



2025 U.S. Senior Open Championship

The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colorado

Below is information related to USGA Exemption Events for the U.S. Senior Open. Under category L-23, winners of select State Senior Open Championships and State Senior Amateur Championships are locally exempt.

Due to timing of the U.S. Senior Open qualifying window (early spring), all local exemptions will be for the following year's championship. For example, the 2024 champion for a respective State/AGA Senior Amateur will be locally exempt in 2025.

Below is a list of all 2024 Champions who are locally exempt for 2025. The list of 2025 events where the champion will receive a local exemption for the 2026 U.S. Senior Open can be found at <https://players.usga.org/resources/resources-2025-usga-exemption-events>

State Senior Amateur Championship

State	Championship	Final Date	Winner
Alabama	Alabama State Senior Amateur	5/19/2024	Shaw Pritchett
Alaska	Alaska State Senior Amateur Championship	7/28/2024	Greg Sanders
Arizona	Arizona Senior Amateur Championship	8/14/2024	Brian Miller
Arkansas	ASGA Senior Stroke Play Championship	9/8/2024	Mark Graham
California	California Senior Amateur Championship	11/20/2024	Trae Cassell
Colorado	CGA Senior Amateur Championship	9/12/2024	Steve Ivan
Connecticut	Connecticut Senior Amateur Championship	10/1/2024	Michael Hooper
Delaware	Delaware Senior Amateur Championship	8/22/2024	Neil Gordon
Florida	Senior Amateur Championship	4/18/2024	RJ Nakashian
Georgia	Senior Championship	12/17/2024	Jack Larkin Sr.
Hawaii	Hawaii State Senior Amateur Stroke Play	7/21/2024	Craig Steinberg
Idaho	Idaho Senior Amateur Championship	8/16/2024	Darren Kuhn
Illinois	Illinois State Senior Amateur Championship	9/18/2024	Rick Stewart
Indiana	IGA Senior Amateur Championship	8/9/2024	John Fisher
Iowa	Iowa Senior Amateur	6/5/2024	Jon Brown
Kansas	Kansas Senior Amateur Championship	8/13/2024	Blake Wells
Kentucky	Senior Amateur Championship	8/13/2024	Mike Brumfield
Louisiana	Louisiana Senior Amateur Championship	5/10/2024	Todd Doss
Maine	Maine Senior Amateur Championship	8/21/2024	Ralph Michaud
Maryland	Maryland Senior Amateur Championship	9/10/2024	Michael Garner
Massachusetts	Mass Golf Senior Amateur Championship	9/24/2024	Doug Clapp
Michigan	Golf Association of Michigan Senior Championship	9/17/2024	Rick Crandall
Minnesota	MGA Senior Amateur Championship	9/11/2024	Andrew Dallas
Mississippi	Mississippi Senior Amateur Championship	10/13/2024	Kevin Bounds



Missouri	Missouri Senior Amateur Championship	9/18/2024	Don Chancey
Montana	Montana State Senior Tournament	8/8/2024	Jerry Pearsall
Nebraska	Nebraska Senior Amateur Championship	6/21/2024	Randy Christiansen
Nevada	Nevada Senior Amateur	9/17/2024	Steve Sear
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Senior Championship	9/26/2024	Keith Stone
New Jersey	New Jersey Senior Amateur Championship	9/18/2024	Mike Paduano
New Mexico	New Mexico Senior Amateur Championship	8/15/2024	Anton Salome
New York	NYS Men's Senior Amateur Championship	9/11/2024	Jim Scorse
North Carolina	North Carolina Senior Amateur Championship	5/9/2024	Dale Fuller
North Dakota	North Dakota State Senior Stroke Play Championship	7/21/2024	Paul Langhans
Ohio	Ohio Senior Amateur Championship	6/19/2024	James Volpenhein
Oklahoma	OGA Senior State Amateur Championship	6/27/2024	Michael Gotcher
Oregon	Oregon Senior Amateur Championship	9/10/2024	Russell Humphrey
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Senior Amateur Championship	9/6/2024	Jeff Frazier
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Senior Amateur Championship	9/26/2024	John Drohen
South Carolina	South Carolina Senior Championship	5/10/2024	Yancey Johnson
South Dakota	South Dakota Senior Championship	8/25/2024	Derek Burshiem
Tennessee	Tennessee Senior Amateur Championship	8/22/2024	Clay Uselton
Texas	Texas Senior Amateur	9/29/2024	Neal Barfield
Utah	Utah Senior State Amateur Championship	8/29/2024	Jon Wright
Vermont	Vermont Senior Amateur Championship	9/25/2024	David Hayes
Virginia	Virginia Senior Amateur Championship	8/16/2024	Buck Brittain
Washington	Washington Senior Amateur Championship	6/6/2024	Ken Wade
West Virginia	WV Senior Amateur Championship	7/17/2024	Bryan Myers
Wisconsin	WPGA Senior Amateur Championship	8/27/2024	Kevin Cahill
Wyoming	Wyoming Senior Amateur Championship	9/8/2024	Victor Minovich

AGA Senior Amateur Championships

Championship	Final Date	Winner
CDGA Senior Amateur Championship	6/6/2024	Brad Kay
MGA Senior Amateur Championship	5/9/2024	Dennis Lynch
SCGA Senior Amateur Championship	6/5/2024	Paul Smith
NCGA Senior Championship	9/25/2024	Randy Haag
CGA Carolinas Senior Amateur	9/12/2024	Lee Porter
GAP Senior Amateur Championship	9/4/2024	Chris Fieger Sr.
GCGA Metropolitan Senior Men's Championship	7/23/2024	Tim Sorrows
Nevada State Senior Amateur Championship	9/17/2024	Steve Sear
Metropolitan Senior Amateur Championship	9/19/2024	Richard Berkmeier
WPGA Senior Amateur Championship	10/1/2024	William Smith



RDGA Wilson Fitch Senior Championship	8/13/2024	Stuart Harris
Northern Ohio Senior Amateur	6/10/2024	James Volpenhein

National Amateur Championships (Average 3-year WAGR event Power of 60 or higher)

Championship	Final Date	Winner
George L. Coleman Senior Invitational	4/27/2024	Mike McCoy
Trans-Mississippi Senior Championship	5/16/2024	Terrence Miskell
The Crump Cup	9/15/2024	Jamie Slonis
Jones Cup Senior Invitational	3/7/2024	Jack Larkin
John T. Lupton Memorial	5/26/2024	Mike Combs
Golfweek Player of the Year Classic	1/19/2024	Matthew Avril
International Senior Individual Championship	10/12/2024	Doug Hanzel
Chanticleer National Senior Invitational	3/28/2024	Matthew Sughrue

State/AGA Senior Open Championships

State	Championship	Final Date	Winner
Arizona	Arizona Senior Open	5/8/2024	Mark Walker
Colorado	Inspirato Colorado Senior Open	8/30/2024	Jonathan Kaye
Connecticut	Connecticut Senior Open	7/16/2024	Francis Quinn
Florida	Florida Senior Open Championship	4/28/2024	David Schuster
Georgia	Yamaha Georgia Senior Open	6/4/2024	Mark Anderson
Idaho	Idaho Senior Open	9/15/2024	Steve Schneiter
Illinois	XXIO Illinois Senior Open	6/28/2024	Mike Small
Indiana	Indiana PGA Senior Open	6/4/2024	Gary Robison
Kentucky	Kentucky Senior Open Championship	6/27/2024	Davis Boland
Maryland	Maryland Senior Open	10/16/2024	Sean English
Michigan	Yamaha Golf Cars Plus Senior Open	7/10/2024	Tom Werkmeister
Minnesota	Minnesota Senior Open Championship	5/29/2024	Matt Vandelac
New Jersey	New Jersey Senior Open Championship	5/29/2024	Gregg Angelillo
New Mexico	Black Mesa Senior New Mexico Open	8/17/2024	Kent Jones
New York	MGA Senior Open	8/27/2024	Jim McGovern
Northern California	Senior NorCal Open	10/24/2024	Stuart Smith
North Carolina	North Carolina Senior Open	8/5/2024	Hank Smith
Ohio	Ohio Senior Open	5/30/2024	Robert Spino
Oregon	Senior Oregon Open Invitational	8/1/2024	Ryan Malby
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Senior Open	5/14/2024	Kevin Kraft



South Carolina	South Carolina Senior Open	9/17/2024	Burke Cromer
Tennessee	Tennessee State Senior Open	6/11/2024	Joe Markham
Texas	Energy Transfer Texas Senior Open	10/11/2024	Omar Uresti
Utah	Bob Rudd Utah Senior Open	7/18/2024	Todd Tanner
Virginia	Senior Open of Virginia	9/10/2024	Rick Schuller
Washington	7 Cedars Senior Washington Open	5/30/2024	Erik Hanson
West Virginia	WV Senior Open	5/21/2024	Pat Carter
Wisconsin	Wisconsin State Senior Open	9/4/2024	Mick Smith

Local Exemption Criteria

State/AGA Senior Amateur Championships

- Must be a minimum of 36-holes stroke play or a stroke play to match play format where the champion plays at least 3 rounds.
- Must have a minimum of 15 players begin the competition.
- The average score of the winner must be equal to or less than Par plus 6 (six) strokes.
- Entire event must have eligibility that limits participation to 50+ or 55+ years of age. A senior division within a State/AGA Amateur or other event is not eligible.
- Only the champion will receive the local exemption. If the champion declines the spot or is already locally exempt, the exemption will not transfer to the next highest finisher.
- State Senior Amateur Championships
 - Defined by the geographic boundaries of the United States (50 states)
 - Must have eligibility requirement that limits participation to residents or association members of that state.
 - Only one championship per state may qualify for exemption under this category.
- AGA Senior Amateur Championships not defined by specific state boundaries
 - Must have eligibility requirement that limits participation to residents or association members of that state.
 - Only applies to those AGA's who are not defined by specific state boundaries. Only one championship per AGA may qualify for exemption.
- Regional Senior Amateur Championships with affiliation to an AGA
 - Must be a WAGR-ranked event with an average WAGR event Power of 30 or greater (3-year rolling average)
 - Must be affiliated with or conducted by an AGA
- National Senior Amateur Championships conducted within the United States
 - A local exemption will be granted to any National Senior Amateur Championship conducted within the United States that has an average event Power of 60 or greater (3-year rolling average)

State/AGA Senior Open Championships

- State/AGA Senior Open Championships
 - Must be a minimum of 36-holes stroke play or a stroke play to match play format where the champion plays at least 3 rounds.



- Must have a minimum of 15 players begin the competition
- The average score of the winner must be equal to or less than Par plus 6 (six) strokes
- Must have eligibility that limits participation to 50+ or 55+ years of age. A senior division within a State Open or other event is not eligible.
- Only the champion will receive the local exemption. If the champion declines the spot or is already locally exempt, the exemption will not transfer to the next highest finisher.
- Must be conducted by an Allied Golf Association or PGA Section