

# 2026 CGA Championship Exemptions and Exemption Policies

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**Championship Exemption Overview** – Exemptions into CGA Open Championships are granted based upon certain achievements throughout a championship season. A list of exemptions for each championship can be found on the championship portal page under the “Championship Information” tab. These exemptions are subject to change in the offseason. Exemptions may not be deferred until the next season if a player chooses not to play in a championship which they are exempt into.

**Explanation of Exemption Categories** – See below for an explanation on certain exemption categories:

**Points List Exemptions** – For championships where a points list exemption is listed, these exemptions are based on the performance point standings as of the end of the awarding period (see POY and performance points policy document).

**USGA Qualifying Exemptions** – For championships where a USGA qualifying exemption is listed, the exemption applies to players that qualify for a USGA championship in the same or a lower age category (Example – A mid-amateur aged player qualifies for the 2025 U.S. Amateur. This player has earned exemptions to the 2026 CGA Amateur and 2026 CGA Mid-Amateur.) **Exception:** Players that qualify for the U.S. Junior Amateur receive exemption into the CGA Match Play and CGA Amateur Championships.

**Host Club Exemptions** – For championships where a Host Club exemption is listed, these exemptions are given at the host club’s discretion. Players receiving these exemptions must still be active CGA members and meet all championship eligibility requirements.

**Special Exemptions** – Players that are not exempt for a championship may submit a request to the tournament committee to be considered for special exemption. This exemption request must be submitted through the form found on the championship portals and must be submitted prior to the deadline for the corresponding championship. The decision of the tournament committee on these requests is final.

## UPDATES IN 2026

- The following championships have had updates:
  - Senior Match Play
  - Amateur
  - Senior Amateur
  - Mid-Amateur Match Play

# CGA Match Play Championship - 2026 Exemptions

Player	Category	Player	Category
Andrews, Traejan	2	Leydon, Kyle	8,10,14
Axlund, Ryan	12	Maklowski, Jimmy	4,8
Brooks, Nicholas	12	<b>McLaughlin, Josh</b>	1
Burak, Steve	8	Mertz, Guy	12
Burke, Ryan	12	Messingham, Gage	8
Call, Matthew	12	<b>Nosewicz, Nick</b>	1,9
Dozer, Jack	9	<b>Nygren, Cole</b>	1,11
Edens, Parker	9,12	Olson, Finn	11
Edwards, Ash	12	Pals, Westin	8
Engelhardt, Collin	11	Perez, Joel	12
Forte, Brayden	13	<b>Prater, Colin</b>	1,2,3,4,14
Fowler, Bill	5	Roos, Thomas	12
<b>Goddard, Nathaniel</b>	1	Samuelson, Grant	2
Gomez, Zach	7,11,12	Simpson, Benjamin	11
Gonzales, Robert	6	Soule, Charles	4,11,12
Grady, Patrick	2,8,9,14	Swanson, Hunter	11,12,14
Henderson, Mark	7,12	Syrko, Anthony	2
Herholtz, Thomas	3,8,14	Taggart, Lukas	8
Holbrook, Ty	8,11,14	Tucker, Charlie	9,11,14
Hunt, Austin	10,12,14	Tyson, Tyler	2
Jennings, Jordan	2,14	White, Gregory	12
Johnson, David	12	<b>Wilkinson, Matt</b>	1
Johnson, Rhett	8	Zions, Matthew	9,10,14
Kates, William	2		

**Bold - CGA Match Play Champion**

## Key to Player Exemptions

- 1) Winners of the Match Play Championship, 2016 - 2025
- 2) Round of 8 Players of the 2025 Match Play Championship
- 3) Winners of the Amateur Championship, 2021 - 2025
- 4) Winners of the Mid-Amateur Championship, 2023 - 2025
- 5) Winner of the 2025 Senior Amateur Championship
- 6) Winner of the 2025 Senior Match Play Championship
- 7) Winners of the Mid-Amateur Match Play Championship, 2024 - 2025
- 8) Top 10 from the 2025 Amateur Championship
- 9) Any Amateur who made the cut at the 2025 Colorado Open
- 10) Top 3 from the 2025 Western Championship (Open)
- 11) Those who advanced to Final Qualifying for the 2025 US Open Championship
- 12) Those who qualified for a 2025 USGA Championship (Excluding U.S. Amateur Four-Ball)
- 13) Winner of the 2025 CGA State Junior Championship
- 14) Top 10 from the 2025 Open Points List
- 15) Special exemptions selected by the host club
- 16) Special exemptions granted by the Tournament Committee

## CGA Senior Match Play Championship - 2026 Exemptions

Player	Category	Player	Category
Bolgar, Bill	11	Mertz, Guy	2,15
Bradsby, Richard	2,11,12,13,16	Minovich, Victor	2,4,16
<b>Bucci, Pat</b>	1	Moore, Doug	11
<b>Carlson, Chris</b>	1,2,13,16	Moore, Kent	2
Crowley, Sean	12	Nelson, David	11
Delich, David	2,8,11	<b>Oneth, Jeff</b>	1
Donahue, Mark	2	<b>Polk, Robert</b>	1,4,7
<b>Fowler, Bill</b>	2,4,11,16	Prazak, Martin	2,11
Glaesel, Michael	11	Prenzlow, Roger	2
Gonzales, Robert	1,2,11,16	Rex, Douglas	2
<b>Hornbeck, John</b>	1	Reynolds, Jim	2
Howell, Marcus	11	Rogoff, Michael	11
<b>Ivan, Steve</b>	1,3	Roos, Thomas	15
Johnson, David	15,16	Scott, Jason	11
Kerr, Ed	12,15	<b>Sullivan, Scott</b>	1
Landi, James	11	Thompson, Danny	2
<b>Lindstrom, Jon</b>	1,3,16	Whitehead, Brad	11,13,16
Love, Michael	11	Wilmes, Kent	2,16
Luther, Charlie	11	Wood, Phil	11
Mclelland, Rob	2,11		

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### Key to Player Exemptions

- 1) Winners of the Senior Match Play Championship, 2016 - 2025
- 2) Round of 16 Players of the 2025 Senior Match Play Championship
- 3) Winners of the Senior Amateur Championship, 2021 - 2025
- 4) Winner of the Amateur Championship, 2023 - 2025, age eligible
- 5) Winners of the Mid-Amateur Championship, 2023 - 2025, age eligible
- 6) Winner of the 2025 Mid-Amateur Match Play Championship, age eligible
- 7) Winner of the 2025 Super-Senior Match Play Championship
- 8) Winner of the 2025 Super-Senior Amateur Championship
- 9) Top 10 from the 2025 Amateur Championship, age eligible
- 10) Top 10 from the 2025 Mid-Amateur Championship, age eligible
- 11) Top 15 from the 2025 Senior Amateur Championship
- 12) Any Amateur who made the cut at the 2025 Senior Colorado Open
- 13) Top 3 from the 2025 CGA Senior Western Championship (Senior)
- 14) Those who advance to Final Qualifying for the 2025 US Open Championship, age eligible
- 15) Those who qualified for a 2025 USGA Championship, age eligible (Excluding U.S. Amateur Four-Ball)
- 16) Top 10 from the 2025 Senior Points List
- 17) Special exemptions selected by the host club
- 18) Special exemptions selected by the Tournament Committee

## CGA Super-Senior Match Play Championship - 2026 Exemptions

Player	Category	Player	Category
Bolgar, Bill	10	Mertz, Guy	3
Delich, David	2,3,7,10	<b>Moore, Kent</b>	1,2,3
Edwards, Paul	2	Nelson, David	1,2,7
Hornbeck, John	7	Polk, Robert	1,4,5
Kugler, Adam	2	Prenzlow, Roger	3,7
Lawrence, Tom	1	Reynolds, Jim	2
McClelland, Rob	3	Sullivan, Scott	2

***Bold - CGA Super-Senior Match Play Champion***

Key to Player Exemptions
1) Winners of the Super-Senior Match Play Championship, 2021-2025
2) Round of 8 Players of the CGA Super-Senior Match Play Championship
3) Round of 16 Players at the 2025 CGA Senior Match Play Championship (Age Eligible)
4) Winner of the Senior Match Play Championship, 2021-2025 (Age Eligible)
5) Winners of the Senior Amateur Championship, 2021-2025 (Age Eligible)
6) Winners of the Mid-Amateur Championship, 2021-2025 (Age Eligible)
7) Winner of the Super-Senior Amateur Championship, 2021-2025
8) Top 10 from the 2025 Amateur Championship (Age Eligible)
9) Top 10 from the 2025 Mid-Amateur Championship (Age Eligible)
10) Top 10 from the 2025 Senior Amateur Championship (Age Eligible)
11) Any Amateur who made the cut at the 2025 Senior Colorado Open (Age Eligible)
12) Top 3 from the 2025 CGA Western Championship (Senior) (Age Eligible)
13) Those who advanced to Final Qualifying for the 2025 US Open Championship (Age Eligible)
14) Those who qualified for a 2025 USGA Championship, age eligible (Excluding U.S. Amateur Four-Ball)

# CGA Amateur Championship - 2026 Exemptions

Player	Category	Player	Category
Andrews, Traejan	8	Mertz, Guy	13
Axlund, Ryan	9,13	Messingham, Gage	2
Branken, Jesse	9	Nosewicz, Nick	3,10,15
Brooks, Nicholas	13	Nygren, Cole	3,12
Burak, Steve	2	Olson, Finn	12
Burke, Ryan	13	Pals, Westin	2
Call, Matthew	13	Papajohn, AJ	2
Dozer, Jack	10	Perez, Joel	2,13
Dugan, Matt	9	<b>Prater, Colin</b>	1,3,4,8,9,15
Edens, Parker	10,13,15	Roos, Thomas	13
Edwards, Ash	13	Ross, Taylor	15
Engelhardt, Collin	12	Rowe, Brad	9
Fallin, Nick	15	Rusin, Bryan	9
Forte, Brayden	14	Samuelson, Grant	8,15
Fowler, Bill	6	Schulte, Lucas	2
Gomez, Zach	5,12,13,15	Simpson, Benjamin	12
Gonzales, Robert	7	Soule, Charles	4,12,13
Grady, Patrick	2,8,9,10,15	Swanson, Hunter	12,13,15
Henderson, Mark	13	Syrko, Anthony	8,9,15
Herholtz, Thomas	1,2,15	Taggart, Lukas	2,15
Holbrook, Ty	2,12,15	Thayer, Chris	2,9,15
Hunt, Austin	11,13,15	Tucker, Charlie	10,12,15
Jennings, Jordan	8,15	Tyson, Tyler	8
Johnson, David	13	White, Gregory	13
Johnson, Rhett	2	Wilkinson, Matthew	3
Kates, William	8	Williams, Blake	2
Lee, Subin	2	<b>Workman, Glenn</b>	1
Leydon, Kyle	2,11,15	Zions, Matthew	2,11,15,
Makloski, Jimmy	2,4,9,15		

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Key to Player Exemptions
1) Winners of the Amateur Championship, 2016 - 2025
2) Low-15 and Ties of the 2025 Amateur Championship
3) Winners of the Match Play Championship, 2021 - 2025
4) Winners of the Mid-Amateur Championship, 2023 - 2025
5) Winner of the 2025 Mid-Amateur Match Play Championship
6) Winner of the 2025 Senior Amateur Championship
7) Winner of 2025 Senior Match Play Championship
8) Top 8 from the 2025 Match Play Championship
9) Top 10 from the 2025 Mid-Amateur Championship
10) Any amateur who made the cut at the 2025 Colorado Open
11) Top 3 from the 2025 Western Championship (Open)
12) Those who advanced to Final Qualifying for the 2025 U.S. Open Championship
13) Those who qualified for a 2025 USGA Championship (Excluding U.S. Amateur Four-Ball)
14) Winner of the 2025 CGA State Junior Championship
15) Top 20 from 2025 Open Points List
16) Special exemption selected by Team Colorado
17) Special exemptions selected by the host club
18) Special exemptions granted by the Tournament Committee

## CGA Senior Amateur Championship - 2026 Exemptions

Player	Category	Player	Category
Bissell, Henry	14	McClelland, Rob	2,9,14
Bolgar, Bill	2	Mertz, Guy	9,11,14
Bradsby, Richard	2,8,9,10,14	<b>Minovich, Victor</b>	1,9,14
Carlson, Chris	5,9,10,14	Moore, Doug	2
Delich, David	2,4,9,14	Moore, Kent	9,14
Donahue, Mark	9	Nelson, David	2,14
Ellis, Owen	14	<b>Ott, Kevin</b>	1
<b>Fowler, Bill</b>	1,2,9,14	<b>Polk, Robert</b>	1,5,6
Glaesel, Michael	2,14	Prazak, Martin	2,9
Gonzales, Robert	2,5,9,14,	Prenzlow, Roger	9
<b>Hornbeck, John</b>	1	Rex, Douglas	9,14
Howell, Marcus	2	Reynolds, Jim	9
<b>Ivan, Steve</b>	1,5	Rogoff, Michael	2
Johnson, David	12,14	Roos, Thomas	11,14
Kerr, Ed	8,12	Scott, Jason	2,14
Landi, James	2	Thompson, Danny	9
<b>Lindstrom, Jon</b>	1,5,14	Whitehead, Brad	2,10,14
Love, Michael	2	Wilmes, Kent	9,14
Luther, Charlie	2	Wood, Phil	2

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### Key to Player Exemptions

- 1) Winners of the Senior Amateur Championship, 2016-2025
- 2) Low-15 and Ties of the 2025 Senior Amateur Championship
- 3) Winners of the Mid-Amateur Championship, 2023-2025, age eligible
- 4) Winner of the 2025 Super-Senior Amateur Championship
- 5) Winners of the Senior Match Play Championship, 2021-2025
- 6) Winner of the 2025 Super Senior Match Play Championship
- 7) Top 15 from the 2025 Mid-Amateur Championship, age eligible
- 8) Any amateur who makes the cut at the 2025 Colorado Senior Open, age eligible
- 9) Top 16 from the 2025 Senior Match Play Championship
- 10) Top 3 from the 2025 Western Championship (Senior)
- 11) Those who advance to Final Qualifying for the 2025 US Open Championship, age eligible
- 12) Those who qualified for a 2025 USGA Championship, age eligible (Excluding U.S. Amateur Four-Ball)
- 14) Top 20 from the 2025 CGA Senior Player of the Year Points List
- 15) Special exemptions selected by the host club
- 16) Special exemptions selected by the Tournament Committee

## CGA Mid-Amateur Championship - 2026 Exemptions

Player	Category	Player	Category
Allen, Jason	2	Lindstrom, Jon	1,6
<b>Axlund, Ryan</b>	1,2,14,15	Makloski, Jimmy	1,2,9,15
Branken, Jesse	2	Mertz, Guy	14
Browder, Jason	15	Nosewicz, Nick	5,11,15
Burak, Steve	9,15	Nygren, Cole	5,13,15
Burke, Ryan	14,15	Pals, Westin	9
Call, Matthew	14,15	Perez, Joel	14,15
Colen, Kyle	2	Prater, Colin	1,2,4,5,10,15
Crowley, Sean	2	Reid, Jared	1
Dugan, Matt	2	Rodriguez, Taylor	2
Edens, Parker	11,14,15	Roos, Thomas	14
Engelhardt, Collin	13	Ross, Taylor	15
Fowler, Bill	6	Rowe, Brad	2
Fowler, Will	2	Rusin, Bryan	2,15
Gomez, Zach	3,13,14,15	<b>Soule, Charles</b>	1,13,14,15
Gonzales, Robert	7	Syrko, Anthony	2,10,15
Grady, Patrick	2,9,10,11,15	<b>Thayer, Chris</b>	1,2,15
Henderson, Mark	3,14,15	Workman, Glenn	2
Ivan, Steve	6	<b>Zions, Matthew</b>	1,11,12,15
Johnson, David	14		

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### Key to Player Exemptions

- 1) Winners of the Mid-Amateur Championship, 2016-2025
- 2) Low-15 and Ties of the 2025 Mid-Amateur Championship
- 3) Winner of the Mid-Amateur Match Play Championship, 2024-2025
- 4) Winners of the Amateur Championship, 2021-2025, age eligible
- 5) Winners of the Match Play Championship, 2021-2025, age eligible
- 6) Winners of the Senior Amateur Championship, 2023-2025
- 7) Winner of the 2025 Senior Match Play Championship
- 8) Winner of the 2025 Western Championship, age eligible
- 9) Top 10 from the 2025 Amateur Championship, age eligible
- 10) Top 8 from the 2025 Match Play Championship, age eligible
- 11) Any amateur who makes the cut at the 2025 Colorado Open, age eligible
- 12) Top 3 from the 2025 Western Championship, age eligible
- 13) Those who advance to Final Qualifying for the 2025 US Open Championship, age eligible
- 14) Those who qualified for a 2025 USGA Championship (Excluding U.S. Amateur Four-Ball)
- 15) Top 20 from the 2025 CGA Mid-Amateur Points List
- 16) Special exemptions selected by the host club
- 17) Special exemptions selected by the Tournament Committee

## CGA Mid-Am Match Play Championship - 2026 Exemptions

Player	Category	Player	Category
Axlund, Ryan	2,6,7,12	Lindstrom, Jon	8
Branken, Jesse	6	Makloski, Jimmy	4,5,6,7
Burke, Ryan	12	Mertz, Guy	12
Call, Matthew	7,12	Nosewicz, Nick	7
Dugan, Matt	6	Nygren, Cole	2,7,11
Edens, Parker	6,7,12	Perez, Joel	7,12
Engelhardt, Collin	11	Prater, Colin	5,6,7
Folwer, Bill	9	Roos, Thomas	12
<b>Gomez, Zach</b>	1,2,7,11,12	Ross, Taylor	7
Gonzales, Robert	8	Rowe, Brad	6
Grady, Patrick	4,6,7	Rusin, Bryan	6
<b>Henderson, Mark</b>	1,7,12	Soule, Charles	5,7,11,12
Ivan, Steve	8	Syrko, Anthony	6,7
Johnson, David	12	Zions, Matthew	2,5,7,10

**Bold - CGA Mid-Am Match Play Champion**

- 1) Winners of the Mid-Am Match Play Championship, 2024-Present
- 2) Semi-finalists from the 2025 Mid-Am Match Play Championship
- 3) Semi-finalists from the 2025 Match Play Championship, age eligible
- 4) Top 5 from the 2025 Amateur Championship, age eligible
- 5) Winners of the Mid-Amateur Championship, 2021-2025
- 6) Top 10 from the 2025 Mid-Amateur Championship
- 7) Top 15 from the 2025 Mid-Amateur Points List
- 8) Winners of the Senior Match Play Championship, 2023-2025
- 9) Winner of the 2025 Senior Amateur Championship
- 10) Top 3 from the 2025 Western Championship, age eligible (Open)
- 11) Those who advance to Final Qualifying for the 2025 US Open Championship, age eligible
- 12) Those who qualified for a 2025 USGA Championship, age eligible (Excluding U.S. Amateur Four-Ball)