

The South Sound USBC Association Presents the 65th Annual

South Sound Masters



Certified by USBC
Certification # 4800

Paradise Lanes
12505 Pacific Ave S
Tacoma, Wa 90444

**Limited to
First 105 entries**

**Deadline for entries
9:30am on
Saturday Nov. 21st**

w/ added money

**Qualifying
Saturday – Nov 21, 2026**
Practice:9:45am
Bowl:10:00am

**Double Elimination Bracket
Sunday – Nov 22, 2026**
Practice:9:45am
Bowl:10:00am

**Step Ladder Finals
Sunday – Nov.22,2026**
Following elimination bracket

Entry fee breakdown
Prize Fund.....\$115.00
Lineage/Expenses.... \$ 65.00
Total.....\$180.00

Entry Fee: \$180.00
Prize Ratio of at least 1 in 4
The prize fund will be paid out 100%

Make all checks payable to: **SSUSBC**
Mail to: South Sound USBC
4517 S. M. St.
Tacoma, WA 98418

**1st place receives paid entry
into USBC Masters**

Name: _____ Phone No: () _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

USBC Card Number: _____ Home Association: _____

E-mail address: _____

I agree to comply with the rules of this tournament - Please read the rules on the back of the entry.

Signature: _____

No Jeans Allowed

Youth bowlers are eligible to bowl

1st place winner receives complimentary dinner ticket to the Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet
(TBD at a later date) and a plaque at the Banquet.

South Sound USBC Masters RULES 2026

1. **Eligibility:** Each entrant must be a current member of USBC and may attempt qualifying only once.
2. **Entry fees:** The fee is \$180.00 distributed as follows; \$65.00 lineage/expenses, \$115.00 for prize fund.
3. **Entering average:** In order for the winner to be eligible to bowl in the USBC Masters the bowler must be a current member with a minimum average of 190. (USBC Masters Eligibility Rule).
4. **Format:**
 - **Qualifying** – The qualifying round shall consist of eight (8) games bowled on Saturday November 21, 2026. Early signups are requested. Bowlers compete “across the house” during their 8 games of qualifying. A minimum of 1 in 5 (maximum of 16), with an even number moving forward, will qualify for match play competition. Scores from the eight game qualifier will determine seeding for **match play**.
 - **Match Play** – Match play portion of the tournament will be 3 game double elimination format for the first five rounds. Schedule for the first round of match play will be determined by qualifying score. All match play will be on Sunday, November 22, 2026 with practice at 9:45 AM and bowling starting at 10:00 AM.
 - **Winners Bracket** - Per USBC National Masters format the 3rd and 4th seed for the step ladder will be the winners out of the Losers Bracket. The number 2 seed will be the loser from the winner's bracket.
5. **Check in:** All entrants must check in 45 minutes prior to the start of the tournament. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
6. **Dress code:** Requirements are a bowling shirt with a collar or a mock turtle neck, and slacks (**NO JEANS OR SHORTS**) and no hats. Women may wear a skirt, culottes, slacks or capris. A bowler is encouraged to have their name on the back of their shirt, but it is not required. No headphones will be allowed on the approaches.
7. **Re-racks:** Will be limited to two re-racks per bowler per game. Additional re-racks must be approved by the Tournament Director.
8. **Prize Fund:** Payout will be a minimum of 1 in 4. Prize money will be returned 100%. **The Masters Champion shall be awarded prize money, an entry into the USBC National Masters and \$200.00 toward airfare to the USBC Masters Tournament. The \$200.00 will be paid when making final arrangements for the trip. The Masters entry fee and airfare are not redeemable in cash, and inability of the Masters Champion to attend said tournament shall cause the SSUSBC Masters Committee to award the USBC Masters entry and airfare to the next eligible finalist.** All entrants in the Masters Championship must guarantee that should they qualify for the USBC Masters Tournament, they will participate in said event or request permission for next year or waive all rights to the Masters entry and airfare. The Masters Champion must make arrangements with the Masters Committee within 10 days after notification of assigned date from the USBC Masters Tournament Manager. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. Prize checks will be issued at the Masters Tournament office shortly after completion of match play competition. Prize checks for all stepladder finalists will be issued during tournament closing ceremonies.
9. **No carry over:** There will be no carryover of pins for any portion of the tournament.
10. **Protests:** Tournament Manager will decide any questions not covered by these rules or USBC. SSUSBC Masters Committee will handle any protests.
11. **Ties:** Ties after qualifying will be broken by high game in qualifying round.
12. Bowling balls, including “plugged” balls, must meet USBC specifications. Stepladder finalists will be required to have all balls used in qualifying available to be checked prior to the stepladder finals. Use of a non-complying ball will result in disqualification and forfeiture of all entry monies and prize monies. Abrasives cannot be used on bowling balls while in competition. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.
13. Youth bowlers will be allowed to bowl in the South Sound Masters. Any prize money will be awarded in the form of scholarship under the SMART program. A USBC prize waiver form **MUST** be signed by the bowler waiving their right to any cash prizes. Any youth bowler under 18 years of age must also have a Parental Consent Form signed.
14. **1st place winner will receive complimentary dinner ticket to the Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet (TBD at a later date) and receive a plaque at the Banquet.**
15. To help ensure a smooth check-in process, SSUSBC will no longer accept personal checks at the time of check-in. Personal check payments are welcome if received by the SSUSBC office at least ten (10) business days prior to the scheduled competition. Payment within 10 days of competition will be accepted in the form of cash, money order, cashier's check, Zelle, and credit card. Please note that a nominal processing fee will apply to credit card transactions.