

GOLF

54-Hole Scratch

QUALIFYING RULES

1. All first place winners or athletes meeting this sport's NSGA minimum performance standards in competition at a 2024 NSGA qualifying games will qualify for the 2025 National Senior Games. Qualifiers will be determined by 18-hole (not two rounds of a 9-hole course) gross score played on a course with a minimum par of 70 and a United States Golf Association (USGA) slope rating between 119 and 126 for men and between 113 and 120 for women. Handicap scores are not acceptable for qualifying. Nine-hole gross scores are permitted only for those 90 and older. In competitions with more than an 18-hole competition, any single 18-hole score meeting the golf minimum performance standard will qualify a competitor for the NSGA tournament. For open state qualifiers, Rule H applies.
2. The state organization is required to specify the method of determining the first place winner (when multiple rounds are played) prior to the beginning of play so all golfers understand what they need to do in order to qualify as the 1st place winner.
3. Any NSGA Member Organization using a golf course that does not meet the NSGA slope ratings is required to complete and submit a waiver. The MPS may be adjusted.

ENTRY REGULATIONS

1. Golfers must provide their own clubs.
2. Golf cart use during practice round and official competition is mandatory.
3. PGA members may compete as long as they are not on the PGA TOUR and adhere to Rule I Definition of a Professional of the Official Sport Rules for 2025. The NSGA has the right to determine pro status.

FORMAT

1. The tournament will be 54-hole medal play with 18 holes per day except for men and women in age divisions 90 and older. Competitors in age divisions 90 and older will play 9 holes per day, competing for 27 total holes.
2. Maximum score will be utilized for all tournament rounds for both men and women. A player's maximum score for each hole shall be related to par and set at triple bogey. A player who does not complete a hole in the given number of strokes up to triple bogey, must pick up their ball and forgo any further play for that particular hole. This player will not be disqualified, but simply gets the maximum score for that hole equal to triple bogey.
3. Handicaps will be utilized to assist with placement in a foursome on the first day of competition. The second day will be based on the first day scores. The third day tee times will be determined by the cumulative scores from both the first and second day scores.
4. The NSGA reserves the right to change the tournament format for any age division based on entry numbers, space restrictions or other circumstance. This includes but is not limited to tee times or a shotgun start.
5. In the event of a tie between 1st, 2nd or 3rd place the USGA tie-breaking procedure of matching scorecards will be implemented. The player with the best score on the last nine holes will win the higher medal. If players have the same score for the last 9 holes, the last 6 holes will be compared, then 3 holes and then finally the 18th hole.
6. Awards will be presented for 1st through 8th place within each age division.

SPORT RULES

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2. One caddie per golfer will be permitted. Golf bags must be carried by the caddie or usage of a Segway is allowed. All caddies must register with the Competition Manager prior to taking the course. The NSGA recommends the use of "forecaddies". Caddies will be required to walk. If a caddie is not walking, the player will be penalized one stroke for each hole at which the breach occurs. Between holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. The third breach will result in disqualification.

3. Spectators are permitted on the course; however, they will be required to walk. Spectators must remain at least 25 feet away from tee boxes and greens.
4. USGA rules regarding coaching will be strictly enforced.
5. USGA and Local rules regarding pace of play will be observed and enforced.
6. Range finders of any type are permitted.

GOLF MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (MPS)

NOTE:	This array shows the score, which must be shot based on the slope of qualifying course relative to the NSGA starting slope of 113 for women and 119 for men. MPSs are adjusted up and down based on slope. Qualifying Game Coordinators must advise their golfers of the MPS for the golf course being used for the qualifying before play Begins. Use the chart below to determine the MPS.																								
	<i>The NSGA reserves the right to use judgement based on experience when setting the standard, therefore, a standard may not always match the formula if applied to the results of the most recent games.</i>																								
MENS SLOPE	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132
AGE DIVISION																									
50-54	72	72	73	73	74	74	75	75	76	76	77	77	77	78	78	79	79	80	80	81	81	82	82	83	83
55-59	73	73	74	74	75	75	76	76	77	77	78	78	78	79	79	80	80	81	81	82	82	83	83	84	84
60-64	74	74	75	75	76	76	77	77	78	78	79	79	79	80	80	81	81	82	82	83	83	84	84	85	85
65-69	75	75	76	76	77	77	78	78	79	79	80	80	80	81	81	82	82	83	83	84	84	85	85	86	86
70-74	75	75	76	76	77	77	78	78	79	79	80	80	80	81	81	82	82	83	83	84	84	85	85	86	86
75-79	82	82	83	83	84	84	85	85	86	86	87	87	87	88	88	89	89	90	90	91	91	92	92	93	93
80-84	82	82	83	83	84	84	85	85	86	86	87	87	87	88	88	89	89	90	90	91	91	92	92	93	93
85-89	87	85	86	86	87	87	88	88	89	89	90	90	90	91	91	92	92	93	93	94	94	95	95	96	96
90-94*	46	46	47	47	48	48	49	49	50	50	51	51	51	52	52	53	53	54	54	55	55	56	56	57	57
95+*	46	46	47	47	48	48	49	49	50	50	51	51	51	52	52	53	53	54	54	55	55	56	56	57	57
*90+ scores are 9-hole																									
MPS ADJUSTMENT	-5	-5	-4	-4	-3	-3	-2	-2	-1	-1	N/C		N/C	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6
WOMENS SLOPE	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130		
AGE DIVISION																									
50-54	86	86	87	87	88	88	88	89	89	90	90	91	91	92	92	93	93	94	94	95	95	96	96		
55-59	87	87	88	88	89	89	89	90	90	91	91	92	92	93	93	94	94	95	95	96	96	97	97		
60-64	87	87	88	88	89	89	89	90	90	91	91	92	92	93	93	94	94	95	95	96	96	97	97		
65-69	89	89	90	90	91	91	91	92	92	93	93	94	94	95	95	96	96	97	97	98	98	99	99		
70-74	91	91	92	92	93	93	93	94	94	95	95	96	96	97	97	98	98	99	99	100	100	101	101		
75-79	94	94	95	95	96	96	96	97	97	98	98	99	99	100	100	101	101	102	102	103	103	104	104		
80-84	95	95	96	96	97	97	97	98	98	99	99	100	100	101	101	102	102	103	103	104	104	105	105		
85-89	109	109	110	110	111	111	111	112	112	113	113	114	114	115	115	116	116	117	117	118	118	119	119		
90-94*	54	54	55	55	56	56	56	57	57	58	58	59	59	60	60	61	61	62	62	63	63	64	64		
95+*	54	54	55	55	56	56	56	57	57	58	58	59	59	60	60	61	61	62	62	63	63	64	64		
MPS ADJUSTMENT	-2	-2	-1	-1	N/C		N/C	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	8	8		

GOLF
Scramble (Women/Men) - OPEN

QUALIFYING RULES

1. For 2025, Golf Scramble will be classified as an “OPEN” event. Athletes do not need to qualify at a 2024 state qualifier.

ENTRY REGULATIONS

1. Anyone can register for the event regardless if a state qualifier offers it or not.
2. Participants do not have to compete in the 54-hole scratch play golf event to participate in the scramble.
3. The age division of competition for golf scramble will be determined by the age of the youngest team member as December 31, 2025.
4. Athletes may only compete on one four-person team. Teams may be same gender, but not mixed.
5. It is the captain’s responsibility to declare team residency subject to NSGA approval, at the time of registration. Team roster participants who are unable to compete may be replaced after the official registration deadline for valid medical reasons only. Determining valid change requests are at the discretion of the NSGA and may be made after the advertised registration deadline.

FORMAT

1. Teams will be made up of four players. No twosomes or threesomes allowed. Teams will be required to find their own teammates or place an ad on NSGA’s team finder web page. The NSGA and LOC WILL NOT assign golfers to teams.
2. Teams will play 18 holes.
3. Standard best-ball format shall be used:
 - a. All four members of a team start by teeing off on each hole before deciding on the best shot through a consensus. The “best ball” will retain its lie while the remaining players will pick up their balls and proceed to hitting their next shot where the best ball has been determined.
 - b. Each golfer will then hit their ball within one club length of the previously determined “best shot location” when playing shots off the green. For shots on the green, each player must play their shot within a putter’s head of where the ball came to rest.
 - c. The team with the lowest total score for the 18-hole round shall be declared the winner.
4. In the case of a tie:
 - a. Teams in tie shall play a single playoff hole as chosen by the tournament organizer.
 - b. If a tie still exists, the tournament organizer will select a random hole number and use a team’s lowest score on that hole to determine the winner.
 - c. If still tied, organizers will call for progression from that hole until a tie is broken.
5. The NSGA and LOC reserve the right to change the tournament format for any age division based on entry numbers, space restrictions, or other circumstance.
6. Awards will be presented for 1st through 4th place for each event within each age division.

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2. Code of conduct and adherence to the honor system shall also be in accordance with USGA rules.
3. Caddies shall not be permitted during the Golf Scramble event.
4. Tee distances shall be assigned based on age group of team, which is determined by the age of the youngest team member as December 31, 2025.
5. No mulligans shall be permissible.
6. There shall be no requirement to play a minimum number of any particular player’s shots.