

TUCSON METRO USBC OPEN MASTERS OFFICIAL RULES

Participants must be members of National USBC, Arizona State USBC and Tucson Metro USBC.

Contestants in this tournament will be governed by the rules of the USBC plus the following special provisions.

1. Entry fee will be \$125.00. (CASH ONLY). One squad only. Limited to 90 bowlers.
2. Once a player has completed the FIRST FRAME OF THEIR FIRST QUALIFYING GAME, NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.
3. The qualifying round will consist of five games across ten lanes. All scores will be scratch. The pattern is Shark. There will be 10 minutes of warm up.
4. Once a squad has started, the squad is closed to additional entries except at the discretion of the tournament director. Late entries/arrivals will be assigned a '0' for frames missed.
5. Participants will be assigned to lanes as entries are received.
6. No more than three participants shall be scheduled to a lane.
7. A minimum of 11 high qualifiers and the previous year's Tucson Metro USBC Masters Champion, who, upon payment of the entry fee will be seeded first in the bottom half (e.g. 7 of 12), will advance to the finals to be held on Sunday, March 29, 2026. Last year's winner has the option of bowling in qualifying to attempt to improve his/her seeded position. If last year's winner does not participate, the top 12 (minimum) qualifiers will advance.
9. A one game match will decide ties for the last qualifying spot. An extra complete ninth (9) and tenth (10) frame shall be bowled in the event of a tie at the end of the match. Failure of any contestant to be available in case of a tie will constitute a forfeiture of the game.
10. In the event of a malfunction of an automatic scorekeeper or pinsetter the bowlers may be required to change lanes. Two warm up shots per lane will be permitted. The decision of the tournament director is final.
11. All entries and monies must be in the possession of the Tournament Director by start of qualifying squad March 28, 2026. This applies to last year's winner.
12. Prize money will be paid to all finalists.
13. Dress code is as follows: Appropriate bowling attire is required. Tournament director's decision is final.
14. Conduct- All entrants are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner. Entrants will be subject to ejection from the tournament and forfeiture of entry fees for abuse of center equipment, alcohol, fellow competitors and other actions deemed inappropriate by center management or the tournament director.

SPECIAL RULES AND PROVISIONS - FOR MASTERS FINALS

1. Pairing for the final round matches will be determined by qualifying score. Future pairings will be on bracket system, winners and losers.

2. Each match in the finals will be two (2) games. Total pins to decide the winner. In the event of a tie, an additional 9th and 10th frame will be bowled. If still tied, single shots until a winner is determined.
3. The double elimination method of competition requires a bowler to lose two times before being eliminated. All qualifiers start in the winners bracket. After losing one match, the bowler enters the losers bracket. In the finals, the undefeated survivor of the winners bracket will be matched against the winner of the losers bracket. If the bowler from the losers bracket should win the first match, an additional match would be necessary to decide the champion. The losers bracket winner must beat the winners bracket winner twice.
4. If a bowler is unable to appear for the first round, the alternate will be given the opportunity to replace him/her and will assume the seeded position. The alternate will be chosen from qualifying round participants.
5. After the first round NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE PERMITTED, Nonappearance, regardless of cause, will constitute forfeiture of the match and the player present will bowl the series without opposition and advance to the next round.
6. The bowler on the odd numbered lane will start the match. Higher seed will have choice of starting lane.
7. Lanes used for the finals may not necessarily be the same lanes as those used for the qualifying rounds. Due to lane restrictions, bowlers may be required to bowl on the same pair in consecutive matches. If a lane breakdown occurs, bowlers may be moved to another pair determined by the tournament director. A practice pair will be provided.

NOTICE

The Tucson Metro USBC is only liable for returning the entry fees if and when an entrant shall be prevented from bowling in this tournament through unexpected yet necessary schedule changes, or premature termination of the tournament which may be caused by war, national emergency or emergencies or causes relating thereto or resulting from fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or any other causes beyond the control of the Tucson Metro USBC.