



45TH Annual
**E LUKE FORREST MEMORIAL
NJ STATE MASTERS TOURNAMENT**

Certified By the United States Bowling Congress



Majestic Lanes

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FEBRUARY 7, 2026

6 Game Qualifying Round starts at 9:00am

Match play Bracket starts 45 minutes after qualifying is completed

ENTRY FEE: \$125.00

Prize Fund: \$88.00

Lineage: \$32.00

Tournament Expenses: \$5.00

*Prizes given to at least 1 in 7
Prize Fee Returned 100%*

ENTRIES CLOSE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD 2026

NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED

Tournament limited to 120 entries

Registration is available online on our website - www.njusbc.com

Mail Entry to: Mike Balmann – 1520 Long Meadow, Mountainside, NJ 07092

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Make Checks payable to NJ State USBC

45TH ANNUAL NJ STATE USBC MASTERS APPLICATION

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ EMAIL: _____

LOCAL ASSOCIATION: _____ USBC NUMBER: _____

ENTRY NO: _____

TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1) All entrants must currently be members of a local association within the NJ State USBC. Entrants who do not reside in New Jersey must have bowled at least 21 games in a league certified within a local NJ State USBC association for the current season as of January 31ST 2026, as well as being certified within a local association within the NJ State USBC. **USBC membership cannot be purchased onsite.** Tournament officials reserve the right to ask any entrant to see their USBC card. The defending champion from the previous year must also submit a paid entry and follow eligibility rules.
- 2) **DRESS CODE:** All participants must wear a bowling shirt/jersey or polo shirt. Shorts are permitted. **NO SWEATPANTS ALLOWED.**
- 3) Each entrant will bowl a (6) six game qualifying block across the house, skipping lanes after each game.
 - a) If there are less than 50 entries in this year's event, the top 7 qualifiers and last year's champion will compete in a one-game single elimination matchplay bracket with last year's champion seeded 8TH unless they qualify higher. The championship match will be two games with total pinfall determining the 2026 NJ State USBC Masters Champion. Lanes **will not be** redressed prior to the start of the match play bracket.
 - b) If there are 50-99 entries in this year's event, the top 15 qualifiers and last year's champion will compete in a one-game single elimination matchplay bracket with last year's champion seeded 16TH unless they qualify higher. The championship match will be two games with total pinfall determining the 2026 NJ State USBC Masters Champion. Lanes **will be** redressed prior to the start of the match play bracket.
 - c) If there are over 100 entries in this year's event, the top 23 qualifiers and last year's champion will compete in a one game single elimination matchplay bracket with the top eight (8) qualifiers receiving a first-round bye and last year's champion seeded 16TH unless they qualify higher. The championship match will be two games with total pinfall determining the 2026 NJ State USBC Masters Champion. Lanes **will be** redressed prior to the start of the match play bracket.
 - d) In the case of a tie for the final qualifying position, a one game roll-off will decide the last qualifier. If a tie still exists, a 9TH and 10TH frame roll-off will be used until a winner is determined. These frames shall be rolled on the same lanes on which the participants finished the one game roll-off game.
 - e) In the case of a tie during match play, a 9TH and 10TH frame roll-off will be used until a winner is determined. These frames shall be rolled on the same lanes on which the participants finished their match.
- 4) USBC rule 328 will not apply in this tournament. An entrant may make a legal delivery of a ball with either hand in any frame of any game.
- 5) **Re-Racks:** Two re-racks per game may be requested. Additional re-racks must be approved by a tournament official / lane monitor.
- 6) In addition to the prize money, the winner will be offered a reserved paid entry into the National USBC Masters Tournament. If he/she declines the offer all funds will be returned to the tournament committee.
- 7) Depending on the total of entries, the tournament management committee reserves the right to schedule no more than 6 bowlers on a pair.
- 8) Bowlers must wear shoes which will not damage or disfigure the approaches. The use of any foreign substance put on the bowling shoes or shoes which mark up the approaches is strictly prohibited.
- 9) The tournament management will render on-the-spot decisions when required. All tournament management decisions shall be final except where an appeal is made to the USBC headquarters.
- 10) No applications will be accepted without accompanying entry fee.

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