

**GOLF**  
**54-Hole Scratch**

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**QUALIFYING RULES**

1. All first place winners or athletes meeting this sport's NSGA minimum performance standards in competition at a 2020 NSGA qualifying games will qualify for the 2021 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2021. 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. 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.
3. The NSGA reserve 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.
4. In the event of a tie between 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> hole.
5. Awards will be presented for 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place within each age division.

**SPORT RULES**

1. This tournament will be conducted in accordance with USGA rules, except as modified herein. For a copy of these rules, please write or call:

United States Golf Association  
P.O. Box 708  
Far Hills, NJ 07931  
(908) 234-2300  
[www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org)

2. One caddie per golfer will be permitted. 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 rules regarding pace of play will be observed.
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.  
*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.*

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	91	91	92	92	93	93	93	94	94	95	95	96	96	97	97	98	98	99	99	100	100	101	101		
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		