

SCRATCH TOURNAMENT

8-GAME QUALIFIER
BOWLED ON A SPORT PATTERN

DOUBLE ELIMINATION BRACKET
FOLLOWED BY
STEPLADDER FINALS

BRACKETS & JACKPOTS



\$100.00 ENTRY FEE

PRIZE FUND RETURNED 100%

1:4 PAYOUT RATIO

RESERVED ENTRIES CLOSE
FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025

WALK-INS ACCEPTED ONE HOUR
PRIOR TO SQUAD TIME BASED ON
LANE AVAILABILITY
(\$5.00 LATE FEE)

BERNIE VOZAR MASTERS TOURNAMENT

April 19, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

AMF Brookgate Lanes

14950 Snow Road, Brook Park, Ohio 44142

*** \$2,000.00 GUARANTEED 1ST PLACE**
&
PAID ENTRY INTO 2026 USBC MASTERS
*** Based on 50 entries**

COUSBC Bernie Vozar Masters Tournament Rules – 2024-2025 Season

1. This tournament is open to male USBC members who have bowled 21+ games in a Cleveland Ohio USBC certified league within the last three seasons (2022-2023, 2023-2024 or 2024-2025). In the event the Jacqueline Kirk-Terrell Queens Tournament is cancelled due to low participation, those women who previously signed up will have the option to compete in the Bernie Vozar Masters Tournament.
2. Entry fee is \$100.00 with 100% of the entry fee going into the tournament prize fund. Entry fees may be paid by cash or check/money order payable to Cleveland Ohio USBC (COUSBC). Checks returned for non-sufficient funds (NSF) will be charged a \$35.00 fee plus the amount of the check. Only cash will be accepted for NSF checks. No checks will be accepted after April 11, 2025. There will be no refunds (except for COVID-19; see Rule #13). Entries received after the April 11th deadline may incur a \$5.00 late fee. **A minimum of 16 entries must be received in the COUSBC office by April 11, 2025, to avoid possible cancellation of this tournament.**

3. Tournament Format

- This is a scratch tournament. Competitors will bowl an 8-game qualifying round with the top 1:4 bowlers advancing to a double-elimination bracket (4, 8, 16, 32 or 64 which will be determined by the number of entries on the day of the event).
- In the event of a tie for the final position needed to complete the field for match play:
 - One complete game will be bowled on a neutral pair, selected by the tournament director, following the qualifying round.
 - The bowler with the highest qualifying game chooses the starting lane and the bowler on the odd lane will start.
 - Bowlers will have 10 minutes of practice.
 - If a tie still exists at the end of the game, a one-ball roll-off will be bowled on the same pair of lanes to break the tie with each bowler starting on the lane where they finished the match. Should a tie exist after the first ball and/or subsequent balls, the bowlers will continue to switch lanes until the tie is broken. The bowler on the odd lane will start.
- In the event of a tie for any other position, the tie shall be broken by the highest qualifying game.
- Bowlers who advance to the double-elimination bracket will bowl one (1) game matches. A player is eliminated after two losses.
- Four (4) bowlers will move on to the stepladder finals as follows:
 - The winner in the Winner's Bracket will be the #1 seed.
 - The finalist in the Winner's Bracket will be the #2 seed.
 - The final two (2) bowlers remaining in the Elimination Bracket will be the #3 and #4 seeds based on their final game bowled.
 - If the #1 seed from the Winner's Bracket loses the first game in the championship match, a second game will be bowled to determine the champion.
 - If a match ends in a tie, competitors will compete in a one-ball sudden-death roll-off. The highest-seeded competitor shall determine the starting lane and position for the roll-off. The competitors shall bowl on the same lane and then alternate lanes in the same bowling order until the tie is broken.

4. Prize Fund Payout

- The prize ratio will be at least 1:4.
- Those who qualify within the 1:4 ratio but are not seeded in the bracket will earn a cash prize equivalent to their entry fee.
- The IRS requires COUSBC to furnish 1099 forms to individuals who accumulate winnings of \$600 or more annually in any COSUBC event in which they participate. Individuals who fall into this category will be asked to furnish their Social Security Number.
- Cash prizes won by youth participants will be deposited into their SMART account.

5. Check-in will be one (1) hour prior to squad time. Walk-ins are permitted one (1) hour prior to squad time based on lane availability.

6. Eligible substitutes will be permitted to bowl in the tournament.

7. Bowlers arriving after the squad has begun will be permitted to bowl but must begin in the current frame being bowled. All tardy bowlers not ready to bowl when the squad begins will receive zero (0) for all frames missed.

8. Tournament officials will collect money for brackets and jackpots.

9. The entrant whose name appears on this entry, or their authorized replacement, hereby agrees that the COUSBC, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning the entry fee if and when this entrant shall be prevented from bowling in the tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change, or premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought on by war, national emergency or emergencies caused by unexpected weather conditions or causes relating thereto or resulting therefrom fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or causes beyond the control of the COUSBC.

10. If a lane equipment malfunction occurs during tournament competition that requires participants to be moved to a new pair of lanes, the participants will start their tournament competition from the point of the interruption with no practice/shadow balls on the new lanes.

11. **ETIQUETTE:** Individuals are responsible for their own conduct during tournament competition. Disruptive and unsportsmanlike conduct, profane language and obscene gestures will not be tolerated. Proper attire suitable for this level of competition must be worn. No cut-off shirts, tank tops, athletic shorts or cut-offs will be allowed. No obscene printing on anything. Length of shorts must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing and their arms are hanging down at their side. Tops of shorts/pants must be worn at waist level. One-lane courtesy will be observed by bowlers and enforced throughout the tournament. Failure to comply can result in disqualification from tournament competition.

12. Bowling equipment must meet USBC specifications. No balance holes will be permitted. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery. NOTE: House balls are exempt from this rule. The use of any powder or foreign substance on shoes, on the approach, on the facility floor, on the carpet, or on a bowling towel is not allowed. **Use of all liquids, sprays and sanding pads must be done prior to the first ball of tournament competition.** NOTE: Any cleaner that is used prior to the start of competition must be approved by USBC (refer to the "Approved Cleaners" list in the Equipment Specifications manual on www.bowl.com) and in its original container which displays the USBC Approved Before/After logo. **Once competition has begun, the outer surface of the bowling ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel (USBC Rule 18). (Competition starts once any bowler throws a ball for score in the tournament.)** If a bowler is seen altering the ball surface during the tournament, the ball will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament as soon as this is discovered. If the bowler incurs a second equipment offense, the bowler will be disqualified from the current event with NO refund of entry fee. NOTE: Should a foreign substance appear on the outer surface of a bowling ball which cannot be removed with a dry towel, an approved cleaner may be used with consent from the tournament manager.

13. **COVID-19 Precautions:** If you are feeling sick, have a fever over 100 degrees or have come in contact with someone who has had a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the last 14 days leading up to this tournament, please contact the COUSBC office to withdraw from the event. You will receive a full refund.

14. Any rule violation will be subject to disqualification. Errors in scoring must be reported immediately. Any protest affecting eligibility or playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Manager with 72 hours of the infraction or prior to tournament prizes being paid, whichever occurs first. USBC Rule 303 will apply (Authority of Tournament Management). The Tournament Manager along with the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Ohio USBC will have the right to settle all disputes not covered in the above rules or in USBC rules. All decisions of the Tournament Manager are final, unless an appeal is made in accordance with Rule 329. All USBC rules will apply.

15. All participants agree to allow his/her name and likeness to be used on social media in regard to this event.

16. Questions should be directed to the COUSBC office (216-898-9115 or 216-898-9117).



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MAIL ENTRY FORM & FEE TO:

CLEVELAND OHIO USBC ASSOCIATION, 14950 SNOW ROAD, SUITE 100, BROOK PARK, OHIO 44142

(All entry fees must accompany this entry. Checks should be payable to COUSBC.)

2024-2025 COUSBC BERNIE VOZAR MASTERS TOURNAMENT

NAME _____ USBC # _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME NUMBER _____ CELL NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

YOUTH COMPETITOR: YES _____ NO _____

CLEVELAND OHIO USBC LEAGUE: Please list the leagues and centers you bowled in below.

2024-2025 SEASON: _____

2023-2024 SEASON: _____

2022-2023 SEASON: _____

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ENTRY # _____ DATE RECEIVED _____ PAID \$ _____ CK / MO / CASH _____