

RULES & REGULATIONS - SENIOR MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. This is an individual match game event open to all certified members of the Metro Detroit USBC who bowled 21 games or more in the Metro Detroit USBC Association the previous season or MDUSBC members with 21 games or more in the current season in any given league in the MDUSBC as of first day of qualifying and who are at least 50 years old as of February 17, 2024. If a bowler resides within the boundaries of the MDUSBC they may pay the appropriate fees and be eligible to bowl in the tournament. If the maximum number of bowlers (160) is not reached by January 8, 2024 then the event is open to all certified USBC members who meet the age requirements. Non-members meeting the eligibility requirements set forth above can become members and be eligible by paying the appropriate fees.
2. The tournament is limited to the first 160 bowlers with 1 in 5 bowlers qualifying for head to head matches. The defending champion will be seeded 9th into the match play competition, unless they qualify in a higher position which is where they would be seeded but must pay for and bowl in qualifying rounds to be eligible.
3. In qualifying rounds, bowlers will draw for lanes on Saturday and will bowl six games across 12 lanes on Saturday, moving after each game.
4. If there is a breakdown and an unreasonable delay, tournament manager can authorize reasonable practice. If there is a breakdown tournament manager can reassign bowlers.
5. In the case of a tie for final match play spot, one additional game will be bowled by those bowlers tied. 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 rolloff a 9th and 10th frame rolloff will be conducted. Bowlers will begin the rolloff 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 high game in qualifying round will be placed in the higher position. Should a tie still exist, then next highest qualifying game will be used. **FIRST ALTERNATE MUST BE PRESENT AT THE START OF HEAD TO HEAD MATCHES TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THEIR PRIZE.**
7. If a bowler is unable to appear for the first round of match play, the match will be forfeited.
8. 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 in to the proper position in the LOSERS BRACKET.
9. Bowlers must lose two matches to be eliminated from the tournament.
10. Each match will be over two games, total pins 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 on a bracket system, which will be on display.
11. In match play only one player 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.
12. If a match ends in a tie, a 9th and 10th frame rolloff will be conducted. Bowlers will begin the rolloff on the lane on which the bowler finished the previous game. As in all other games, the bowler on the odd lane will start.
13. Dress code enforced by Masters Committee. No jeans, hats or shorts to be worn during competition.
14. Tournament management will correct obvious errors, including math errors, in accordance with USBC Rule 327b.
15. **NOTE: Bowling balls of qualifiers must be checked upon request from tournament officials that such equipment be checked. All balls used must be recorded on the bowler's score sheet for all competitors. All bowling equipment must be approved by USBC and no bowling ball can be used prior to the release date to the public. If found using either of the above, the first action will be a warning followed by disqualification if continued to be used.**

PAST SENIOR MASTERS CHAMPS

1993 - Lou Ivancik	2003 - Fred McClain	2013 - Harry Sullins	2023 - Troy Stus
1994 - Scotty Laughland	2004 - John Bennett	2014 - Harry Sullins	
1995 - Scotty Laughland	2005 - Ed Austreng	2015 - Glenn Pilon	
1996 - Harley Trumbull, Jr.	2006 - Roy Biggs	2016 - Terry Bialkowski	
1997 - Lou Ivancik	2007 - Lee Snow	2017 - Bradley Gray	
1998 - James Warren	2008 - Jim Burton	2018 - Troy Stus	
1999 - Doug Evans	2009 - Larry Walker	2019 - William Kazmierski	
2000 - Doug Evans	2010 - Richard Planko	2020 - Robert Sloma	
2001 - Scotty Laughland	2011 - Rick Vittone	2021 - Glenn Pilon	
2002 - Harley Trumbull Jr.	2012 - Harry Sullins	2022 - Michael McCleskey	