

2023 State Open of Virginia Exemptions

Professional Exemptions*:

All Exempt professionals must maintain either their MAPGA status or their Virginia Residence (defined below):

State Open Champions from the past five years:

Fielding Brewbaker (2018) *(Not Eligible)*
Jack Montague (2019)
Mark Lawrence Jr. (2020)
Evan Beck (2021)
Nick Taliaferro (2022)

Top 10 Professionals and ties from the 2022 State Open of Virginia:

Chris O'Neill	Brandon Berry
Mark Lawrence Jr.	Alston Newsom
Larkin Gross, PGA	Travis Johnson
Connor Burgess	Josh Speight, PGA
Tim Ritter, PGA	Cameron Yancey

Top 10 Professionals and ties from the 2022 MAPGA Open Player of the Year Points List:

Ashley Grier, PGA	Ian McConnell, PGA
Larkin Gross, PGA	Troy Thorne, PGA
Steve Delmar, PGA	Billy Hoffman, PGA
John O'Leary, PGA	Dick Mast, PGA
Yong Joo, PGA	Josh Speight, PGA

Top MAPGA Professional from the 2022 Senior Open of Virginia:

Rick Schuller, PGA

Top Professional and ties from the 2022 MAPGA Senior Player of the Year Points List:

Rick Schuller, PGA

2022 MAPGA Professional Section Champion:

Dick Mast, PGA

2022 MAPGA Assistant Professional Champion:

Travis Johnson

Any A-3 Members (PGA Tours) who reside in Virginia or Maryland.

One MAPGA Professional in good standing from host facility.

**Virginia Residence – must be current residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia and have lived in Virginia for 183 of the last 365 days. This is subject to certification by the committee and/or staff. Documentation of evidence may be required.*

**With the exception of State Open Champions from the past five years, the player must be in the same status (e.g. still an Amateur, still in The PGA, etc.) through which he gained the exemption*