

42nd ANNUAL



MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY MARCH 28 2026

10:00 AM - 6-GAME QUALIFYING SQUAD

SUNDAY MARCH 29 2026

10:00 AM - CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

BOWLERO Rochester, Rochester NY
2400 Empire Blvd Webster, NY 14580

EARLY BIRD ENTRY (until 3/26/26): \$100
REGULAR & SAME-DAY ENTRY: \$120
Max of 96 entries

First Prize:

\$1200 (guaranteed at 60 entries) Choice of Engraved
Crystal Pin or Championship Ring Free Entry to 2027
New York State Masters

HIGH QUALIFIER RECEIVES FREE ENTRY INTO 2026-2027 LOCAL MASTERS.

For information, call the Rochester NY USBC Office at (585) 622-2512

Mail entries/payments to: bowl@rochesternyusbc.org

Payments by PayPal: bowl@rochesternyusbc.org or Venmo @Rochester-NY-USBC

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____ USBC: _____



Rochester NY USBC Masters Tournament Rules & Information

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** The Rochester NY USBC Masters is open to members of the Rochester NY USBC, as well as touching associations (Canandaigua, Finger Lakes, Genesee Region, Hornell, Penn Yan-Dundee and Lake Ontario/Wayne County). Bowlers must have a minimum of 21 games bowled in the current bowling season in the same league. Members of touching associations are welcome with a \$9 local association fee. All previous Rochester NY USBC Masters Champions and HOF members are eligible to bowl with proof of a valid USBC membership and local association dues.

2. **QUALIFYING FORMAT:** A six (6) game qualifying event will take place on March 28th, 2026 with total pin fall determining the bowlers who will compete in the Championship finals. Starting lanes will be drawn at check-in. The six (6) qualifying games will be bowled across six (6) pair of lanes. Two (2) lane courtesy will be observed. Total pin fall determines seeding for match play. No carry over pins from qualifying round into match play. A tie for the final qualifying spot will result in an immediate one game roll-off. A tie for seeding positions will be broken by highest qualifying game(s). Ten minutes of practice will be allowed prior to competition. Advancers to the Championship finals will be determined based on entries. 48 bowlers or less will advance to the top 8 from qualifying. 49-60 bowlers will advance to the top 10. 61 entries or more the top 12 will advance.

3. **CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT:** The finals will consist of match play on March 29th, 2026 in single game matches. Each qualifier will face off once and the final game will be a position round, with the Peterson point system (30 points being awarded to the winner of each game) used during match play. Each participant will verify his/her opponent's score. After match play competition, the top five bowlers will proceed to a step ladder finals with single game elimination format used to determine the ultimate champion. In the event of 48 entries or less, we will cut to the top 4 for the stepladder finals.

4. **DRESS CODE:** Proper bowling attire is required. NO hats, NO t-shirts. Shirts must have sleeves and collars. Bowling company shirts with mock collars will be allowed. Jeans and golf shorts are permitted. All clothing must be neat, clean and have no holes or tears. If any questions, the Tournament Director will make the final decision.

5. **ADMINISTRATION:** The Tournament Director will resolve all disputes during the tournament. All USBC Rules not included here will be in effect. The Tournament Director will resolve all disputes, subject to rule 329.

6. **PRIZES AND AWARDS:** First place cash value will be guaranteed based on 60 entries: \$1,000.00 plus choice of crystal pin or championship ring, and entry into the 2026-2027 NYS Masters Tournament. All prize fees collected will be returned 100% to participants. All cash prizes will be awarded to finalists advancing to Sunday's match play. The highest qualifier will receive a free NON-TRANSFERABLE entry into the 2026-2027 Rochester NY USBC Masters Tournament.

7. **ENTRY FEE DISTRIBUTION:** Entry fees for this tournament are distributed as follows:

Prize Fee: \$60.00
Bowling Expense: 32.00
Tournament Expense: 8.00
Total Entry Fee: \$100.00

8. **BOWLER OF THE YEAR POINTS:** Participation in this tournament will count toward your point total in the Bowler of the Year award in your respective category. You will receive points for your highest finish position and for any honor scores bowled in this event.

9. **CHECK-IN PROCEDURES:** Check-in will be available 60 minutes prior to tournament start.

10. **TARDY BOWLERS:** Tardy bowlers will be allowed to bowl, receiving zero count for frames missed.

11. **REFUNDS:** Refunds will be processed at event completion. Replacements will be permitted from waiting list, subject to prior arrangement with tournament management. All returned checks will be assessed a \$30.00 fee.

12. **RE-RACK:** A maximum of two (2) re-racks per game allowed.

13. **TOURNAMENT ENTRIES CLOSE AND MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY 12:45PM, Saturday, March 28th, 2026.**

14. **BRACKETS/POT GAMES:** Brackets and Pot games will be available and run for the courtesy of the bowler, the organization assumes no responsibility for losses or any inaccuracies.

15. **Tournament games shall be played in compliance with USBC Playing Rules.**