3	190.7	99.1	144.0
NCGA Women's Amateur Championship	42.8	127.3	81.3	83.8
Metropolitan Women's Amateur (GCGA)	29.3	50	37.1	38.8
GAP Women's Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
Metropolitan Women's Amateur (MAGA)	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
Metropolitan Amateur	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
NNGA Women's Amateur Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
Northeast Ohio Women's Amateur Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
WRDGA Rochester District Women's Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
Southern Nevada Amateur	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
WPGA Women's Amateur Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A

Regional Amateur Championships (Average WAGR event Power of 100 or higher)

Championship	2024 Power	2023 Power	2022 Power	Power (Avg. 2022-24)
Pacific Northwest Women's Amateur	212.7	137.9	122	157.5
New England Women's Amateur Championship	41.1	45.6	49.1	45.3



National Amateur Championships (Average WAGR event Power of 600 or higher)

Championship	2024 Power	2023 Power	2022 Power	Power (Avg. 2022-24)
Augusta National Women's Amateur	996.6	998.7	996.3	997.2
North & South Women's Amateur	655.3	764.5	836	751.9
Women's Western Amateur	829.3	645.2	620.7	698.4
Sea Island Women's Amateur	454.0	527.8	448.2	476.7
Women's Orlando International Amateur	466.7	348.2	490.6	435.2
Southwestern Amateur	442.6	330	446.7	406.4
The Sally	581.9	150.2	394.3	375.5
Ladies National Golf Association Amateur	454.0	527.8	448.2	476.7

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 event Power 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 event Power of 25 or greater in the two most recent years, or;
 - Event Power 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 event Power of **25** or greater (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 event Power of 27.5 or greater in the two most recent years, or;
 - Event Power of 27.5 or greater in the most recent year
 - d. 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 event Power 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 event Power of **300** or greater (3-year rolling average)

2024 Exemption Summary

***Events highlighted in green will receive exemption in 2025**

State Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR event Power of 20 or higher)

Championship	2024 Power	2023 Power	2022 Power	Power (Avg. 2022-24)
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Florida Junior Amateur Championship	41.7	44.2	42.3	42.7
Tennessee Junior Amateur	26.3	47	22.9	32.1
Oregon Junior Amateur	24.8	43.1	23.5	30.5
Massachusetts Junior Amateur Championship	28.1	32.4	25	28.5
South Carolina Junior Championship	28.1	29.7	27.5	28.4
Texas Junior Amateur	NPY	27.7	27.1	27.4
Indiana Boys State Junior Championship	28.1	28.1	23.7	26.6
North Carolina Junior Boys Championship	26.4	26.3	23.9	25.5
VSGA Junior Stroke Play Championship	25.5	26.1	24.6	25.4
Oklahoma Junior Boys	23.9	27.4	23.2	24.8
Nebraska Junior Amateur	25	25.7	23.1	24.6
Colorado State Junior Championship	26.3	23.7	23.7	24.6
Golf PR Junior Island Championship	22.9	26.9	23.7	24.5
NYS Boys' Junior Amateur Championship	22.8	26.2	NR	24.5
Alabama State Junior Championship	23.9	24.8	22.9	23.9
Michigan Junior State Amateur Championship	24.2	24.5	22	23.6
Louisiana Junior Amateur Championship	22.2	26.2	22.1	23.5
Illinois State Junior Amateur Championship	22.2	23.7	23.5	23.1
Georgia Junior Championship	23.4	23.9	21.7	23.0
Wisconsin Junior Boys Championship	22.6	23.2	22.9	22.9
Kansas Boys Junior Amateur	23.5	22.8	21.8	22.7
Mississippi Junior Amateur	21.7	23	22.8	22.5
Idaho Junior Amateur	21.4	22.8	23.1	22.4
Iowa Junior Amateur Championship	21.6	23	21.7	22.1
Missouri Junior Match Play Championship	23.4	22.8	21.4	22.5
New Jersey Junior Championship	22	24.9	19	22.0
Rhode Island Boys Junior Amateur	22	24.3	16.7	21
Connecticut Junior Amateur	22.8	23.9	22.5	23.1
New Hampshire Junior Championship	20.9	22.7	22	21.9
Pennsylvania Junior Boys' Championship	22.9	23.1	NR	#N/A
Maryland Junior Amateur Championship	22.6	NR	NR	#N/A
Montana State Junior Championship	22.5	NR	NR	#N/A
UGA Utah Boys Junior State Championship	21.8	NR	NR	#N/A
West Virginia Junior Amateur Championship	21.8	NR	NR	#N/A
Minnesota State Junior Boys' Championship	21.7	NR	NR	#N/A
Ohio Junior Championship	21.7	NR	NR	#N/A
New Mexico - West Texas Junior Amateur	21.6	22.9	NR	#N/A
Kentucky Junior Amateur	21.6	NR	NR	#N/A
Nevada State Junior Amateur Championship	21.6	NR	NR	#N/A



Washington State Junior Amateur	21.6	NR	NR	#N/A
SDGA Junior Championship	21.5	NR	NR	NR
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
Maine Junior Championship	NR	NR	NR	NR
NDGA State Junior Championship	NR	NR	NR	NR
Vermont Junior Stroke Play	NR	NR	NR	NR
WPGA Junior Championship	NR	NR	NR	NR

AGA Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR event Power of 25 or higher)

Championship	2024 Power	2023 Power	2022 Power	Power (Avg. 2022-24)
Carolinas Junior Boys' Championship	30.9	29.7	24.1	28.2
Northern California Junior Championship	22.8	24.8	23.7	23.8
Met Junior Championship	27	29.4	17.9	24.8
GAP Junior Boys' Championship	22.1	22.9	19.1	21.4
Southern California Junior Amateur Championship	25.9	NR	NR	#N/A
Metropolitan Junior Boys Championship	NR	NR	NR	NR
Metropolitan Junior Amateur Championship	21.6	NR	NR	NR
NNGA Junior Amateur	NR	NR	NR	NR
RDGA Junior Championship	NR	NR	NR	NR

Regional Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR event Power of 35 or higher)

Championship	2024 Power	2023 Power	2022 Power	Power (Avg. 2022-24)
New England Junior Amateur Invitational	41.4	26.7	24.8	30.9
Pacific Northwest Junior Boys' Amateur	25.8	23.1	33.4	27.4

National Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR event Power of 300 or higher)

Championship	2024 Power	2023 Power	2022 Power	Power (Avg. 2022-24)
Junior Invitational at Sage Valley	405.7	392.7	515.0	453.9
Junior PLAYERS Championship	421.5	285.1	412.0	372.9
Rolex Tournament of Champions	NPY	201.9	181.3	



AJGA Simplify Boys Championship at Carlton Woods	252.8	175.5	377	268.4
Team TaylorMade Invitational	186.2	133	200	173.1
Junior Orange Bowl International	127.3	182.1	171.8	160.4
Dustin Johnson World Junior	200.9	152.6	220.1	191.2
Boys Junior PGA Championship	252.2	160.9	105.8	173.0
IMG Academy Junior World Championship	36	25.5	20.5	27.3

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 event Power 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 event Power of 30 or greater in the two most recent years, or;
 - Event Power of 30 or greater in the most recent year
 - b. 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 event Power of **30** or greater (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 event Power of 30 or greater in the two most recent years, or;
 - Event Power of 30 or greater in the most recent year
 - d. 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 event Power 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 event Power of **400** or greater (3-year rolling average)

2025 Exemption Summary

***Events highlighted in green will receive exemption in 2025**

State Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR event Power of 25 or higher)

Championship	2024 Power	2023 Power	2022 Power	Power (Avg. 2022-24)
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Florida Girls' Junior Championship	91.8	41.5	49.7	61.0
California Junior Championship	95.9	38.5	40.2	58.2
Texas Junior Amateur	41.9	41.9	82.9	55.6
Georgia Junior Championship	76.0	44.0	39.2	53.1
New Jersey Junior Girls' Championship	65.8	37.6	NR	51.7
NYS Girls' Junior Amateur Championship	41.5	39.9	NR	40.7
VSGA Junior Girls' Championship	41.1	35.6	NR	38.3
Nebraska Girls' Amateur	32.1	37.1	45.3	38.2
Kansas Girls Junior Amateur	43.1	34.7	36.3	38.0
Tennessee Girls' Junior Championship	35.7	35.9	40.6	37.4
Alabama Girls State Junior	34.1	35.2	40.0	36.4
Colorado Junior State Championship	37.6	34.0	37.0	36.2
North Carolina Junior Girls' Championship	34.6	36.1	35.4	35.4
Michigan Girls' Junior State Amateur	33.9	35.4	36.4	35.2
Indiana Girls State Junior Championship	34.1	34.6	36.1	34.9
Pennsylvania Junior Girls' Championship	34.5	34.7	NR	34.6
Massachusetts Girls' Junior Amateur Championship	34.2	34.8	NR	34.5
Oklahoma Junior Girls	34.0	32.7	34.5	33.7
Oregon Junior Amateur	30.2	35.4	34.2	33.3
Women's South Carolina GA Junior Girls Championship	36.5	27.3	34.7	32.8
WSGA WPGA Junior Girls Championship	33.4	35.1	27.1	31.9
Idaho Girls' Junior Amateur	29.6	31.4	32.3	31.1
Missouri Junior Match Play Championship	33.9	31.5	26.9	30.8
Mississippi Junior Amateur	28.0	28.9	33.4	30.1
Iowa Junior Girls' Amateur Championship	32.8	30.4	25.9	29.7
UGA Utah Girls' Junior State Amateur Championship	44.0	NR	NR	#N/A
Connecticut Girls Junior Amateur	37.5	NR	NR	#N/A
Minnesota State Junior Girls' Championship	34.0	NR	NR	#N/A
Montana State Junior Championship	33.3	NR	NR	#N/A
Girls' Kentucky Junior Amateur	32.1	NR	NR	#N/A
Washington State Junior Amateur	34.4	NR	NR	#N/A
Illinois State Junior Girl's Championship	33.5	NR	NR	#N/A
New Mexico - West Texas Junior Amateur	29.1	26.9	NR	#N/A
Rhode Island Girls Junior Amateur	19.8	19.3	21.1	20.1
Louisiana Girls Junior Amateur	20.0	19.8	NR	#N/A
Alaska (No event)	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
Arizona (No event)	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
Arkansas Junior Amateur Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
Delaware Junior Girls' Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
Hawaii State Junior Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
Maine Junior Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
Maryland Junior Girls Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A



Nevada State Junior Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
New Hampshire Girls' Junior Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
NDGA State Junior	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
Ohio Junior Girls Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
SDGA Junior Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
Vermont Junior Stroke Play	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
WV Junior Amateur	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
WJGT Junior Amateur	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A

AGA Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR event Power of 30 or higher)

Championship	2024 Power	2023 Power	2022 Power	Power (Avg. 2022-24)
Carolinas Junior Girls' Championship	47.7	40.1	55.2	47.7
Southern California Junior Amateur Championship	64.0	NR	NR	#N/A
Northern California Junior Championship	34.5	28.4	24.8	29.2
Metropolitan Junior Girls Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
Metropolitan Junior Amateur Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
NNGA Junior Amateur	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A
RDGA Junior Championship	#N/A	NR	NR	#N/A

Regional Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR event Power of 40 or higher)

Championship	2024 Power	2023 Power	2022 Power	Power (Avg. 2022-24)
Pacific Northwest Junior Girls' Amateur	62.2	43.0	39.5	48.2
New England Junior Amateur Championship	29.4	32.1	35.0	32.2

National Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR event Power of 400 or higher)

Championship	2024 Power	2023 Power	2022 Power	Power (Avg. 2022-24)
Junior Invitational at Sage Valley	678.5	710.8	576.9	655.4
Rolex Tournament of Champions	#N/A	355.6	439.8	#N/A
ANNIKA Invitational	393.4	544.8	525.0	487.7
Girls' Junior PGA Championship	442.6	425.4	341.6	371.9

New Exemption Events for 2025

The following events will be considered USGA exemption events for the first time in 2025. As a reminder, Exemptions for subsequent years will be evaluated each fall using the previous three years of WAGR® (World Amateur Golf Ranking®) event Power data (i.e. 2026 exemptions will utilize data from 2023-2025).

U.S. Amateur (Full Exemption):

- Metropolitan Amateur Championship (MVGA)

U.S. Women's Amateur:

- Connecticut Women's Amateur
- Maryland Women's Amateur

U.S. Junior Amateur:

- Iowa Junior Amateur Championship
- Missouri Junior Match Play Championship
- New Jersey Junior Championship
- Rhode Island Boys Junior Amateur
- Connecticut Junior Amateur

U.S. Girls' Junior:

- UGA Utah Girls' Junior State Amateur Championship
- Connecticut Girls Junior Amateur
- Minnesota State Junior Girls' Championship
- Montana State Junior Championship
- Girls' Kentucky Junior Amateur
- Washington State Junior Amateur
- Illinois State Junior Girl's 18 Championship