



Exemption Criteria
106th NJ Open Championship Presented by Donnelly Industries
Morris County Golf Club
July 21-23, 2026

The following are exempt from qualifying for the 106th Open Championship, provided they submit their entry prior to the closing date and meet all eligibility criteria:

1. Champions of the NJ Open Championship from 1921-2007.*
2. Champions of the previous ten NJ Open Championships (2016-2025). *
3. The NJ Amateur Champion from 2017-2026.
4. The NJPGA Section Champion from 2016-2025.
5. Low 20 finishers (plus ties) from the 2025 NJ Open Championship.
6. The 2025 Champion of the NJ Senior Amateur Championship.
7. The 2025 Champion of the NJ Junior Championship.
8. The 2025 Champion of the NJ Women's Open Championship. (If Eligible)
9. The 2025 Champion of the NJ Women's Amateur Championship.
10. The 2025 Champion of the MGA Amateur (If Eligible).
11. The 2025 Champion of the MGA Open Championship. (If Eligible)
12. The 2025 Champion of the GAP Patterson Cup (If Eligible).
13. The 2026 Champion of the NJ Junior Championship.
14. The 2026 Champion of the NJ Mid-Amateur Championship.
15. The 2026 Champion of the NJ Senior Open Championship.
16. The 2026 Champion of the NJPGA Match Play Championship.
17. The 2026 Champion of the NJPGA Charity Clambake.
18. The 2026 Champion of the NJPGA Head Pro Championship.
19. The 2026 Champion of the MGA Ike (Stroke Play) Championship. (If Eligible)
20. The 2026 Champion of the GAP Amateur (Match Play) Championship. (If Eligible)
21. The 2026 Champion of the GAP Open Championship. (If Eligible)
22. NJ member club professionals who qualify for the 2026 National Club Professionals Championship via their finish in their respective 2025 PGA Section Championship.
23. The top five players from the 2025 NJ Robert Housen Player of the Year Points List.
24. 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 2025 Philadelphia Section Player of the Year Points List.
25. The top thirty-two (32) professionals from the 2025 NJPGA Rolex Player of the Year Points List.
26. The 2025 NJPGA Assistant Player of the Year.
27. The host Head Golf Professional of Morris County or the club's designee.
28. The reigning Club Champion, who's a member in good standing of Morris County, or the club's designee.
29. Special Invitee of the NJ Tournament 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 NJ Golf for further details.