The AGA 50-State Championship Program

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This program is to promote each of the 50 states plus the District of Columbia having an annual AGA rated tournament to recognize a State Champion. The AGA will award 200,000 Chapter Rewards points ($200 value) to those organizing the tournament. The tournament must comply with the rules described below. The award is calculated automatically when the tournament is rated and requires that there first be a published E-Journal article with photos announcing the winner. All correspondence on the State Championship Program should be addressed to contact@usgo.org with the first line being: 'Attn: State Championship Program'.

The foundational step in this program is to declare a State Championship coordinator for the state. This person must be a resident of the state, a member of the AGA with an Active status, and be an affiliated member in the AGA of an AGA Chapter within the state also with an Active membership. Memberships must be Active from the time of being named coordinator through the completion of the tournament. Selection of a state coordinator can be made as early as October 1 of the year before the championship is to be run.

A State Championship coordinator is selected by agreement from among all the Active chapters in the state. Chapters that form after the selection of the coordinator do not affect the selection. If the chapters do not have unanimous agreement on a coordinator, an election must be held for the coordinator. Each chapter representative receives a number of votes based on the number of Active members it has at the time of the election using the same algorithm as used for voting for election of regional AGA Board directors. If holding an election write to contact@usgo.org and the national coordinator will supply the number of votes for each chapter. After a state coordinator is selected, the name and AGAID of the coordinator should be communicated to contact@usgo.org with copies to all of the chapter representatives in the Active chapters within the state. The national coordinator can supply the contact information for the chapter representatives upon request.

State coordinators in a regional area may agree to combine and have a single championship for all of their states. This requires the unanimous agreement of each of the state coordinators and they forgo running a championship for just their state that year. The AGA will award 200,000 Chapter Rewards points to each of the participating states.

State Championships must be run within the same calendar year. They must be AGA rated and use AGA rules and meet the timing requirements for an AGA rated tournament. They must be announced at least 6 weeks prior to the event with a posting in the Upcoming Events section at usgo.org. The posting of the Upcoming Event must clearly indicate that the tournament is a State Championship. Chapter representatives can post events or the AGA will post them if information is sent to contact@usgo.org.

The tournament may have non-residents participating, but only current residents of the state can win the State Championship. The state champion does not have to be the overall tournament winner, but does have to be the highest scoring resident after tiebreaks in the top section of the tournament. If there is a separate 'open' section for top players, it should be played without

handicaps. There must be at least three current residents of the state competing in the top section for it to be a legitimate state championship. The AGA reserves the right to have the national coordinator review any state championship and may reject any result if there appears to be any gamesmanship in tournament structure to favor a particular outcome.