

# 2026 State Open of Virginia Exemptions

## Professional Exemptions:

All Exempt professionals must maintain either their MAPGA status or their Virginia Residence (defined below):

### **State Open Champions from the past five years:**

Evan Beck (2021)  
Nick Taliaferro (2022)  
Connor Burgess (2023)  
Logan Reilly (2024)  
Larkin Gross (2025)

### **Top 10 Professionals and ties from the 2025 State Open of Virginia:**

Justin LaRue	Larkin Gross, PGA
Mark Lawrence Jr.	Hayden Miller
Connor Burgess	Cameron Moore
Ross Funderburke	Bryce Corbett
Charlie Hanson	Josh Speight, PGA

### **Top 10 Professionals and ties from the 2025 MAPGA Open Player of the Year Points List:**

Alex Hoffman, PGA	Brett Wagner, PGA
Larkin Gross, PGA	Kyle Fuller, PGA
Steve Delmar, PGA	Ian McConnell, PGA
Yong Joo, PGA	Bill Fedder, PGA
Rupe Taylor, PGA	Josh Speight, PGA

### **Top MAPGA Professional from the 2025 Senior Open of Virginia:**

Brendan McGrath, PGA

### **Top Professional and ties from the 2025 MAPGA Senior Player of the Year Points List:**

Brendan McGrath, PGA

### **2025 MAPGA Professional Section Champion:**

David Hutsell, PGA

### **2025 MAPGA Assistant Professional Champion :**

Ian McConnell, PGA

**Any A-3 Members (PGA Tours) who reside in Virginia or Maryland.**

**One MAPGA Professional in good standing from host facility.**

*\*Virginia Residence – must be current residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia and have lived in Virginia for 183 of the last 365 days. This is subject to certification by the committee and/or staff. Documentation of evidence may be required.*

*\*With the exception of State Open Champions from the past five years, the player must be in the same status (e.g. still an Amateur, still in The PGA, etc.) through which he gained the exemption*