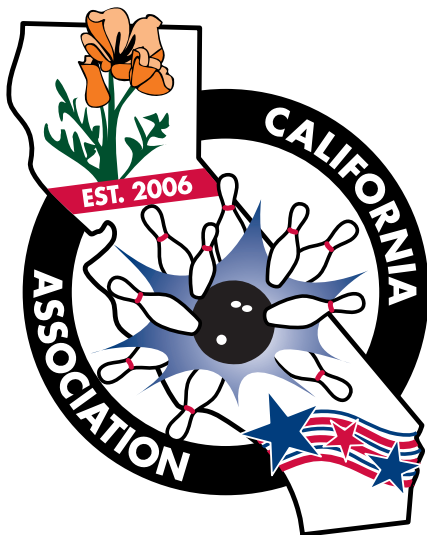


# California State Masters

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The California State Masters Scratch Tournament is open to all USBC members certified through the California USBC. USBC certified.

## 64 finalists will compete in Double Elimination (3 game series) format.

- 32 seeded berths from the Open Championships Doubles/Singles scratch pinfall\* at West Lane Bowl.
- 3 seeded berths for the past 2008 & 2007 Masters Champions and 2009 All-Events Scratch Optional Champion\*\*
- Remaining berths filled from Last Chance qualifier on September 11

*\*Provided that they have paid their Masters entry prior to bowling D/S at West Lane Bowl.*

*\*\*Unless already qualified, in which case an extra berth will be filled from the Open Championship qualifier.*

# \$12,000 Estimated

*in prize money based on 200 bowlers.*



**PACIFIC AVENUE BOWL**  
5939 Pacific Ave., Stockton, CA 95207  
(209) 477-0267

**Bowling Outfitters  
Pro Shop**  
Located inside Pacific Avenue Bowl  
(209) 478-BOWL

**\*OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING: May 16-August 16, 2009**

**LAST CHANCE QUALIFIER: September 11, 2009 at 7pm**

**FINALS: September 12-13, 2009 at 9am** (USBC sport certified)

### TWO WAYS TO QUALIFY:

- 1) Qualify through 2009 Open Championships using your Doubles/Singles scratch scores\*
- 2) Last Chance qualifier (6 games)

#### Mail entries to:

Matt Cormack, 13451 Friar St.  
Van Nuys, CA 91401

(818) 519-0863 • [matt@calusbc.com](mailto:matt@calusbc.com)

**Download entries at [www.CalUSBC.com](http://www.CalUSBC.com)**



**Storm Bowling**

## MASTERS TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The California State Masters Tournament is conducted on a scratch basis. It is an individual match game tournament open to all USBC members (men and women) certified through the California USBC (CUSBC).
2. The finals are to be held at Pacific Avenue Bowl, 5939 Pacific Ave., Stockton, CA 95207, (209) 477-0267. Qualifying dates: May 16-August 16; Last Chance qualifier: September 11 and Finals dates: September 12-13, 2009.
3. Mail completed entry forms and payment to Matt Cormack, State Masters, 13451 Friar St., Van Nuys, CA 91401; 818-519-0863; E-mail: matt@calusbc.com. Walk-ins accepted for the Last Chance qualifier only. Entries close prior to the first ball of competition in the Championship qualifier.
4. **ENTRY FEES:** a) \$20 expenses + \$10 finals lineage + \$50 prize fund = **\$80**; b) \$20 expenses + \$35 lineage + \$70 prize fund = **\$125**; c) \$20 expenses + \$25 lineage + \$55 prize fund = **\$100**; d) \$25 lineage + \$20 prize fund = **\$45**. Entries must be paid prior to the first game of qualifying.
  - a) Qualifying through Open Championship D/S Event (West Lane Bowl) ..... **\$80.00**
  - b) Last Chance Qualifying (6 games) ..... **\$125.00**
  - c) Last Chance Qualifying with prior participation in Open Championship D/S qualifying..... **\$100.00**
  - d) Last Chance Qualifying as pacer (*already qualified through Open Championship*)..... **\$45.00**
5. Prize Fund will be determined by the amount of entries paid and will be returned 100%. **Make checks or money orders payable to: CUSBC. There will be no refunds after entries have been received, processed and scheduled.**
6. The 2009 Masters Champion shall earn a berth into the finals of the 2010 CA State Masters and an entry into the USBC Masters National Tournament, if they choose to compete. A pre-determined alternate may be sent if the Masters Champion is unable to compete in the USBC Masters. If CUSBC is not notified in ample time for a replacement to attend, the entrant will reimburse CUSBC of all incurred costs.
7. Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives while bowling in certified competition is prohibited. Any use of abrasive material on a ball must be done prior to the start of competition. The use of chemicals, solvents or other methods to change the surface of a ball is prohibited. A bowling ball used may be checked for hardness, weight, and balance at the discretion of a tournament official. Any bowling ball that does not meet USBC specifications will subject the bowler to disqualification of all tournament scores.
8. Use of a foreign substance such as talcum powder or moistening the shoes will not be permitted in the tournament.
9. **USBC certified youth bowlers may participate in the Last Chance qualifier provided, prior to bowling the competition, agrees in writing to award the youth's prize in the form of a scholarship. Scholarships to be sent to SMART.**
10. Recording of scores will be done according to an established procedure.
11. **Oil patterns will be pre-determined by Tournament Management. The finals will be certified as a USBC Sport event and shall be governed by USBC rules. Special enhanced awards will be issued to USBC Sport Bowling certified members per Rule 207.**
12. Protest must be made in writing within 24 hours to the Tournament Management and must specify the rule violated.
13. Participants in this tournament will be governed by all rules set forth by CUSBC and the USBC. Tournament management reserves the right to accept or reject any participant. Per Rule 303, the decision of tournament management shall be final except where an appeal is made to USBC Headquarters.

### QUALIFYING

1. Participants have the option of qualifying using method A, B, or BOTH:
  - A. **Using the Doubles & Singles scratch pinfall from the 2009 Open Championships (6 games-West Lane Bowl).**
  - B. Using the total pinfall from the Last Chance qualifier (6 games).
2. You may only enter once in the final round.
3. Lane assignments for the Last Chance qualifier will be determined by the tournament director and will be announced prior to the start of competition.
4. Participants may use as many bowling balls as they wish, provided they meet USBC specifications.
5. Last Chance qualifier starts at 7pm on Friday, September 11 with a 6pm check-in time.

### DETERMINING FINALISTS

1. **The finals will consist of 64 seeded finalists: top 32 finishers from the 2009 Open Championships Double/Singles scratch pinfall (provided they have paid their Masters entry); the 2008 Masters champion; the 2007 Masters champion; the 2009 Open Championships scratch optional All-Events Champion\*\* and the remainder of the field to be filled by the Last Chance qualifier.**  
*\*\*Unless already qualified, in which case an extra berth will be filled from the Open Championship qualifier.*
2. Qualifiers from the 2009 Open Championships will be notified by the Tournament Director and must R.S.V.P. by September 4, 2009. Failure to R.S.V.P. by the deadline will constitute forfeiture and will be replaced by the next alternate from the Last Chance qualifier.
3. In the event of a tie for the final qualifying position in the Open Doubles/Singles Events qualifying, all ties will advance to the finals competition and the number of qualifiers through the Last Chance qualifier will be reduced. In the event of a tie in the Last Chance qualifier, a one (1) game roll-off (total pinfall) will determine the winner. The loser will become first alternate. If the roll-off ends in a tie, additional frames will be bowled until a winner is determined. The roll-off will be held just prior to the finals. Failure of any contestant to be available in case of a tie for the final spot will constitute a forfeit. Any ties for seeded positions, will use the highest final game of qualifying to determine the higher seeded position. If a tie still exists, the higher preceding game will determine the higher seed.

## **FINALS**

1. **FINALS DRESS CODE: Butterfly collared shirts with slacks, skirts, or skorts (no shorter than 4" above the kneecap). No denim, shorts, capris, t-shirts or mock collared shirts allowed.** This rule will be enforced in the Finals competition only. The Tournament Director shall determine the validity of any complaints.
2. The competition in the finals will be held on September 12-13, 2009 in a match play double elimination format. **Each match will be 3 games total pinfall.**
3. The double elimination method of competition requires a participant to lose twice before being eliminated. All participants start in the WINNER'S BRACKET. After losing one match the participant enters the LOSER'S BRACKET. In the final championship match, the undefeated survivor of the WINNER'S BRACKET will be matched against the winner of the LOSER'S BRACKET, whose record will show only one defeat. If the participant from the WINNER'S BRACKET wins the match, that participant is the champion. A victory from the participant in the LOSER'S BRACKET would tie the participants at one defeat apiece and would require them to bowl a second match to decide the champion.
4. **Only one bowler will be assigned to a lane. The 2008 Masters champion will be seeded #1; the 2007 Masters champion will be seeded #2 and the 2009 Open Championships scratch optional All-Events Champion will be seeded #3. 32 qualifiers from the Championship qualifier will fill seed #4 on based on total Doubles/Singles scratch pinfall. The remaining seeds to complete the final 64 will be taken from the Last Chance qualifier. Match play will be initially set with seed #1 vs. seed #64, #2 vs. 63, etc. Any byes will be given to the highest seeded player based on order of finish. After the opening matches, pairing and lane assignments will be in accordance with the normal bracket system, which will be displayed on-site.**
5. **Competition will begin at 9am on Saturday and Sunday morning with an 8am check-in time. Bowlers NOT checked in by 8:45am on Saturday will be disqualified and their spot given to the next available alternate from the Last Chance qualifier. *This will be strictly enforced.***
6. NO SUBSTITUTES PERMITTED after the first round. Non-appearance, regardless of cause, will constitute forfeiture of the match and the player present will bowl the games without opposition to advance to the succeeding round. If the forfeit occurs in the WINNERS BRACKET, the absent player will automatically go into the proper position in the LOSER'S BRACKET.
7. Late bowlers will receive ZERO for each frame missed and must begin play in the game and frame the opponent is then bowling.
8. The order of bowling will be according to match game procedure, with the bowler on the odd-numbered lane starting first. Bowlers will start the first game of each series on the lane assigned. Succeeding games will be started on the lane where the 10th of the preceding game was bowled.
9. If a match ends in a tie, an additional 9th and 10th frame will be bowled to determine the winner. Should a tie still exist, additional frames will be bowled until a winner is determined. Bowlers will bowl on the lane where they finished the match and, as in all other games, the bowler on the odd-numbered lane will start the roll-off.
10. Ten (10) minutes of practice on the pair to be used in the match at the start of each day.
11. Three (3) minutes of practice at the start of each round.
12. Only ONE re-rack per game per person; additional re-racks must be approved by tournament staff.

***Brackets and Side Pots  
will be available on-site for  
the Last Chance qualifier.***

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### **Additional Prize Awards†**

- 2009 Masters Champion to also receive match win bonuses, 2010 USBC Masters Entry and a berth into the 2010 CA State Masters Finals
- High qualifier from Championship Qualifier
- Overall highest series in Finals
- Overall highest game in Finals
- High qualifier in Last Chance Squad
- Overall highest game in Last Chance Squad

*\*Amounts will be determined after entries are processed.*



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*I would like to enter the California State Masters Tournament and agree to the rules and regulations of this event.*

**FILL OUT COMPLETELY and LEGIBLY**

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail\* \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Only for tournament and CUSBC business communications*

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

2008-09 USBC Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Local Association \_\_\_\_\_

If qualifying through 2009 Open Championships, list squad date/time scheduled for Doubles/Singles \_\_\_\_\_

2009 Open Championships Entry Number \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Youth Bowler – \$125 Last Chance qualifier only.

*I understand that I must sign a waiver prior to bowling per Rule 400 in order for prize money to be earned as scholarships in SMART.*

**ALL ENTRY FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO THE START OF COMPETITION.**

**Entry Selection (select one per entry):**

- \$80** for qualifying through 2009 Open Championships **Doubles/Singles** event at West Lane Bowl.
- \$100** for Last Chance qualifier – September 11, 2009: **With prior participation in the 2009 Open Championships Masters qualifer. Entry # must be provided.**
- \$125** for Last Chance\*\*\* qualifier – September 11, 2009
- \$45** for participants already qualified through the Championship event and want to bowl as a pacer at the finals site.

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