

**ABOUT**

This document describes the bylaws and operating guidelines for the Madison Area Scratch Tour (hereafter referred to as MAST). All information contained herein is the property of MAST and does not imply any other rules or procedures not specifically addressed within this document. The MAST Tour Bylaws will be updated as the need arises.

**MISSION**

The mission of the MAST is to promote scratch tournament bowling in the Madison area through a series of one-day scratch tournaments and a two-day year-end tournament conducted under the rules and certification of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

**MEMBERSHIP**

Each bowler who participates in a MAST tournament is required to pay an annual membership fee of \$10.00, or \$5.00 if joining during one of the last three regular tournaments. This fee is used to offset tour expenses. Any remaining amount beyond these costs is used to supplement the year-end tournament prize fund. Seasonal first-time bowlers in the final regular tournament of the season and one-time 'house' bowlers are exempt from this membership fee.

**BRING A BUDDY**

Starting with the first tournament in November through the last tournament of January of each season, a paid member will receive a \$5.00 cash rebate for each new member he or she brings to a MAST tournament. This program is open to all paid members, except the tournament directors.

**TOURNAMENT LANE CONDITIONS**

MAST will encourage a variety of playing conditions. The selection and application of any patterns used by the host centers are entirely the responsibility of the center. MAST will not impose a pattern on any host center, as a condition for hosting a MAST event, nor will any member of the MAST tournament directorship be involved in the application of any pattern at any center.

**STANDARD TOURNAMENTS**

MAST tournaments will be open to all adult USBC-certified bowlers, with the exception of bowlers currently in the top 50 in the Professional Bowlers Association's (PBA) National Player of the Year Points list.

The tournaments will be scheduled no earlier than September 1 and no later than April 15 of the bowling season.

All bowling is certified and all entrants must have a current USBC individual membership card, purchase an affiliate USBC membership card or pay the USBC participation fee in order to participate in any MAST tournament.

**STANDARD TOURNAMENT PRIZES**

Additional sponsor prize funds will increase the payout schedule proportionally.

Each bowler who loses a roll-off for the final qualifying spot receives a payout equal to one-half of the payout allotted for a first-round match loss.

All tournaments have a minimum payout ratio of 1:4.

Each tournament champion receives a MAST championship trophy/plaque.

**POINT SYSTEM**

MAST bowlers receive year-end points based on their final finishing position at each MAST tournament in which they participate. A bowler must complete at least one frame in tournament competition to be eligible to receive points for that event.

Points are awarded as follows:

**Singles Tournaments**

1st	200	25th	46	38th	33
2nd	175	26th	45	39th	32
3rd-4th	150	27th	44	40th	31
5th-8th	125	28th	43	41st	30
9th-16th	100	29th	42	42nd	29
17th	90	30th	41	43rd	28
18th	80	31st	40	44th	27
19th	70	32nd	39	45th	26
20th	60	33rd	38	46th	25
21st	50	34th	37	47th	24
22nd	49	35th	36	48th	23
23rd	48	36th	35	49th	22
24th	47	37th	34	50th	21

All other participants will receive 20 points.

In the event of a positional tie, each bowler will receive the same higher point value and the next lower point value will not be awarded. Bowlers receive an additional point for each bowler in the field, for each tournament they enter.

When cutting to the top eight qualifiers, 9th place will be awarded 90 points. When cutting to the top twelve qualifiers, 13th place will be awarded 90 points. The next final positions will earn points based on the above sliding scale.

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**Doubles Tournaments**

1st	100	12th	30	19th	19
2nd	90	13th	25	20th	18
3rd-4th	75	14th	24	21st	17
5th-8th	65	15th	23	22nd	16
9th	45	16th	22	23rd+	15
10th	40	17th	21		
11th	35	18th	20		

**Trios Tournaments**

1st	70	10th	25	14th	13
2nd	60	11th	20	15th	12
3rd-4th	50	12th	15	16th	11
5th-8th	40	13th	14	17th+	10
9th	30				

Points are per bowler.

In the event of a positional tie, each bowler will receive the same higher point value and the next lower value will not be awarded.

Bowlers receive an additional point for each bowler in the field, for each tournament they enter.

When cutting to the top four doubles teams, 5th place will be awarded 45 points. When cutting to the top six doubles teams, 7th place will be awarded 45 points. The next final positions will earn points based on the above sliding scale.

When cutting to the top six trios teams, 7th place will be awarded 30 points. The next final positions will earn points based on the above sliding scale.

Bowlers will be awarded 25 additional points for each of the non-house pattern tournaments in which they participate.

The high individual qualifier(s) will be awarded 50 additional points for leading the qualifying segment of a tournament.

**YEAR-END TOURNAMENT**

The MAST season will culminate with a two-day year-end tournament, which is open to the MAST members who have competed in at least four of the regular season tournaments.

They must also be in one of the top 40 point positions on the MAST year-end points list.

If one or more members in the top 40 point positions cannot attend the year-end tournament, the member(s) in position 41 (42, 43, etc., if necessary) become eligible for the year-end tournament provided that he or she has bowled in at least four of the regular season tournaments. This process will be repeated to ensure that the year-end tournament will start with a full field of 40 bowlers.

**YEAR-END TOURNAMENT PRIZES**

In addition to prize money, the year-end tournament champion receives a MAST tournament trophy/plaque, which is awarded immediately after the championship match.

The top ten bowlers on the MAST year-end points list will receive cash awards in recognition of their final point standing in the regular season tournaments. Bowlers must have competed in at least half of the regular season tournaments to be eligible for these awards.

Points awards will be presented between the two four-game qualifying blocks on the first day of the year-end tournament.

**FINAL AUTHORITY**

The MAST tournament director will settle all disputes, including tournament eligibility. The decision of the tournament director is final on the interpretation of all MAST rules, procedures, and information contained in this document, the MAST regular tournament rules and payout schedule, the MAST year-end points list, and the MAST year-end tournament rules and payout schedule. Any other dispute is subject to the appeal process inherent in USBC rule 329.