

2025 Ralph Becker Invitational Tournament

Qualifying Saturday November 1, 2025 10:00am

(Check-in Begins at 9:00am)

Second Round Sunday November 2, 2025 10:00am

(Check in begins at 9:00am)

Top Prize of \$1000.00 for 1st Place

(based on 72 entries)

The Champion will receive the top cash award, jersey or masters entry, and a ring.

Priority of Invitation

Round 1- 2024-2025 GKBA All City team members, past Ralph Becker Winners.

Round 2- GKBA Bowlers with composite 200+ average over two or more leagues in one or more bowling centers, with each league having at least 48 games.

Round 3- GKBA bowlers with 200+ average in one league, with that league having at least 48 games until 96 entries are received.



Entry Fee \$125.00

(\$85.00 Prize Fund, \$40.00 Lineage and expenses)

Entries close Monday October 27, 2025 NO WALKINS WILL BE ALLOWED

USBC Certified Tournament, all participants must be USBC certified

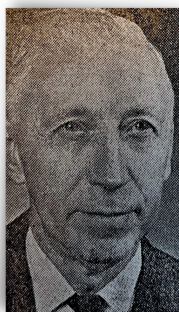
In the unforeseen circumstance of governmental shutdown, refunds will be granted if not rescheduled

Full tournament rules and information on back

Contact the tournament committee with any questions
Heather Marlett (269) 598-9584 or Donna Marcus (616) 889-6275
or Tournaments@gkbabowling.com

Payment can be made by:
check/money order payable to the GKBA
Paypal: @GKBA2017

Square credit card payments
(Paypal and Square payments add 5% service fee)



Ralph Becker
Hall of Famer



2024 Ralph Becker Winner
Cody Cassada

To: Submit \$125.00 entry fee and this portion of the entry form to:
Becker Tournament C/O GKBA 1151 W. Milham #1352, Portage, MI 49081

Entrant Name: _____ **USBC ID:** _____

Address: _____ **2024-2025 Composite Avg.** _____

State: _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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Tournament Rules

- All bowlers must be GKBA members and USBC Certified.
- USBC current rules will be observed. Any tournament rules not covered in this form shall be covered by USBC tournament rules. Tournament Director will make the final decision.
- The Ralph Becker invitational tournament is open to any male GKBA bowler with a weighted average of at least 200 over two leagues and centers, with each league having at least 48 games as determined by 2024-25 GKBA League Averages, past winners, and all-city team members provided they are in good standing with USBC and the Greater Kalamazoo Bowling Association. If the tournament is not filled, bowlers with a weighted average of 200+ in two leagues in one center, bowlers with 200 averages in one league until 96 entries are received. **Past champions not currently a GKBA member are eligible to participate by paying the appropriate fees (\$15.00 National, \$1.00 State, \$9.00 Local)**
- This is a scratch tournament. No handicap will be used in qualifying or finals.
- The tournament is limited to the first 96 bowlers.
- Entry fee is \$125.00. No WALKINS will be allowed. Prize fund is returned 100%. Rule 319d is waived.
- Tournament qualifying begins at 10:00am. Check-in will begin at 9:00am.
- Starting lanes will be determined by the Tournament Director.
- Foul language or obscene gestures are not allowed.
- One lane courtesy will be observed.
- Scoring errors must be reported immediately. If a score must be corrected, stop bowling and contact a tournament official.
- Tardy players will be scored 0 for each frame missed.
- Day of tournament bring a pepsi for Heather, a dr pepper for Donna, a sprite for Jessie, and pepsi for Jacquie when checking in. (not enforceable)
- **In keeping with the prestige of the tournament, the dress code will be enforced. No tank tops, jeans, or shorts. Recommended attire would include shirts with a collar or bowling jerseys, and dress slacks. Headgear will be allowed in the settee area but not on the lanes.**
- Bowlers will bowl 8 games qualifying across 16 lanes (skipping one pair to the right after each game). The field will be cut based on the number of entries - pinfall will not carry over. Those that advance for Sunday will bowl 7 games of match play, with the 8th game position round. Winners of each game will receive bonus pins. Cut for stepladder finals will be based on Sunday's field. The pinfall from the semi-finals will determine ranking in stepladder finals, but no pins will carry over. In the event of a tie, there will be a 9th-10th frame roll-off to determine who will advance otherwise ties will be broken by highest game. Top Qualifier \$150.00, High Game \$50.00, High 1st 4 game block \$50.00, High 2nd 4 game block \$50.00.
- All bowling balls must be USBC approved and no bowling balls may be used prior to release date to the general public. This will result in disqualification.
- There will be a 10-minute warm-up session prior to the start of the tournament.
- In accordance with USBC tournament rules, the surface of the bowling ball(s) can only be altered before competition begins (including the 10-minute warm up session). Once competition begins, any ball can only be wiped and/or cleaned with a dry towel or shammy.
- If a ball is returned with a foreign substance on it (i.e., grease or belt marks etc.), the Tournament director must approve any requests to clean the ball with ANY kind of cleaner.
- All bowlers fitting the criteria of rule 319D must fill out a w9 form.
- All sidepot winnings must be picked up after qualifying or it will be donated to the BVL.
- No foreign substance of any kind is permitted on bowlers shoes. This includes but is not limited to powder, ashes and EZ slide.