

NJ Amateur & NJ Open Stroke Play Championship Qualifying – Alternates Policy



The New Jersey Amateur Championship at Essex County Country Club and the New Jersey Open Championship at Hamilton Farm Golf Club will have 7 sectional qualifiers for the Championship proper. Following the conclusion of the qualifiers, if the final championship field is less than 96 players for the Amateur and less than 120 players for the Open, alternates will be selected from the pool of qualifiers who missed qualifying by 1 stroke to reach capacity.

Alternate Priority: Each qualifying site will be ranked based on the ratio of qualifiers to qualifying spots. The sites that have the least number of qualifiers for qualifying spots will take priority. If the qualifying spot and qualifier ratio is the same, the order will be decided at random. Once a player withdraws, an alternate will be added from the top priority site. That site then moves to the bottom of the qualifiers list and site 2 will have priority for the next alternate spot available. For each individual site, all players who missed by 1 shot will be sorted based on the USGA match of cards. If no players missed by 1, there will be no alternates for that site. Below is an example of how the alternates list will work using two NJ Amateur qualifiers from the 2024 season.

Alternates **will be permitted** on site at the Championship proper in the event of a withdrawal on the first day of the Championship. Alternates on site must check in with the NJ Golf staff immediately upon arriving and will be sorted based on priority ranking according to the Official Alternate Policy.

2024 NJ Golf Amateur Alternate List Examples:

SQR: Peddie Golf Club

1	Ortwein, Benjamin Oak Hill Golf Club	-5	67
T2	Ergood, Doug Ipswich Country Club	-2	70
T2	Reck, Richie Jumping Brook Country Club	-2	70
T4	Clements, Michael Echo Lake Country Club	-1	71
T4	Scerna, Patrick Deer Golf & Country Club	-1	71
T4	Campanile, Anthony Deer Golf & Country Club	-1	71
T4	Yong, Alex Haver Glen Golf Course	-1	71
T4	Deussing, Christian NUSGA E-Club	-1	71
T9	Cruz, JASON Newark Country Club	E	72
T9	Lalonde, Griffin NUSGA HS Golf (E - Club)	E	72
T9	Rice, Roger Basking Ridge Country Club	E	72
T9	Patel, Arav Forsgate Country Club	E	72
T9	Blank, Winston Hollywood Golf Club	E	72
T9	Kessler, Garrett Mountain Ridge Country Club	E	72
T9	Maido, Steven Upper Merionet Country Club	E	72
The following players did not make the cut			
CUT	Lyu, Sining USGA/NJ GC	+1	73
CUT	Barlow, TJ Bethesda Golf Club	+1	73
CUT	Marseille, Isaiah Pinehurst C.C. - West 9	+1	73

15 qualifying spots and ties – 15 total qualifiers

1 qualifier per qualifying spot

Priority 1

Wait List Players (Order based on USGA Match of Cards)

Alternate 1: Sining Lyu

Alternate 3: TJ Betlow

Alternate 5: Isaiah Marseille

SQR: Neshanic Valley Golf Course

1	Aiken, James Watchung Valley Golf Club	-1	71
2	Lee, Ethan Cobb Neck Golf Club	E	72
T3	Boyd, Stephen Beltwood Golf Club	+1	73
T3	Bossman, Owen NUSGA E-Club	+1	73
T3	Gull, Michael Trump National Golf Club - Bedminster	+1	73
T3	Vowells, Sean Cannon Brook Country Club	+1	73
T7	Direck, Anthony Spring Brook Country Club	+2	74
T7	Hollingshead, Graeme Trump National GC Bedminster	+2	74
T7	Ryan, Patrick Essex County Country Club	+2	74
T10	Wenzel, Stephen Beltwood Golf Club	+3	75
T10	Morgan, Jake Deer Run Golf & Tennis Club	+3	75
T10	Todaro, Jake NUSGA E-Club	+3	75
The following players did not make the cut			
CUT	Pandya, Hiten Neshanic	+4	76
CUT	Williams, Isaiah NUSGA E-Club	+4	76
CUT	Weiniger, Dan Monterey Golf Club	+4	76
CUT	Ramirez, Jose Miguel NUSGA E-Club	+4	76
CUT	LM, Andrew NUSGA E-Club	+4	76
CUT	Meyers, John Basking Ridge Country Club	+4	76

11 qualifying spots and ties – 12 total qualifiers

1.09 qualifier per qualifying spot

Priority 2

Wait List Players (Order based on USGA Match of Cards)

Alternate 2: Andrew Lim

Alternate 4: John Meyers

Alternate 6: Hiten Pandya

Alternate 7: Jose Miguel Ramirez

Alternate 8: Isaiah Williams

Alternate 9: Dan Weiniger

Please note: Due to the number of alternates, practice rounds will not be available until their spot in the Championship is confirmed. Situations will arise when an alternate may not have a practice round.