

**Michigan State USBC
Youth Masters Tournament
Nov. 11/12, 2023**

Another exciting weekend of youth bowling at Monitor Lanes in Bay City where the 2023 Michigan State USBC Youth Masters tournament was held.

The 8 game qualifier (70 boys and 33 girls) saw scores of 268, (2) 279's, 290 and the first 300 in the history of the tournament. The 300 helped Cole Rogus of Macomb secure the top spot with an 8 game total of 1894. Sofia DeLuccia of Rockford started out slow but immediately rebounded to jump into the lead. After the dust settled with a number of lead changes until Cole and Sofia emerged on top, the field was then cut to the top 16 boys and top 16 girls, who returned on Sunday for the double 2 game elimination bracket.

Each bowler held strong to capture the titles but not without enduring some stiff competition with Cole rallying to defeat Dylan Harnden in the final match for the boys and Sofia outlasting Aria Ragland by a mere 11 pins after their 2 game battle.

As always, there was never a shortage of excitement and great bowling by some of the best bowlers in the state. As we have in the past, 2 boys and 2 girls will be given the opportunity to advance to the National Junior Gold tournament being held in the Detroit area this coming summer.

Cole and Sofia were presented with their championship plaques with them and all bowlers making it to the bracket finals, including the alternates, earning scholarship points, in accordance with Michigan State USBC and MHSAA guidelines. All points will be sent to the SMART program.

A special thanks to Rick Dodick and the staff at Monitor Lanes staff for so graciously hosting us this year. I also want to again thank our sponsor, Motiv Bowling, for their sponsorship and contribution to youth bowling. And I certainly have to extend my sincere thanks to my co-workers, Scott, Dale, Jason, Kristi, and Natalie, as this tournament would not be possible to run without them.

I also want to extend a special THANK YOU to all the bowlers and parents for helping make this tournament a success. Stay strong, be safe and we look forward to seeing all of you again next year.