



2026 Steve Marlett Scratch Tournament



Eligibility: Limited to Greater Kalamazoo Bowling Association members who have attained age 50-54 by January 30, 2026 (birthdate is required on the entry)

Qualifying Saturday January 31, 2026 10:00am

(Check-in Begins at 9:00am)

Second Round Sunday February 1, 2026 10:00am

(Check in begins at 9:00am)

Top Prize of \$250.00 for 1st Place

(based on 60 entries)

The Champion will receive the top cash award.



Entry Fee \$60.00

(\$30.00 Prize Fund, \$30.00 Lineage and expenses)

Entries close Monday January 26, 2026 NO WALK-INS WILL BE ALLOWED



Steve Marlett

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)



2026 Winner

**To: Submit \$60.00 entry fee and this portion of the entry form to:
Steve Marlett Tournament C/O GKBA 1151 W. Milham #1352, Portage, MI 49081**

Birthdate

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

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

State: _____

Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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- All bowlers must be USBC Certified.
- **BIRTHDATE IS REQUIRED FOR EACH ENTRY.**
- 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 Steve Marlett Scratch Tournament is limited to Greater Kalamazoo Bowling Association members who have attained the age of 50 by the Tournament start date but not over the age of 54, providing they are in good standing with USBC and the Greater Kalamazoo Bowling Association. **non currently a GKBA member are eligible to participate by paying the appropriate fees (\$15.00 National, \$1.00 State, \$8.00 Local)**
- This is a scratch tournament. No handicap will be used in qualifying or finals.
- The tournament is limited to the first 72 bowlers.
- Entry fee is \$60.00. No WALK-INS will be allowed. Prize ratio will be at least 1 in 8 entries. 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.
- **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 5 games qualifying across 10 lanes (moving right one pair after each game). The field will be cut to the top 5 bowlers. Pinfall will not carry over. Total pinfall from qualifying will determine ranking in stepladder finals, In the event of ties, qualifying round highest game determines position- second round there will be a 9th-10th frame roll-off to determine who will advance in stepladder.
- There will be a 10-minute warm-up session prior to the start of the tournament.
- 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.
- 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.
- No foreign substance of any kind is permitted on bowlers shoes. This includes but is not limited to powder, ashes and EZ slide.