

The 80th Annual Michigan State Polish Bowling Tournament will be held at Sherman Bowl in Muskegon, MI. Saturday & Sundays starting March 23rd and ending May 5th, 2024. **In our 79th Annual Tournament in Clinton Twp, MI. total entries were:**

	Team	Doubles	Singles
Men	275	700	1,400
Women	63	166	332

RULES AND REGULATIONS

This tournament is sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress. Only USBC sanctioned bowlers can participate

(Weekend USBC Sanctions can be purchased at tournament site for \$5).

The prize funds will be returned 100% in prize money, plus trophies for champions in 5-member team, doubles, singles and All-Events. An 80 % handicap from a 230 average will be awarded. Maximum handicap is 80 per game, per bowler. Multiple entries are allowed but a bowler can only cash once in singles, Doubles (unless different partner), Team (unless 3 different bowlers) & once in All-Events

RULE 13 - Any unmarried grade and high school student under 18 who attempts to purchase an unattached USBC membership card to bowl in this tournament must have a written consent form signed by their parent or legal guardian prior to bowling. For bowlers under 18 who have a USBC membership issued through a league, if a parental consent form was already given to that league it will be sufficient.

RULE 213 - When a free entry is given, an amount equal to the prize fee for that entry will be paid into the tournament prize fund by the Michigan State Polish Bowling Association.

RULE 319a1 – Bowler will use highest USBC Sanctioned Book Average (minimum of 21 games) from the prior season. If no average last season, use highest current sanctioned average of 21 games or more at the time and date of bowling (bowler must supply a current league sheet at check-in time). If Bowler has no USBC average then they will use their MSPBA tournament average. **Any bowler who cannot qualify as above will establish their MSPBA tournament average with the games bowled during current years tournament. The bowlers MSPBA tournament average (of 27 games or more) will be used when it is 10 pins or higher than the bowlers USBC average. The MSPBA tournament average will be calculated based on the 6 most recent years that a bowler has bowled. The tournament average that the tournament director has will be the one used.**

RULE 319a2 – When the previous season's average is used, and at the time and date of bowling, an entrant has a **current average** (with at least 21 games) **that is 10 pins or higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used.**

RULE 319a3 - Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average, whether submitted by the bowler, team captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in additional handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified.

RULE 319a4 – Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to completion of the first game of a series shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average or base prize winnings on submitted average if it is higher.

RULE 319c – The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event.

RULE 319d – Bowlers who have qualified for a cash and/or merchandise prize of \$300.00 or more in any tournament in the past 12 months must provide tournament management with the name of tournament, amount, position and actual score for possible rerating.

RULE 319e – Tournament Average. If during the 12-month period immediately preceding the time and date of bowling, the bowler's accumulated average for all, but not less than 21 tournament games, exceeds the average to be used for entry by 10 or more pins, the accumulated average must be used for handicapping. The bowler is responsible for keeping a record of the names, dates, scores, prize winnings and prize position in all tournaments entered in the previous 12 months including those still running. **If a bowler has ever been adjusted or rerated during a tournament they must report it to the tournament office at check in or be disqualified.**

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO BOWL IN THIS TOURNAMENT, YOU MUST BE EITHER OF POLISH PARENTAGE OR BY MARRIAGE, BE A MEMBER OF A POLISH ORGANIZATION OR PAY PARTICIPATION DUES OF \$3.00 PRIOR TO BOWLING IN THE TOURNAMENT.

To speed up the check in process, **it is important that each bowlers USBC number be included on this entry blank.** All line-ups (team, singles, doubles) entries must appear in the order they will bowl. This is a Gender specific tournament Men & Women cannot be mixed.

If breakdown of pin spotters occurs for 10 minutes, tournament director reserves the right to move bowlers to another pair of lanes. Bowlers being moved will not receive any practice throws on the new pair of lanes.

Members of the PBA and all others deemed professional are eligible to bowl but each team/doubles are limited to One PBA member. Any bowler is considered a PBA until 2 years after membership expires.

Captains will be mailed a copy with schedule dates and times. **Prize checks are sent to team captains,** so it is important to include their full mailing address and telephone number.

All entrants agree to be bound by the above rules and further agree that all questions arising as to the infractions of said rules shall be submitted to the rules committee. All entrants do hereby agree to be bound by the decisions of the Rules Committee, whose decision in each case shall be final, unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.

Any bowler who is disqualified for any infraction of our rules forfeits all entry, bowling, and expense fees and all rights to any prize money. This also applies to total team and double entries. Prizes will be paid after averages of all prize winners have been checked and verified. Tournament Committee has full power to accept or reject any or all entries in this tournament. **(Respectfully Yours John D Masters)**