

Exemption Criteria **NJSGA**



New Jersey State Golf Association 102nd Open Championship The Ridge at Back Brook – Ringoes, NJ July 25-27, 2022

The following are exempt from qualifying for the 102nd Open Championship, provided they submit their entry prior to the closing date and meet all eligibility criteria:

1. Champions of the NJSGA Open Championship from 1921-2007.*
2. Champions of the previous ten NJSGA Open Championships (2012-2021).*
3. The NJSGA Amateur Champion from 2013-2022.
4. The NJPGA Section Champion from 2012-2021.
5. Low 25 finishers (plus ties) from the 2021 NJSGA Open Championship.+ **(see below)**
6. The 2021 Champion of the NJSGA Senior Amateur Championship.
7. The 2021 Champion of the NJSGA Junior Championship.
8. The 2021 Champion of the NJSGA Women's Amateur Championship.
9. The 2021 Champions of the:
 - a. MGA Amateur (Match Play)
 - b. MGA Open Championship.
10. The 2021 Champion of the GAP Patterson Cup (Stroke Play).
11. The 2021 Champion of the NJPGA Assistant Professional Championship.
12. The 2021 Champion of the NJPGA Senior Championship.
13. The 2021 Champion of the NJPGA Fall Finale.
14. The 2021 Champion of the NJPGA Senior Match Play Championship.
15. The 2022 Champion of the NJSGA Mid-Amateur Championship.
16. The 2022 Champion of the NJSGA / NJPGA Senior Open Championship.
17. The 2022 Champion of the NJPGA Match Play Championship.
18. The 2022 Champion of the NJPGA Charity Clambake.
19. The 2022 Champion of the NJPGA Head Professional Championship.
20. The 2022 Champion of the MGA Ike (Stroke Play) Championship.
21. The 2022 Champion of the GAP Amateur (Match Play) Championship.
22. The 2022 Champion of the GAP Open Championship.
23. NJSGA member club professionals who qualify for the 2022 National Club Professionals Championship via their finish in their respective 2021 PGA Section Championship.
24. The top five from the 2021 NJSGA Player of the Year Points List.
25. Philadelphia PGA Section Professionals who are employed full time as a golf professional in the State of New Jersey that finished in the top twenty (20) of the final 2021 Philadelphia Section Player of the Year Points List.
26. The top twenty (20) current NJPGA members (including ties) from the 2021 NJPGA Player of the Year Points List.
27. The 2021 NJPGA Assistant Player of the Year.
28. The 2021 Champion of the NJPGA Women's Professional Championship.
29. The top five (5) (including ties) from the 2022 NJPGA Section Player of the Year Points List as of the close of entries.
30. The host Head Golf Professional of The Ridge at Back Brook, or the club's designee.
31. The reigning Club Champion, who's a member in good standing of The Ridge at Back Brook, or the club's designee.
32. Special Invitee of the NJSGA Committee.

* - Beginning with the 2008 Open Championship, the Champion was granted a ten-year exemption from qualifying. This replaces the former lifetime exemption granted to Champions between 1900 – 2007. All Champions during this time period retain their lifetime exemption status, as per conditions present during those years. Please contact the NJSGA for further details.

+Beginning with the 2023 Open championship this exemption will change to the top 20 players (+ties) from the previous year.