



54th ANNUAL GEORGE A. OBENAUER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT



KENMORE LANES

Qualifying May 16-17, 2017; Match Play May 18-21, 2017
Entries Close May 11, 2017
(Certified by the United States Bowling Congress)

\$2,000 FIRST PLACE PRIZE

(Based on 128 entries)

\$250 GUARANTEED FOR ADVANCING TO MATCH PLAY

6-DAY TOURNAMENT

3-GAME MATCH PLAY



Sponsored by the Greater Buffalo USBC Assoc., FSC Securities, and Bowler's Choice Pro Shop

In consideration for the right to bowl in this tournament, I agree to the following conditions:

1. To abide by all the rules and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress, and such special rules as are published for this 54th Annual George A. Obenauer Masters Championship Tournament.
2. Enclose my entry fee of \$125 along with this application.
3. The Greater Buffalo USBC Association has my unqualified permission to arrange for telecasts or broadcasts of the tournament without cost to me and without sharing any revenue derived with me. I agree to wear furnished apparel for telecasts.
4. I understand and agree that after my entry fee for the George A. Obenauer Masters has been accepted, I cannot transfer it EXCEPT with written consent from the Greater Buffalo USBC Association. In no case is the Greater Buffalo USBC Association obligated to refund my entry fee.
5. The only sums to which I will be entitled for bowling in this tournament are those prizes or awards which may be won by me.
6. My signature confirms that I am certified in the Greater Buffalo USBC Association and have bowled 21 or more games in a certified league in said association for either the 2016-17 winter season (as of May 11, 2017) or in the 2016 summer season.
7. There will be a \$30 fee for returned checks.

NAME _____ USBC ID NO. _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

ADDRESS _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____
Residence Daytime

Signature Dated this _____ day of _____, 2017.

TIME PREFERENCE: (Tues. @ 6:30; Wed. @ 9:00)
(Check one) -----
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Send entry form and remittance with check or money order to:
GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION
2448 UNION RD
CHEEKTOWAGA, NY 14227
(716) 668-4222

GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS, AND INFORMATION

- THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL MATCH GAME EVENT OPEN TO ALL GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION MEMBERS WHO HAVE A CURRENT SEASON (2016-17) AVERAGE OF 21 OR MORE GAMES AS OF MAY 11, 2017, OR WHO HAVE BOWLED 21 OR MORE GAMES IN A 2016 SUMMER LEAGUE. SAID LEAGUE MUST BE CERTIFIED BY THE GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION.
- Entry fee is \$125** - Prize Fund \$87.50, Tournament Expenses \$37.50
- Qualifying rounds will be held to determine the final field of 32 bowlers who will compete in Match Play Competition. Each contestant in the qualifying rounds will bowl 8 games, each on a different pair. Reversal of arrows when moving after each game during qualifying is not necessary.
Qualifying schedule: 4 games on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 4 games on Wednesday, May 17, 2017
 There will be 10 minutes of practice allotted for qualifying rounds. Total pins will determine who will qualify for match play. Provided the previous year's Masters Champion pays the \$125 entry fee, he/she will be exempt from qualifying and will be seeded in the 16th position unless he/she chooses to bowl in the qualifying rounds, in which case he/she will be seeded according to qualifying scores. If the champion chooses to bowl the qualifying rounds but fails to be in the top 32 qualifying scores, he/she will be seeded in the 32nd position. The 32nd qualifying prize will be paid to the bowler who finished with the 32nd highest qualifying score and that person will serve as the first alternate for match play.
- MATCH COMPETITION WILL BE HELD: THURSDAY, MAY 18, at 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM; FRIDAY, MAY 19, and SATURDAY, MAY 20, at 6:30 PM, 7:45 PM and 9:00 PM. THE SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS WILL BE SUNDAY, MAY 21, at 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Second and third squad times for each day are approximate.** If a bowler is unable to appear for the first round of match play, an alternate will be given the opportunity to assume his/her seed in the schedule. Such alternate(s) will be the next high bowler or bowlers from the qualifying round. In case of tie, procedures in Rule 6 will prevail. **FAILURE TO APPEAR 15 MINUTES BEFORE STARTING TIME MAY ELIMINATE THE BOWLER(S), AND THE ALTERNATE(S) MAY BE GIVEN THE POSITION.** After the first round of match play, NO SUBSTITUTES WILL BE PERMITTED. Non-appearance regardless of cause will constitute forfeiture of the match, and the player present will bowl their games without opposition to advance to the next round. If the forfeiture occurs in the Winners Bracket, the absent player automatically goes into the proper position in the Elimination Bracket.
- Holding up play during either qualifying rounds or match play may subject games to forfeiture.
- If the final qualifying position in the qualifying round needed to complete the field of 32 should result in a tie between bowlers on the 9 PM squad, a one-game roll off shall immediately be bowled (if feasible). In any other case, the roll off of the tie will be scheduled the following evening one hour before match play competition begins. The order of bowling shall be determined, per match game procedures in Rule 7, by the bowler with high four-game block. Should a tie exist, the high single qualifying game will be used. If necessary, the second high qualifying game will be used and so on down the line until the tie is resolved. If more than 2 contestants, all bowlers will start on the same lane. Contestants will be allowed 5 minutes of practice prior to the roll-off. If a tie still exists after the one-game roll-off, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off shall be used to break the tie. In the event of a tie for any other position, the player with the high four-game block will be placed in the higher position. Should a tie still exist, the high single qualifying game will be used. If necessary, the second high qualifying game will be used and so on down the line until the tie is resolved.
- Each match will consist of three games; total pins will determine the winner. In case of a tie, a two-frame roll-off (9th-10th) will be bowled on the same pair. No practice will be allowed. The roll-off will be begin with Bowler A starting on the left lane, followed by Bowler B who will first bowl on the right lane, then finish on the left lane. Bowler A will then finish on the right lane. With the exception of the finals, the higher-seeded bowler will select his/her preferred option. If additional two-frame roll-offs are necessary, the same procedure will be followed until the tie is broken. The higher-seeded bowler remains in control of lane options. In the Championship Match, the bowler beginning the finals in the Winner's Bracket controls the lane options.
- The double elimination method of competition requires a participant to lose twice before being eliminated. All players start in the Winners Bracket. After losing one match, the bowler enters the Elimination Bracket. In the finals, the undefeated survivor of the Winners Bracket will be matched against the winner of the Elimination Bracket, whose record will show one loss. If the bowler from the Winners Bracket wins the first match, he/she will become the champion. A victory for the bowler from the Elimination Bracket would tie the two finalists at one loss each and require a second match for the championship. If televised, an altered format may be arranged for the final day of the tournament.
- SCHEDULE ARRANGEMENTS:** Pairings for the initial round of 16 matches will be based on the finish of contestants in the qualifying rounds as follows: Number 16 against Number 17, 1 vs. 32, 8 vs. 25, 9 vs. 24, 4 vs. 29, 13 vs. 20, 5 vs. 28, 12 vs. 21, 2 vs. 31, 15 vs. 18, 7 vs. 26, 10 vs. 23, 3 vs. 30, 14 vs. 19, 6 vs. 27, 11 vs. 22.
- There will be 5 minutes of practice before each round of match play. There will also be a 20-minute warm-up session on neutral lanes with the tournament shot. The seeded defending champion will be permitted to warm up for an additional 30 minutes beginning at 5:30 PM on the first night of match play unless he/she chose to bowl in the qualifying rounds.
- Only one player will be assigned to a lane during match play. The order of bowling will be according to match game procedures with the bowler on the odd-numbered lane starting the match. Bowlers start the first game of the series on the lane assigned. Succeeding games will be started on the lane where the 10th frame of the preceding game was bowled. (EXAMPLE: Bowler starting on lane 9 will finish on lane 10, where he or she will start the next game.)
- Contestants MUST complete all games. FAILURE to do so may cause refusal of entry into next year's tournament.
- Contestants should wear a bowling shirt, preferably with their name affixed thereon, during participation in this tournament. No shorts, jeans, hats or headphones (earbuds) are permitted. Failure to wear appropriate clothing shall give the tournament manager the right to remove the participant from the tournament.
- THERE SHALL BE 2 RE-RACKS ALLOWED PER SERIES.** All re-racks will be recorded on the score sheet and initialed by all participants on that pair of lanes.

PROJECTED PRIZE DISTRIBUTION BASED ON 128 ENTRIES for places 1-24

Highest Qualifying Score receives
Peter B. Parisi Memorial Plaque + \$50

1 st place	\$2,000 *
2 nd place	\$1,200
3 rd place	\$ 800
4 th place	\$ 650
5 th /6 th place	\$ 500
7 th /8 th place	\$ 400
9 th thru 12 th place	\$ 325
13 th thru 16 th place	\$ 300
17 th thru 24 th place	\$ 275
25 th thru 32 nd place	\$ 250 GUARANTEED!

The 2017 George A. Obenauer Masters Champion will join the top 31 qualifiers of the 2018 tournament in double elimination match play.

* The 2017 Masters Champion also receives a championship plaque, paid entry to 2018 USBC Masters Tournament, plus up to \$700 toward airfare and hotel. Masters runner-up will receive a plaque.

TOURNAMENT LIMITED TO 128 BOWLERS

