



**2024 SNUSBCA YOUTH MASTERS TOURNAMENT**  
**10:00 AM, Sunday, May 5, 2024**  
**Sam's Town Bowling Center**

**USBC Certified**  
**Kegel Lane Pattern — Mercury**

***Registration closes 24 hours before competition. NO EXCEPTIONS***  
***There will be NO WALK-INS.***

**Lane Assignment / Check-in begins 1 hour before competition**

***Pre-registration with positive confirmation is Essential***  
***Use email, hardcopy, or online at [sonvbowl.com](http://sonvbowl.com)***

All participants must be active members of Southern Nevada USBC

Handicap bowlers must report their highest current league average  
and provide current league standing sheet with registration  
(other options are available to non-league bowlers)

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## Tournament Rules

1. **Certification:** The 2024 SNUSBC Masters Tournament is certified by the USBC. It will be held Sunday, May 5, 2024 at Sam's Town Bowling Center. Registration closes May 4, 2024 at 10:00am and is limited to the residents of the SNUSBCA region. The U18 category includes girls and boys under the age of 18 as of 7/31/2023, and likewise for the U12 category. There will be separate divisions each for girls and boys, including U12 and U18 handicap divisions, and a scratch division for all ages. Handicap is based on 90% of the average difference from 200. Any division with less than six (6) entries may be combined with another division at the discretion of the Tournament Officials.

Division 1 – U12 Girls Handicap  
 Division 3 – U18 Girls Handicap  
 Division 5 – Girls Scratch

Division 2 – U12 Boys Handicap  
 Division 4 – U18 Boys Handicap  
 Division 6 – Boys Scratch

2. **Entering averages** are subject to [USBC rule](#) 319 and will be appropriately adjusted by the Tournament Officials with latest available information as of April 20, 2024. Handicap bowlers are responsible for reporting and using their highest current league average of at least 21 games on their registration form. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the Tournament. All handicap bowlers must furnish a current league record from their director(s). Averages shall be determined in the following order of priority:
- Highest current league average of 21 games or more. If the bowler hasn't yet established 21 games, they have until Tournament check-in to fully establish a 21-game average (through make-up/pre-bowl).
  - Bowlers without a) must establish a composite average of at least 21 games from their current season leagues and tournaments. This can include NIAA, LVYBT, JBT and USBC events. The bowler must provide a complete record of the 2023-2024 season, with written verification from their league/tournament director(s).
  - Bowlers without a) or b) must use their Highest 2022-2023 USBC average. This includes USBC national tournaments of 21 games or more and will be considered a Sport average.
  - All others will be assigned an average of 200, with 0 handicap.
3. **Entry fees** are divided approximately as follows:

	Hdcp Divisions 1-4	Scratch Divisions 5-6
Lineage	\$ 12.00	\$ 18.50
Expenses	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Awards & Scholarships	\$ 26.00	\$ 29.50
Total Entry Fee	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00

**Awards and Scholarships Fees and all excess funds will be deposited in the Scholarship Fund.**

**\*\*Donations for Scholarships will be accepted at the Tournament. Receipts will be available\*\***

**All returned checks must pay any accrued fees.**

4. **Scholarships and Awards:** All awards and scholarship fees will be returned 100% to the bowlers. 1st Place In each division will receive a scholarship and certificate. Additional scholarships will be awarded, prorated progressively by rank, to semi-finalists based on the number of entries in each division: 1 in 5, rounding to nearest integer (~20%). All scholarship funds will be held by USBC SMART Program in Arlington, TX, Account # 9815.
5. **Qualifying Round Format:**
- Handicap divisions 1-4:*  
Qualifiers will bowl four (4) games across four (4) lanes, changing pairs at the conclusion of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) game.
  - Scratch Divisions 5-6:*  
Qualifiers will bowl six (6) games across twelve (12) lanes, moving one (1) pair after every game.
  - Advancers in all Divisions:*  
Qualifiers will be ranked by total pinfall, highest (#1 seed) to lowest. The top ~40% (2 in 5, rounding up) in each division will advance to the final round. At least 3 bowlers will advance in any division. However, in a larger division, the number of advancers may be capped less than 40% to avoid a sparse 1<sup>st</sup> round. The requirement is at least 75% bracket fill, awarding any 1<sup>st</sup>-round byes to just the top half of advancers. In the event of a tie for last seed, the advancer will be determined by a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off until the tie is broken, including 1/10<sup>th</sup> handicap per frame as appropriate.

d. *Matchplay Advancer Examples:*

- 3 rounds: Full bracket at 8 advancers (2<sup>3</sup>) for 20 qualifiers. 13 qualifiers will yield 6 advancers, and just meet 75% fill. With 11-12 qualifiers, advancer cap is 4 (defaulting to 2 rounds) eliminating 5<sup>th</sup> seed.
- 4 rounds: Full bracket at 16 advancers (2<sup>4</sup>) for 40 qualifiers. 28 qualifiers will yield 12 advancers, and just meet 75% fill. With 21-27 qualifiers, advancer cap is 8 (defaulting to 3 rounds) eliminating 9<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> seeds.
- 5 rounds: Full bracket at 32 advancers (2<sup>5</sup>) for 80 qualifiers. 58 qualifiers will yield 24 advancers, and just meet 75% fill. With 41-57 qualifiers, advancer cap is 16 (defaulting to 4 rounds) eliminating 17<sup>th</sup>–23<sup>rd</sup> seeds.

6. **Final Round Format:**

a. *Format:*

Lanes will not be re-conditioned for the final round. Format will be a single game match-play bracket with single-match elimination. Highest-seed bowler will face the lowest-seeded bowler, and so on, as diagrammed in 6c below. If the number of advancers is less than a full bracket, then the highest seed player(s) will receive a 1<sup>st</sup>-round bye. Advancers (including those with a bye) will receive 10 minutes of practice for the initial bracket match, after which no further surface changes may be made. Bowlers having a 1<sup>st</sup>-round bye may warm up for Round 2 on their designated lanes only after all bowlers have started their final 6<sup>th</sup> frame of the match.

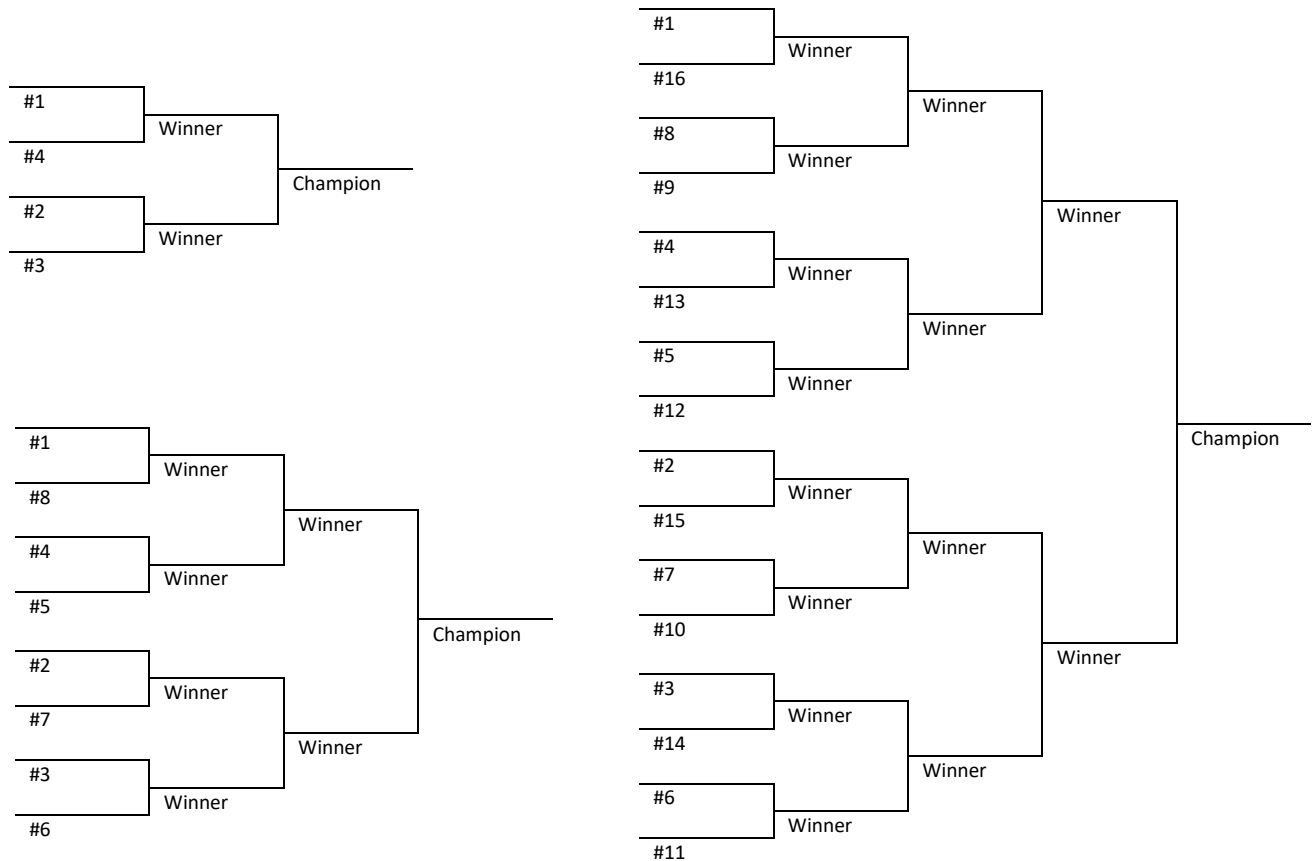
b. *Procedure:*

Bowlers start on opposing lanes and alternate lanes each frame. The higher-seed bowler has starting lane choice for both practice and start. Bowler on the left lane of each pair will start the game with a single frame, and then the bowlers will alternate two (2) frames each with the first bowler finishing a single 10<sup>th</sup> frame.

Each match-play round will advance the bowlers with the higher total pinfall of each match. Ties at the end of a match will be decided by a (1) one-ball roll-off with a full rack of pins, repeating as necessary. Overall placement of those eliminated within each bracket phase will be ranked by Qualifying Round seeding.

In subsequent rounds, each bowler that advances will get two (2) practice balls on each lane.

c. *4-, 8-, and 16-Player Bracket Formats*



7. **Surface changes:** All changes to the surface of a bowling ball (sanding, cleaning or polishing) must be completed by the end of the allotted practice time at the beginning of Qualifying and Final Round. Afterwards, ONLY a dry towel or shammy may be used touch the surface of any ball (used or intended for use). Violations will be enforced by removal of that bowling ball for the

completion of the event. NOTE: Between the Qualifying and Final rounds you may resurface your ball. Once match-play finals begin, you will no longer be able to resurface your equipment for the remainder of the event.

8. **Substitutes:** No substitutes will be permitted. No Refunds will be issued once registration closes. There will be no exceptions to registration cut-off point.
9. **Absentees:** Bowlers not ready to bowl when it is their turn will receive zero (0) score for every frame missed unless a Tournament Official has authorized delay. All registered Bowlers not checked-in by Tournament start time will forfeit.
10. **Scores:** All bowlers must submit their own signed recap sheet. Posted Tournament standings are considered UNOFFICIAL until otherwise announced as OFFICIAL. Bowlers advancing to the final rounds plus any alternates from each division will be notified. It is the Bowler's responsibility to remain in the Center until the bowlers who are advancing to the next round are announced.
11. **Prohibitions:** Bowlers (and parents in the bowling area) are NOT permitted to use tobacco or alcoholic products during Tournament play. Beverages and food are permitted but must be kept behind the bowler's settee area. Offensive language, hand or body gestures will not be tolerated, and offenders may be removed immediately from the event in progress. This will be strictly enforced. The use of all electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones, tablets, headsets and games may not be allowed by tournament bowlers during their competition. Officials may ban their use if they are deemed to be impeding play.
12. **Dress Code:** All bowlers must wear suitable attire. When dressing for any Tournament, ask yourself if a Professional Bowler would dress as you are dressed. Bowlers may wear a shirt imprinted with their name, bowling team, league, club, center logo, USBC issued shirt or a shirt with a collar (including mock collars) and sleeves. Boys shall wear pants or walking shorts. Girls shall wear pants, skirts, or split skirts/walking shorts. All skirts/walking shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh. Clothing must be clean and in good repair. Pants must not be sagging below the waist or dragging on the floor. No headgear of any kind may be worn. No shirts that bare the midribs when arms are raised above the head will be permitted. Jeans are allowed but must be clean and in good repair. Bowlers will not be allowed to check in unless presentably attired.
13. **Acceptance:** All USBC Tournament Rules and Regulations shall apply, except where otherwise specified in these Tournament rules. The Tournament Director shall have the power to hear and act on all protests. The bowler (and parent/guardian) accepts these Tournament rules and grants permissions to Southern Nevada United States Bowling Congress (SNUSBC) to use bowler's name(s), likeness, image, voice, and/or appearance in any photographs, video recordings, digital images, and other media representations, taken or made or SNUSBC marketing and publicity activities including, but not limited to, social media channels, website publication, magazine publications, advertisements, and any promotional or educational materials offered both online or in digital or print format.





REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Girl  Boy 
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Average \_\_\_\_\_
Where do you bowl? Center \_\_\_\_\_ USBC ID# \_\_\_\_\_
Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ High School Graduation \_\_\_\_\_
Month, Day, Year as of 7/31/2023 Year

I will bowl in the following Division: (Please check only one division)

- Division 1 U12 Girls HDCP \$40
 Division 2 U12 Boys HDCP \$40
 Division 3 U18 Girls HDCP \$40
 Division 4 U18 Boys HDCP \$40
 Division 5 Girls Scratch \$50
 Division 6 Boys Scratch \$50

I have read and understand the Tournament rules as printed.

Bowler Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check-in begins at 9:00 AM Sunday, May 5, 2024
Sam's Town Bowling Center, 5111 Boulder Highway, Las Vegas, NV 89122
Qualifying Round will begin at 10:00 AM

Please make checks payable to: SNUSBCA Youth
Mail this entry form with HDCP average verification to:
SNUSBCA Youth Masters Tournament
7231 West Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Or email entries and average verification to Tournament Officials
Secretary: bowlingzsarina@yahoo.com 702-273-6019
Director: beckyherman2695@gmail.com 702-445-2556

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Entry # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Pd. \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_
Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ PayPal/Venmo \_\_\_\_\_ Average \_\_\_\_\_