

THE GREATER DENVER USBC 68th ANNUAL OPEN MASTERS TOURNAMENT

USBC Certified

October 10-11, 2026

Arapahoe Bowling Center

6850 S Dayton St

Greenwood Village, CO 80112



2026:

- 1) 8-GAME QUALIFYING SQUAD: Saturday, Oct 10, 2026 – 8:00 am
- 2) MATCH PLAY ROUND #1 & #2: Saturday Oct 10, 2026 – After Qualifying Round
- 3) MATCH PLAY ROUND #3-FINAL MATCH: Sunday, Oct 11, 2026 – 9:00am

ENTRY FEE: \$200.00 RECEIVED IN OFFICE BY OCTOBER 2nd, 2026

Prize fund \$127.00, Bowling fee \$51.00, Expense fee \$22.00

Entries received after October 2nd, 2026 -- \$225.00

Walk-ins welcome if space is available.

AVERAGE REQUIREMENT: Must have a 175 or higher based on USBC 25-26 Book Average.

Entries will close when 114 entries are received or one hour prior to start of 8:00 am qualifying squad.

Pre-paid entries must check in no later than half hour before squad time starts.

DEFENDING CHAMPION:

An allocated position for the 2025 defending Champion will be held until tournament entry closing date. Entry fees are the responsibility of the defending champion. If the position has not been claimed by tournament entry closing, the position will be released. If the defending champion has entered the tournament, they will be exempt from the qualifying round and will be seeded for the match play competition. They are permitted to pace during the qualifying round, however, they must pace for the entire qualifying block.

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT:

If the entrant who wins this tournament is unable to participate in the National USBC Masters, the entry fee for the National Tournament will be awarded to the next eligible participant. The Greater Denver USBC must be notified of this situation at least 45 days prior to the start of the National Tournament.

2026 OPEN MASTERS ENTRY FORM:

SQUAD TIME: 8:00 am

Name: _____

USBC ID# _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature: _____

***Online registration available at
gdbusbc.com***

Mail or bring entries to:

GREATER DENVER USBC
99 Zenobia St.

Denver, CO 80219 Phone: (303)934-3100

General Rules and Regulations:

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** This event is open to all USBC adult members. Participants must be 18 years of age or older and hold a current USBC Adult Membership. Average requirement: Must have a 175 or higher based on USBC 25-26 Book Average.
2. **ENTRIES:** Entries will be limited to 114 paid entries. Paid entries received after the first 114 will be placed on a waiting list. Entry closing date will be one hour prior to start of 8:00 am qualifying squad if openings still exist.
3. **DRESS CODE:** Collared shirt or bowling jersey - no shorts, hats and athletic/workout attire.
4. **PRIZES:** Prize fund will be returned 100%. A minimum of 16 qualifiers will cash.
5. **EQUIPMENT:** Each bowler is responsible for their equipment meeting USBC specifications. Forms to record ball manufacturer and ball model will be completed each day. Bowling balls must be listed in the USBC "Approved Bowling Ball" list. (The "Approved Bowling Ball" list can be located on the specifications and certifications page of *[bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com)* on the internet.)
 - a. **QUALIFYING ROUND:** The qualifying round will be held to determine 16 finalists who will compete in the double elimination match play competition. Each bowler will bowl 8 games across 16 lanes. The top fifteen(15), plus last year's champion, will advance to match play based on total pin fall.
6. **FINALS (MATCH PLAY) ROUNDS:** Each match will consist of three games, with total pins determining the winner. Match game procedure will be used. Higher seed chooses starting lane. The bowler on the "odd" numbered lane shall bowl one frame. The opponent then bowls two consecutive frames starting on the "even" numbered lane, then the "odd" numbered lane. The starting bowler then bowls two frames. This procedure continues throughout the match. Once defeated, players are placed in the eliminator bracket and proceed according to the match play grid. The survivor of the eliminator bracket will bowl the survivor of the winner's bracket to determine the GREATER DENVER USBC MASTERS CHAMPION. A win by the bowler from the eliminator bracket will tie the bowlers at one loss each and will require a second match to determine the winner. If a bowler is unable to appear for the first round the next qualifier will be given the opportunity for replacement. After the first round no substitutes will be allowed. Non-appearance, regardless of cause, will constitute forfeiture of the match and the player present will bowl their games without opposition. If the forfeiture occurs in the winner's bracket the absent player will automatically go into the proper position in the eliminator bracket.
7. **TIES** for the last qualifying spot after the 8 games of qualifying will be broken by a one-game roll-off immediately following the qualifying round. If the tie is not broken after the one-game roll-off, two additional frames will be bowled and scored as the 9th and 10th frames. This two-frame roll-off will continue until the tie is broken.

Once the 16 finalists have been determined, pairings in the finals will be determined by total scores of the qualifying blocks, with high game of the qualifying blocks deciding ties.

Ties in match play will be broken by a 2 frame roll-off (scored as the 9th & 10th frames of a game) to determine the winner. If the tie still exists this two frame roll-off format will continue until the tie is broken.
8. **LANE ASSIGNMENTS/PAIRINGS:** Lane assignments will be a blind drawn by the tournament director before tournament day. Pairings in the finals will be determined by the bowler's finishing position in the qualifying round.
9. **PRACTICE:** 10 minutes of practice will be allowed prior to the first game in the qualifying round. 10 minutes of practice will be allowed prior to the first round of match play after qualifying. 10 minutes of practice will be allowed prior to match play on Sunday.
10. **CHECK-IN:** All bowlers MUST be present and ready to bowl at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled starting time.
****BOWLERS WHO SHOW UP AFTER 30 MINUTES BEFORE SQUAD TIME START WILL FORFEIT THEIR SPOT AND ENTRY FEES.****
11. **A ONE LANE COURTESY WILL BE EXPECTED.**
12. **USBC RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL APPLY IN INSTANCES NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS.**