



2022 Champion
Justin Knowles

2022-23 Michigan State Masters Tournament



Held at:
M-66 Bowl
19794 Capital Ave NE
Battle Creek, MI 49017
(269) 962-9597

Mail entries to:
Michigan State Masters
11800 Merriman Rd.
P.O. Box 51602
Livonia, MI 48151

Updated: Qualifying: October 29, 2022 @ 11:00 AM

Match Play: October 30, 2022 @ 9:00 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 \$3,500 – **Amounts based on 120 entries**
Paid entry into the 2023 USBC Masters
Paid entry into the 2023 Michigan State Masters Tournament
Final match play spot will receive \$300
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 \$150

Cost: **\$150 – Entire entry fee will be applied to the prize fund.**

Checks made payable to Michigan State USBC. Credit Cards accepted (3% fee will be charged).

Deadline: Date of qualifying unless filled earlier. Tournament is limited to 200 entries.

Name _____ USBC # _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____

Senior Birthdate _____ (50 years or older on date of tournament)

Email address for credit card invoice: _____

(Entrant will be invoiced for entry fee – 3% fee will be charged)

For additional information, contact: Scott Barker Masters Tournament Chairman
(734) 386-0218 Michigan State USBC

Entries can be emailed to: scott.barker@michiganstateusbc.com

MICHIGAN STATE MASTERS TOURNAMENT

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. This is an individual match game tournament open to all Michigan State USBC Adult members. 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 200 bowlers with 1 in 5 bowlers qualifying for head-to-head matches. The defending champion will be seeded 5th in a 16-bowler bracket and 9th in a 32-bowler bracket unless he or she qualifies higher.
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 manager 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 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 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 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.
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. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to use bowler's name and photograph for publicity and promotions.

Past Champions

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| 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 |