2026 Michigan State Masters Tournament

USBC | CERTIFIED COMPETITION #4095

Held at:
Century Bowl
7345 Highland Rd
Waterford, MI 48327
(248) 666-4700

Mail entries to:
Michigan State Masters
11800 Merriman Rd.
P.O. Box 51682
Livonia, MI 48151

Updated: Qualifying: November 21, 2026 @ 12:00 PM Match Play: November 22, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Format: Each bowler shall bowl six games on Saturday for qualifying. The top bowlers will return in two-game double elimination matches on Sunday. The number of match-play contestants will be determined by the number of entries.

Awards: **First place $3,000 – Amounts based on 80 entries**
Paid entry into the 2027 USBC Masters (upon proof of participation)
Paid entry into the 2027 Michigan State Masters Tournament
Final match play spot will receive $450 – Based on 80 entries
Match play spots based on a 1:5 ratio
The top non-qualifiers 50 and over, based on a 1:10 ratio, will receive a check for $160

Cost: **$160 – Entire entry fee will be applied to the prize fund.**
*** Walk-in fee is $170 *** **Credit Cards accepted onsite (3% fee will be charged)**
For Michigan certified bowlers, only! See Rule #1
Checks made payable to Michigan State USBC.

Name _____ USBC # _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Senior Birthdate _____ (Fifty years or older on date of tournament)

Please provide email address: _____

Do you want to pay by credit card? No ◯ Yes ◯ (You will receive an invoice from Square) (3% fee will be charged)

For additional information, contact: Scott Barker Masters Tournament Director
(734) 386-0218 Michigan State USBC
Entries can be emailed to: scott.barker@michiganstateusbc.com

MICHIGAN STATE USBC MASTERS TOURNAMENT RULES

1. This is an individual scratch tournament open only to Michigan State USBC members who have a 2025-26 bowl.com average (minimum 21 games) or are currently a member of a Michigan State USBC certified league (minimum 12 games). A collegiate member may bowl provided they have a Michigan certified average within the last 4 years. Those who are not members may establish eligibility by paying all applicable dues. Refer to USBC Rule 300c. Current membership cards must be available for presentation at check-in.

2. The tournament is limited to the first 80 bowlers. The defending champion gets a free entry into this tournament but will have to earn a spot in match-play.

3. For qualifying rounds, bowlers will draw for lanes and will bowl six games across 12 lanes moving after each game.

4. If there is a breakdown and an unreasonable delay occurs, the tournament director can authorize reasonable practice and reassign bowlers.

5. In the case of a tie for final match play position, one additional game will be bowled by those tied bowlers. The bowlers will draw for starting lanes and the bowler with the odd lane will start the roll-off. If a tie exists after the one-game roll-off, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will be conducted. Bowlers will begin the roll-off on the lane on which the bowler finished the previous game. As in all other games, the bowler on the odd lane will start.

6. Failure of any contestant to be available in case of a tie will constitute a forfeit. In the event of a tie for any other position, the player with the highest game in qualifying round will be placed in the higher position. Should a tie still exist, then next highest qualifying game will be used.

7. Non-appearance, regardless of cause, will constitute forfeiture of the match and the player present will bowl their game without opposition to advance to succeeding round. If the forfeiture occurs in the winners bracket, the absent bowler automatically goes into the proper position in the losers' bracket.

8. Bowlers must lose two matches to be eliminated from the tournament.

9. Each match will be two games; total pins to determine the winner. Pairings for the initial round of matches will be based on the finish of the contestants in qualifying rounds. Pairings will continue in a bracket system, which will be displayed.

10. In match play only one player is assigned to a lane. The order of bowling will be according to match game procedure with the bowler on the odd lane starting first. Bowlers start the first game of the series on the lane assigned. Succeeding games will be started on the lane where the tenth frame of the preceding game was bowled.

11. If a match ends in a tie, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will be conducted. Bowlers will begin the roll-off on the lane on which the bowler finished the previous game. As in all other games, the bowler on the odd lane will start.

12. Dress code enforced by Masters Committee. No jeans or shorts to be worn during competition.

13. Tournament management will correct obvious errors, including math errors, in accordance with USBC Rule 327b.

14. NOTE: Bowling balls of qualifiers must be checked upon request from tournament officials. All balls used during competition must be recorded on the bowler's score sheet for all competitors. Any bowler having a ball not in compliance with USBC specifications will be disqualified.

15. Adjustments to ball surface may be made any time there is a practice session.

16. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to use bowler's name and photograph for publicity and promotions.

Past Champions

		2025 – No Tournament
2024 – Conner Johnson	2023 – Kristopher Warner	2022-23 – Justin Knowles
2022 – Justin Knowles	2021 – Justin Knowles	2020 – Craig Nidiffer
2019 – Nick Cooper	2018 – Kurt Pilon	2017 – John Nolen
2016 – Cory Hines	2015 – Ronnie Sparks Jr.	2014 – Ronnie Sparks Jr.
2013 – Craig Nidiffer	2012 – Brian Waliczek	2011 – Jeff Austreng
2010 – Richard Wayne	2009 – Tom Smallwood	2008 – Jeff Austreng