

Changes Coming to the 2021 UGA Championship Season

In 2021 players should expect a few changes to the format of some UGA Championships. These changes are being made after careful consideration, factoring in the current needs of the championship, and UGA member input. Here is what to expect in 2021:

Utah Net Championship

For the first time ever, the Utah Golf Association will be hosting a 36-hole Net Championship. This event will have four divisions: Men's, Women's, Senior, and Super-Senior. Players will be flighted based on their handicap index and the scoring of this event will be solely net scores. Players will not only be able to compete for golf shop credit but will also have the opportunity to compete in an optional skins game, as well as closest to the hole competitions. This championship will be hosted by TalonsCove on October 1-2.

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This event will now offer a "Legends Division" which will be open to golfers age 70 and above.

Utah Senior & Super-Senior Stroke Play Championship

This championship will now offer a "Legends Division" which will be open to golfers age 70 and above. The winner of the Senior Championship division will now receive an exemption into the Utah Senior State Amateur Championship, as well as the Mid-Amateur Championship and will no longer have to qualify. Finally, with the addition of the Utah Net Championship, this event will no longer have a net division.

Utah Mid-Amateur Championship

Given the historical success and popularity of this event, this event will now have a one-day 18-hole qualifier to be able to compete in the championship proper. The championship field size will be 72 players with limited exemptions that will reward players for prior performance in UGA Championships. The format of this championship will remain the same; a 54-hole stroke play competition with 36 holes on day one, with a cut to the low 40 players for the final 18-hole round on day two.

Utah Senior & Super-Senior State Amateur Championship

This championship will now feature an additional day for championship week. Competitors will need to qualify into the championship through regional qualifying, as has been the case in prior years. 48 senior players and 24 super-senior players will qualify to championship week through regional qualifying or through exemption. Upon successfully qualifying for the championship, on day 1 of championship week, competitors will compete in an 18-hole stroke play qualifying round to set the bracket for match play. This change will signal the end of seeding based on net differential from regional qualifying. The rest of the championship format will remain the same. There will now be limited exemptions offered for into the championship proper. The winner of this championship will now receive an exemption into the Utah Mid-Amateur Championship. Much like the Senior & Super Senior Stroke Play, with the addition of the Utah Net Championship being added to the schedule, this championship will no longer offer a net division.

Utah Women's State Amateur Championship

This amateur championship will remain four days in length but will have a format change to championship week. This championship will now be 18-holes of stroke play qualifying on day one instead of 36-holes. This change will allow for a 32-woman bracket as opposed to the 16-woman bracket used in prior years. Competitors should note that this will be a two-tiered entry fee, with competitors only needing to pay \$80 to compete in the stroke play qualifying round. Successful qualifiers into the 32-woman bracket will then be automatically charged an additional \$80 for the remainder of the championship.

Utah Senior Women's Amateur Championship

Over the last two years, this championship was combined with the Senior Men's Amateur Championship, but in 2021, this championship will be hosted separate from the men's event. This championship will be a 36-hole stroke-play championship. Competitors will be broken up into flights based on handicap index. At the end of 36-holes, net and gross prizes will be awarded. New in 2021, the top four ladies after 36-holes of stroke play from the championship division will move onto a four-lady match play bracket on day three. The Senior Women's State Amateur Championship will be determined by the winner of the four-lady bracket.