



49th ANNUAL GEORGE A. OBENAUER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT



TRANSIT LANES

STARTS MAY 15, 2012
(Certified by the United States Bowling Congress)
ENTRIES CLOSE MAY 7, 2012

\$2,000 GUARANTEED FIRST PLACE

\$250* FOR ADVANCING TO MATCH PLAY

*Based on 128 entries



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

- To abide by all the rules and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress, and such special rules as are published for this 49th Annual George A. Obenauer Masters Championship Tournament.
- Enclose my entry fee of \$125 along with this application.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 2011-12 winter season (as of May 7, 2012) or in the 2011 summer season.

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

ADDRESS _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____
Residence Daytime

Signature Dated this _____ day of _____, 2012.

TIME PREFERENCE: TUES. 6:30, WED. 9:00
(check one) TUES. 9:00, WED. 6:30

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

1. THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL MATCH GAME EVENT OPEN TO ALL GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION MEMBERS WHO HAVE A CURRENT SEASON (2011-12) AVERAGE (21 OR MORE GAMES) AS OF MAY 7, 2012, OR WHO HAVE BOWLED 21 OR MORE GAMES IN A 2011 SUMMER LEAGUE. SAID LEAGUE MUST BE CERTIFIED BY THE GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION.
2. **Entry fee is \$125** - Prize Fund \$87.50 Tournament Expenses \$37.50
3. Qualifying rounds will be held to determine 31 positions for the final field of 32 bowlers who will compete in Match Play Competition. Each contestant in the qualifying rounds will bowl 8 games across 16 lanes as follows:

4 games on Tuesday, May 15, 2012

4 games on Wednesday, May 16, 2012

There will be 10 minutes of practice allotted for qualifying rounds. Total pins will determine who will qualify for match play. (The 2011 Masters Champion is exempt from qualifying and will be seeded in the 16th position unless he/she chooses to bowl in the qualifying rounds, in which case they will be reseeded according to their qualifying scores. If the champion fails to be in the top 32 qualifying scores, he/she will be seeded 32nd.)

4. Match play competition (**3 GAMES**) shall begin on Thursday, May 17, 2012, and continue Friday, May 18; Saturday, May 19; and Sunday, May 20.
5. 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. 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.

6. Each match will consist of three games; total pins will determine the winner. In case of a tie, a one-ball roll-off will be bowled. The higher-seeded bowler will select the order and lane. Each player throws once on selected lane. Higher pin-fall wins. Players move to other lane and repeat in the case of a tie. Bowler order does not change. 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 Once-Defeated Bracket.

*In the finals, the undefeated survivor of the Winners Bracket will be matched against the winner of the Once-Defeated Bracket, whose record will show one loss. If the bowler from the Winners Bracket wins the first match, they will become the champion. A victory for the bowler from the Once-Defeated 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.

7. 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.

MATCH COMPETITION WILL BE HELD: THURSDAY, MAY 17; FRIDAY, MAY 18; AND SATURDAY, MAY 19, AT 6:30 PM, 7:45 PM, AND 9:00 PM. THE SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS WILL BE SUNDAY, MAY 20, AT 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, AND 3:00 PM.

If a bowler is unable to appear for the first round of match play, an alternate will be given the opportunity to replace him/her in the schedule. Such alternate(s) will be the next high bowler or bowlers from the qualifying round. 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 succeeding round.

If the forfeiture occurs in the Winners Bracket, the absent player automatically goes into the proper position in the Once-Defeated Bracket.

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 only (unless he/she chose to bowl in the qualifying rounds).

Only one player will be assigned to a lane. 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 second game.)

8. 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 all participation in this tournament. Failure to do so shall give the tournament manager, at his discretion, the right to remove the participant from the tournament.
9. This tournament is limited to 128 entries. In the event 128 entries are received prior to the closing date, the tournament manager may accept additional entries as alternates. Tournament manager has the right to refuse entry.
10. **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 BOWLERS

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

1 st Place	\$2,000	GUARANTEED!!!
2 nd Place	\$1,250	
3 rd Place	\$ 900	
4 th Place	\$ 700	
5 th /6 th Place	\$ 500	
7 th /8 th Place	\$ 400	
9 th thru 12 th	\$ 325	
13 th thru 16 th	\$ 300	
17 th thru 32 nd	\$ 250	

With full field, last
qualifying check
will be double
your entry fee.

The 2012 George A. Obenauer Masters Champion will join the top 31 qualifiers of the 2013 tournament in double elimination match play.

Masters Champion also receives Masters Champion Plaque, paid entry to 2013 USBC Masters Tournament, plus up to \$700 toward air fare and hotel. **PBA-EXEMPT MEMBERS (2011-12 or 2012-13 SEASON) ARE EXCLUDED FROM WINNING THE ENTRY AND TRIP, WHICH WILL BE AWARDED TO THE HIGHEST RANKING NON-PBA-EXEMPT BOWLER. TRIP COST MUST BE APPROVED BY THE GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION.**

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