



# MICHIGAN STATE SENIOR MASTERS TOURNAMENT

## RULES & REGULATIONS

1. This is an individual match game tournament open to all Michigan State USBC Adult members aged 50 and older on the day of qualifying. 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, hats 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

<b>2022-23 – Jeff Austreng</b>	2022 – Gerald Sikora	2021 – Jeff Austreng
2019 – John Goormastic	2018 – Michael Calvin	2017 – Harold Sullins
2016 – Harold Sullins	2015 – Ernie Segura Jr.	2014 – Dale Strike
2013 – Bo Goergen	2012 – Charlie Tapp	2011 – Rick Vittone
2010 – Ronald Jonas	2009 – Mitch Jabczynski	