

Qualifying Event Rules – Owkwood Bowl

Scratch. Teen Masters is a scratch singles event.

Eligibility. To participate in Teen Masters, you must be 19 or younger on July 28, 2023, an amateur bowler, and have a Teen Bowler account on TeenMastersBowling.com. Account registration is free.

Divisions. Qualifying events for the 2023 Teen Masters will offer two divisions with separate competitions for girls and boys:

- ✓ **Elite Division:** enter this division if your goal is to earn an invitation to the 2023 Championships in Detroit. The qualifier at **Oakwood Bowl** will award Championship invitations to a minimum of two **girls** and two **boys**.
- ✓ **Rising Star Division:** enter this division if your goal is tournament experience in the SKILL environment. Participants in this division will bowl a maximum of six games and will not advance to the Championships.

The SKILL Environment. On SKILL Bowling's level playing field, advantages can only be gained through hard work and perseverance. We emphasize skill and execution by significantly reducing the volume of oil on the lane and limiting competitors to a single bowling ball that does not flare or absorb oil.

Bowling Balls: Polyester balls with a differential of less than 0.20 and urethane balls with a differential of less than 0.12 are allowed. Approved balls include Brunswick T-Zone, Columbia White Dot, Ebonite Maxim, DV8 Polyester, Motiv Laser Sniper, SKILL 2.0, SKILL 3.0, SKILL 3.02, Storm Ice, and Storm Mix.

Two approved balls may be used in practice, but once practice ends, bowlers may not change balls unless damage occurs during competition.

Oil Pattern: SKILL Goldilocks, a medium-difficulty, 40', low-volume (7.16 mL) oil pattern, will be used.

Wrist Support Devices. Because the Teen Masters believes that variations in ball motion are the responsibility of the bowler, wrist supports containing plastic, metal, or pads are prohibited. Gloves that do not contain rigid metal, plastic, or a pad are allowed. Wrist tape is allowed.

Tournament Format.

Saturday, March 11, check-in begins at 10 am; competition starts at 11 am

All participants, regardless of division, will bowl six games across six pairs of lanes. Based on six-game totals:

- ✓ The top girl and top boy in the Elite Division will receive invitations plus a \$250 credit to the Championships.
- ✓ The next four girls and four boys in the Elite Division will advance to a match-play bracket. #1 vs #4, #2 vs #3, winners advance. Matches are one game each.
- ✓ The match-play winners will receive an invitation, plus a credit of \$250, to the Championships

Ties that impact invitations or advancement to match-play will be broken by a 9th and 10th-frame roll-off. In ties that determine seeding in match-play, the lowest game will determine which bowler is assigned the lower seed.

On-Line Entry. All entries, including those the day of the event, must be completed on TeenMastersBowling.com.

Entry Fees. The entry fees for Teen Masters qualifying tournaments are as follows:

Elite Division: \$75 until 6 days in advance, \$85 through the day prior, and \$95 the day of the event.

Rising Star Division: \$50 until 6 days in advance, \$60 through the day prior, and \$70 the day of the event

Dress Code. A collared shirt/jersey is required. Slacks, khakis, skirts/skortis are allowed. Skirts must be at least fingertip length. Denim, shorts, sweats, spandex, yoga pants, headgear, sunglasses, and electronics are prohibited. Any requests for exceptions must be accompanied by medical documentation and approved by tournament management.

Sportsmanship & Mutual Respect. Competitors, family members, coaches, and spectators will always display good sportsmanship and mutual respect. Those failing to do so will be asked to leave the bowling center

No Extreme Lofting. Lofting can be an effective tactic in adjusting ball motion. But because extreme lofting damages synthetic lane panels, lofting the ball past the arrows is not allowed. A competitor who intentionally lofts the ball past the arrows will receive one warning. Subsequent lofts past the arrows will result in zero pinfall and disqualification.

Championship Invitations. Should a girl or boy who earns an invitation be unable to participate or already possesses an entry into the Championships, their invitation will be awarded to the next eligible bowler. Championships invitations are not transferable and have no cash value. Championship invitations and credits expire two weeks after the qualifying event.

Scholarships. Local scholarships, if any, will be awarded at the discretion of each host bowling center.

Publicity Release. By participating, the bowler and their parents/guardians acknowledge Teen Masters' right to make use of and to permit others to make use of the bowler's name, scores, voice, pictures, photographs, and other likenesses for any purpose in any manner related to the advertising, broadcast, publication, or promotion of Teen Masters.

Authority. Bowling center management and Killer 'B' Promotions will determine any matters not covered in these rules