



**THE LINCOLN
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Exemption Criteria

**New Jersey State Golf Association
98th Open Championship
Presented by: The Lincoln Motor Company
Montclair Golf Club – West Orange, NJ
July 24-26, 2018**

The following are exempt from qualifying for the 98th 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 (2008-2017).*
3. The NJSGA Amateur Champion from 2009-2018.
4. The NJPGA Section Champion from 2008-2017.
5. Low 25 finishers (plus ties) from the 2017 NJSGA Open Championship.
6. The 2017 Champion of the NJSGA Senior Amateur Championship.
7. The 2017 Champions of the:
 - a. MGA Amateur (Match Play)
 - b. MGA Open Championship.
8. The 2017 Champion of the NJPGA Assistant Professional Championship.
9. The 2017 Champion of the NJPGA Senior Championship.
10. The 2017 Champion of the NJPGA Fall Finale.
11. The 2017 Champion of the NJPGA Senior Match Play Championship.
12. The 2018 Champion of the NJSGA Mid-Amateur Championship.
13. The 2018 Champion of the NJSGA / NJPGA Senior Open Championship.
14. The 2018 Champion of the NJPGA Match Play Championship.
15. The 2018 Champion of the NJPGA Charity Clambake.
16. The 2018 Champion of the NJPGA Head Professional Championship.
17. The 2018 Champion of the MGA Ike (Stroke Play) Championship.
18. NJSGA member club professionals who qualify for the 2018 National Club Professionals Championship via their finish in their respective 2017 PGA Section Championship.
19. The top five from the 2017 NJSGA Player of the Year Points List.
20. 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 2017 Philadelphia Section Player of the Year Points List.
21. The top twenty (20) (including ties) from the 2017 NJPGA Player of the Year Points List.
22. The 2017 NJPGA Assistant Player of the Year.
23. The top five (5) (including ties) from the 2018 NJPGA Section Player of the Year Points List as of the close of entries (May 30, 2018).
24. The host Head Golf Professional of Montclair Golf Club, or the club's designee.
25. The reigning Club Champion of Montclair Golf Club, or the club's designee.
26. 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.