

**TEXAS STATE USBC ASSOCIATION, INC  
STATE MASTERS TOURNAMENT**

**AMF Diamond Lanes**

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**Certified**

**February 24-25, 2024**

**Reserved Entries Closing - February 15, 2024**

**ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 120 COMPLETED ENTRIES**

**Qualifying Squad:**

**Saturday, February 24, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Semi Finals:**

**Sunday, February 25, 2024 – 8:00 a.m.**

**Finals:**

**Sunday, February 25, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.**



**ENTRY FEE**

**\$225.00 by February 15, 2023**  
**\$250.00 after February 15, 2023**  
**(\$25.00 added to prize fund)**

Prize fund	\$170.00
Lineage	\$ 40.00
Expense	\$ 15.00

**This Tournament is open to male USBC members Certified within the state of Texas. Any non-Texas resident must purchase a card within Texas and have a minimum of a 12 game average in a current league certified with a Texas Association.**

The Texas State Masters Tournament is an individual competition based on total pin fall conducted on a scratch basis. The tournament will consist of a

- **Qualifying Round:** Each entrant will bowl eight (8) games across sixteen (16) lanes in one eight (8) game block. Tournament Management will assign lanes by blind draw. Each bowler's eight (8) game total will be used to determine the qualifiers advancing to the semi-final round. A minimum of sixteen (16) bowlers or one for each eight entries (1/8), whichever is higher, will advance to the
- **Semi Final Round** of four (4) games across eight (8) lanes. Each bowler's twelve (12) game total will be used to determine the eight (8) contestants advancing to the
- **Final Round** eight (8) games of match play.

**\$1,000.00**

**The Texas State Scratch  
Tournaments is adding  
this to the prize fund.**

**2023 Prize Fund**

**Over \$18,000**



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The Texas State Men's Masters Tournament will be used as a qualifier to determine a representative for the National event, the USBC Masters Tournament. The Champion will be eligible to have a paid entry for the National event. In the event the Champion is unable to participate the Texas State USBC Association will follow its policy for representation at the National event. All prize fees collected will be returned 100%.

**Attire:** Participants must wear long pants and a bowling shirt, dress shirt, or sport shirt; no headwear or tank shirts will be allowed. Jeans with no holes in them may be worn. Contestants not in compliance with the attire rule may be subject to disqualification.

Contestants will be governed by the rules of the USBC, plus the following provisions:

1. Entry fee will be \$225.00 (\$170 prize, \$40.00 lineage and \$15.00 expense). The expense fee includes lineage in the semi-final and final rounds, promotional and operational costs. After reserved entry closing date of February 16, entries will be accepted up to 30 minutes prior to the start of the official practice session prior to Qualifying Round, with an additional fee of \$25 (to be added to the prize fund), and subject to the availability. (Bowlers will be scheduled no more than three (3) to a lane and six to a pair.)
2. Participant will check in with USBC membership card at least 45 minutes prior to qualifying squad.
3. After an entry has been accepted and confirmed, fees cannot be transferred without the consent of Tournament Management. Substitutes should be reported to Tournament Management as soon as possible, but no later than 45 minutes prior to qualifying squad on site at the tournament office. Entry fee is not refundable
4. **Qualifying Round** – Each entrant will bowl eight (8) games across sixteen (16) lanes in one eight game block. Each bowler's eight game total will be used to determine the qualifiers advancing to the semi-final round. A minimum of sixteen (16) bowlers or one for each eight (1/8) entries, whichever is greater, will advance to the **Semi-Final Round** of four (4) games across eight (8) lanes. Each bowlers twelve game total will be used to determine the eight (8) contestants advancing to the **Final Round** of match play.
5. Contestants will be allowed ten minutes of practice prior to each squad.
6. If a bowler is not present at the scheduled time for any portion of the semi-final and/or final rounds, an alternate bowler will be given the opportunity to replace him in the schedule. The alternate bowler will be the next highest bowler for the qualifying round. If time does not permit locating the next highest bowler, the alternate bowler will be the next highest qualifier available.
7. An entrant may be disqualified for the following while participating in an event:
  - (a) An infraction of the rules
  - (b) Conduct derogatory to the best interest of the tournament
  - (c) Use of foreign substance which comes in contact with the approaches of the lanes.
 Any infraction of the rules will be cause for immediate disqualification and removal from the tournament. Disqualification of an individual shall result in forfeiture of the entry fee and any right to prize money and/or awards.
8. If the final position in the qualifying and/or semi-final rounds should result in a tie, or there is a tie for first place following the final position match, the following procedure will apply:
  - One game will be bowled immediately after completion of the respective round (qualifying round; semi-final round or a tie for first place following the position match)
  - Bowlers will draw for starting lane
  - Bowler on odd numbered lane will start the roll-off
  - In the event a tie exists after this match, two (2) extra frames will be bowled (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frames).
 In the event of a tie, failure of any contestant to be available for the roll-off will constitute forfeiture.

**FINAL ROUND:**

9. Pairing for the initial round of matches will be according to a prearranged format displayed at the tournament site.
10. All carryover of pin fall from qualifying will be dropped and finalists will start from zero.
11. All finalists will bowl eight games - seven (7) games of head to head match play using an 8 team prearranged schedule and one (1) final position game.
12. All finalists will receive a thirty (30) pin bonus for each game won, and the bonus will be added to his total score. If a match ends in a tie, each contestant will receive a fifteen (15) pin bonus.
13. There will be a short break at the end of the ninth game before lane assignments are made for the tenth position game.
14. In the event an alternate replaces a finalist during match play competition, all prize money earned will be divided equally between the finalist and the alternate following the completion of the tournament competition.
15. Tournament Management shall have the authority to decide any other matters pertaining to the operation of the tournament not covered by the above rules.

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Cut along dotted line and return completed information with full fees

**ENTRY FORM**

I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress as well as the additional rules published for the Texas State Men's Masters Tournament, which include the following:

- Entry fee may not be transferred without the consent of Tournament Management
- Substitutes should be reported as soon as possible to Tournament Management, but no later than 45 minutes before qualifying squad on site at tournament office. Entry fees are not refundable.
- A minimum of sixteen (16) bowlers, or one for each eight entries (1/8) whichever is greater, will advance to Semi-final round Sunday, February 25; and the eight (8) high bowlers will advance into the final round Sunday, February 25. Qualifying scores will be based on total pinfall following each round- Qualifying and Semi-Final. See Rule 5.

I verify that I am a USBC member within the state of Texas

Credit invoice # \_\_\_\_\_

<b>For Office Use Only</b>
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<b>Entry No.</b>
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<b>Date Received</b>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USBC ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone) \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make fee payable to Texas State USBC Association (TSUSBC) and mail with completed entry form to:  
Texas State USBC Men's Masters Tournament, c/o Kay Smith, 4569 Dilly Shaw Tap Rd  
Bryan TX 77808; Email: [texasusbc@aol.com](mailto:texasusbc@aol.com); Ph: 979-820-4147**