EXEMPT PLAYERS & EXEMPTION CRITERIA

2. Champions of the previous ten NJSGA Open Championships (2011-2020).*
5. Low 25 finishers (plus ties) from the 2020 NJSGA Open Championship.
6. The 2020 Champion of the NJSGA Senior Amateur Championship.
7. The 2020 Champions of the:
   a. MGA Amateur (Match Play)
   b. MGA Open Championship.
8. The 2020 Champion of the GAP Patterson Cup (Stroke Play).
9. The 2020 Champion of the NJPGA Assistant Professional Championship.
10. The 2020 Champion of the NJPGA Senior Championship.
11. The 2020 Champion of the NJPGA Fall Finale.
12. The 2020 Champion of the NJPGA Senior Match Play Championship.
13. The 2021 Champion of the NJSGA Mid-Amateur Championship.
14. The 2021 Champion of the NJSGA / NJPGA Senior Open Championship.
15. The 2021 Champion of the NJPGA Match Play Championship.
16. The 2021 Champion of the NJPGA Charity Clambake.
17. The 2021 Champion of the NJPGA Head Professional Championship.
18. The 2021 Champion of the MGA Ike (Stroke Play) Championship.
19. The 2021 Champion of the GAP Amateur (Match Play) Championship.
20. The 2021 Champion of the GAP Open Championship.

21. NJSGA member club professionals who qualify for the 2021 National Club Professionals Championship via their finish in their respective 2020 PGA Section Championship.
22. The top five from the 2020 NJSGA Player of the Year Points List.
23. 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 2020 Philadelphia Section Player of the Year Points List.
24. The top twenty (20) current NJPGA members (including ties) from the 2020 NJPGA Player of the Year Points List.
25. The 2020 NJPGA Assistant Player of the Year.
26. The top five (5) (including ties) from the 2021 NJPGA Section Player of the Year Points List as of the close of entries.
27. The host Head Golf Professional of Spring Brook Country Club, or the club’s designee.
28. The reigning Club Champion of Spring Brook Country Club, or the club’s designee.
29. 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.

EXEMPT PLAYERS

Greg Baker - 5, 24
Peter Barron (a) - 5
Nick Bova - 21, 24
Michael Brown (a) - 3, 5, 22
Mark Costanza (a) - 2, 5, 18, 22
Brandon Dalinka (a) - 5
Mark DeLaura - 24
Bryan Dougherty - 24
Frank Esposito, Jr. - 2, 4, 21, 24
Gregory Farrow - 1
Pat Fillian - 4, 5, 21, 24
Brian Gaffney - 4, 5, 24
Sam Goldenring - 5
Tyler Hall - 2, 5, 21, 24
Brendan Hansen (a) - 5
Matt Hardy - 24
Bill Hook - 5, 21, 24
Marc Issler - 2, 24
Sam Kang - 4, 24
Louis Kelly - 5
Joe Kogelmann - 23
Peter Kozubal (a) - 14
Lou Kubisa - 24
Danny Lewis - 4, 5, 21, 24
Jim McGovern - 12
John Meyers (a) - 5
James Mongey (a) - 28
Mike Muehr (a) - 29
Brent Paladino - 24
Tony Perla - 5, 21, 24
Paul Poandl - 21
David Quinn - 5, 23
Trevor Randolph (a) - 5
Tony Santillo - 27
Craig Smith - 21
Michael Stamberger (a) - 3, 5
Grant Sturgeon - 11, 21, 24
Troy Vannucci (a) - 5
Brian Varsey - 10
Davis Weil (a) - 5
Edward Whitman - 1

NEW JERSEY STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS

1921-2020
Largest margin of victory 72 holes
15 Strokes Wesley Ellis, 1962
12 Strokes Wesley Ellis, 1963
10 Strokes Stan Mosel, 1955
10 Strokes Ed Whitman, 1991
Most times host club
Plainfield CC (7) 1940, 52, 61, 68, 90, 2007
Montclair GC (7) 1926, 43, 44, 71, 80, 93, 2018
Spring Brook CC (6) 1955, 58, 65, 73, 2010, 21
Essex County CC (6) 1951, 54, 57, 76, 87, 2014
Crestmont CC (5) 1931, 35, 45, 97, 2004
Forest Hill FC (5) 1933, 41, 48, 59, 67
Shackamaxon G&CC (5) 1922, 25, 37, 72, 2002
Most runner ups
Emery Thomas (5) 1945, 47, 54, 55, 58
Johnny Kinder (5) 1934, 38, 39, 41, 46
Babe Lichardus (3) 1950, 63, 68
Craig Wood (3) 1932, 33, 37
Danny Williams, Sr. (3) 1926, 29, 30
Vic Ghezzi (3) 1936, 40, 42
Longest period between victories
Frank Esposito (14) 1999 - 2013
Babe Lichardus (13) 1952 - 1965
Ed Whitman (8) 1996 - 2004
Johnny Kinder (8) 1932 - 1940
Jack Kiefer (7) 1976 - 1983
Lou Barbaro (6) 1953 - 1959
Jack Mitchell (5) 1941 - 1946
Chester Sanok (5) 1951 - 1956
Father & Son Winners
Bob and Marc Issler
Johnny and Bob Farrell
Art and Art Silvestrone Jr.
Host Club Pro Winner
1984 David Glenz - Morris County
1982 Russell Helwig - Essex Fells
1940 Johnny Kinder - Plainfield
1933 Clarence Clark - Forest Hill
THE FIELD — QUALIFYING PLAYERS

QUALIFIER 1:
Little Mill Country Club
Marlton, N.J.
June 23, 2021
(6,841 yards, par 72)

- Tyler Lee (a), Ridgewood CC, 70 (-2)
- Thomas Lee (a), NJSAGA E-Club, 70 (-2)
- Pat Wilson (a), Hamilton Farm GC, 71 (-1)
- Keith Prokop, White Beeches G & CC, 73 (+1)
- Patrick Ryan (a), Essex County CC, 73 (+1)
- Jack Sterbenz (a), Little Mill CC, 73 (+1)
- Daniel Buzgon (a), Little Mill CC, 73 (+2)
- Anthony King, Liberty National GC, 74 (+2)
- Tom Collins (a), Essex County CC, 74 (+2)
- Carter Nunez (a), NJSAGA E-Club, 74 (+2)

QUALIFIER 2:
Lake Mohawk Golf Club
Sparta, N.J.
June 28, 2021
(6,298 yards, par 70)

- Max O’Hagan (a), NJSAGA E-Club, 68 (-2)
- Nicholas Taylor (a), Navesink CC, 70 (E)
- Tyler Galantini (a), Montclair GC, 72 (+2)
- Matthew Scozzari (a), Hawk Pointe GC, 72 (+2)
- Niall Handley (a), Knoll GC, 72 (+2)
- Joe Gothmann, Anchor Golf Center, 73 (+3)
- Al Tenembaum (a), Rockland CC, 74 (+4)
- Christoff Els, Mountain Ridge CC, 75 (+5)
- Andrew Choi (a), Rockleigh GC, 75 (+5)

QUALIFIER 3:
Watchung Valley Golf Club
Watchung, N.J.
June 29, 2021
(6,597 yards, par 72)

- Christopher Warner (a), Indian Spring CC, 67 (-5)
- Danny Harcourt, Fiddler’s Elbow CC, 68 (-4)
- Addison Bunn, Essex County CC, 68 (-4)
- Ryan Fontaine, Baltusrol GC, 69 (-3)
- Jason Lee (a), Plainfield CC - West 9, 70 (-2)
- Steve Shellock, Sunegles GC, 71 (-1)
- John Capra (a), Stanton Ridge CC, 71 (-1)
- Jeffrey Maines, Montclair GC, 71 (-1)
- Phil Ries (a), NJSAGA E-Club, 72 (E)
- Michael O’Connell (a), Arcola CC, 73 (+1)
- Scott Paris, Plainfield CC, 73 (+1)
- Edmund Broderick (a), Fiddler’s Elbow CC, 73 (+1)
- Devon Moore, Watchung Valley GC, 73 (+1)
- Sean Vowells (a), Canoe Brook CC, 73 (+1)
- Brian Krulfeifer, North Jersey CC, 74 (+2)
- Ray Ferrari, Echo Lake CC, 74 (+2)
- Tyler Mc Ardell, Essex County CC, 74 (+2)
- Kyle Nestor, Preakness Hills CC, 74 (+2)
- Michael Smith, PGA of America, 74 (+2)
- Melan Dhaubhadel (a), NJSAGA E-Club, 74 (+2)
- Kevin Neary (a), Montclair GC, 74 (+2)
- Liam White (a), Ridgewood CC, 74 (+2)

QUALIFIER 4:
Forsgate Country Club
Monroe, N.J.
July 1, 2021
(6,659 yards, par 71)

- Brett Inserra (a), NJSAGA E-Club, 67 (-4)
- Barry Dear, Blue Heron Pines, 71 (E)
- Zachary Brown (a), NJSAGA E-Club, 71 (E)
- William O’Neill (a), Spring Brook CC, 71 (E)
- Elliot Parker (a), Suburban GC, 71 (E)
- Stephen Wentz (a), Baltusrol GC, 72 (+1)
- Mac Bredahl (a), Fairmount CC, 72 (+1)
- Steven Taraska, The Ridgewood CC, 72 (+1)
- Brennan Haley (a), Echo Lake CC, 72 (+1)
- Shan Quinn (a), New Jersey National GC, 72 (+1)
- Garrett Carpenter, Canoe Brook CC, 72 (+1)
- Michael McCrone (a), Stanton Ridge G & CC, 72 (+1)

QUALIFIER 5:
Forsgate Country Club
Monroe, N.J.
July 7, 2021
(6,659 yards, par 71)

- Lowell Miller, Rockaway River CC, 70 (-1)
- Johnny Bush (a), Plainfield Country Club, 71 (E)
- Don McCabe, Plainfield Country Club, 72 (+1)
- Jake Morales, Edgewood Country Club, 72 (+1)
- Jeffery Cai (a), TPC Jasna Polana, 72 (+1)
- Robert Fenton, The Bedens Brook Club, 73 (+2)
- Marshall Bailey, Battleground CC, 72 (+2)