



# \$50,000

**FIRST PLACE GUARANTEED**

**COMPETE ON A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD**

**FEBRUARY 3 – 5, 2026**

Gold Coast Bowling Center, Las Vegas

Join the Madness at [MegaMatchPlayMadness.com](https://MegaMatchPlayMadness.com)

Don't delay – your division only has room for 16 people!



**16 SCRATCH DIVISIONS**

**1 IN 4 CASH IN EACH DIVISION**

**WIN TWO MATCHES, WIN DOUBLE THE \$750 ENTRY FEE!**

# Mega Match Play Madness: Official FAQs

## Prize Money & Entry

### Is the prize fund guaranteed?

Yes! The prize fund is fully guaranteed.

- **Champion: \$50,000** (regardless of the number of entries).
- **Match Wins:** Bowlers who win two elimination matches (byes do not count) are guaranteed a minimum of **\$1,500**.
- **Additional Payouts:** Prizes will be awarded within each division based on total entries.

### What is the entry fee?

The entry fee is \$750. Note: 100% of the entry fee goes directly towards the prize money.

### What are the payment options?

You have two options to secure your spot:

1. **Zelle:** Send \$750 directly to [entryfee@matchplaymadness.com](mailto:entryfee@matchplaymadness.com).
2. **Credit Card:** Pay \$780 via the Madness website, including the \$750 entry fee + \$30 administrative/merchant processing fee.

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## Bowling Ball Rules & Equipment

### Does the entry fee include a ball?

No. Because 100% of the entry fee goes to the prize fund, the ball is sold separately.

- **Cost:** \$170 (includes domestic shipping).
- **Model:** You must use the SKILL 3.02.

### Will I need to buy a new ball for the 2027 Madness?

No. The SKILL 3.02 is the exclusive ball for the foreseeable future. It is highly durable, meaning the ball you purchase this year can be used in next year's tournament.

### I am a two-hander. Can I use a spare ball with a thumb hole?

No. You are limited to one single SKILL 3.02 for all shots (strikes and spares). However, you have flexibility in how you use it:

#### 1. Drilling Rules

- Every hole drilled must fit the corresponding finger or thumb.
- No Thumb Hole? If drilled without a thumb hole, the ball must be engraved with a "+" near the center of the palm to indicate grip orientation.

#### 2. Delivery Rules

- With a Thumb Hole: You must either insert the thumb (fully or partially) OR cover the thumb hole with your palm.
- Without a Thumb Hole: Your palm must cover the "+" mark.

*Constraint:* You must always release the ball in the drilled orientation.

### Can I wear my ball staff jersey?

Yes! Even though we use a uniform ball, you are encouraged to represent your ball brand.

## Eligibility & Divisions

### Who can enter?

The tournament is open to everyone, regardless of professional or amateur status.

#### 📌 Important Note for Pros:

*Bowlers who have won a PBA National Title since Jan 1, 2021, or finished in the top 50 of the PBA points list (2023, 2024, or 2025) are required to compete in an Open Division bracket.*

### How are the divisions structured?

There are four divisions. Each division contains four brackets, and each bracket is capped at 16 bowlers.

Division	Specific Brackets (16 Bowlers Max per Bracket)
Women	Ages: 24 & Younger, 25 – 29, 30 – 34, 35 and older
Seniors	Ages: 50 – 54, 55 – 59, 60 – 64, 65 and older
Men	1-Hand Right, 1-Hand Left, 2-Hands Right, 2-Hands Left
Open	1-Hand Right, 1-Hand Left, 2-Hands Right, 2-Hands Left

### Why use this format?

This system protects specific playstyles and demographics until late in the tournament, ensuring a diverse field of finalists.

- **Handedness:** Righties will not face Lefties until Round 5.
- **Two-Handers:** Will not face a one-hander until Round 6.
- **Women:** Will not face a male bowler until Round 7.
- **Seniors:** Will not face anyone under age 50 until Round 7.

**The Goal:** One Woman, one Senior, one Male, and one Open bowler are guaranteed to reach the final 4 (Round 7).

### Which division can I enter?

- **Women:** May enter Women's or Open brackets. (Women 50+ may also enter Senior brackets).
- **Seniors (50+):** May enter Senior, Men's, or Open brackets.
- **Men (<50):** May enter Men's or Open brackets.
- **Open Brackets:** Available to any bowler.

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## Location

### Where is the 2026 Tournament?

Gold Coast Hotel & Casino

Las Vegas, Nevada

## Mega Match Play Madness Format Overview

### PHASE ONE\*: Ranking Competition (*Non-Elimination*)

**Purpose:** Familiarize competitors with the SKILL environment, provide opportunities for side action, and rank bowlers for PHASE TWO.

**Setup:** 16 bowlers per bracket, 4 assigned per pair of lanes.

#### Bonuses Per Game:

- ◇ 1st on pair: ..... 30 pins
- ◇ 2nd on pair: ..... 15 pins
- ◇ 3rd on pair: ..... 10 pins
- ◇ 4th on pair: ..... 0 pins

**Rotation:** After each game, bowlers rotate to a new pair, facing three different bracket members.

**Completion:** Five games total; each bowler faces all 15 division opponents.

#### No Eliminations.

*\*The Phase One format is based on 16 bowlers in a given bracket. If fewer bowlers are available within a given bracket, the tournament director reserves the right to base bracket seeding for Phase Two on pinfall.*

### PHASE TWO: The Knock-Out Bracket (*Single Elimination*)

**Seeding:** Based on PHASE ONE pinfall + bonus (1st vs. 16th, etc.)

**Format:** Single-game matches; win to advance, lose to be eliminated.

#### Prize Payouts (based on 16-competitors in each bracket):

- ◇ 2 wins: .....\$1,500
- ◇ 3 wins: .....\$1,750
- ◇ 4 wins: .....\$2,000
- ◇ 5 wins: .....\$2,500
- ◇ 6 wins: .....\$10,000
- ◇ 7 wins: .....\$20,000
- ◇ 8 wins: .....\$50,000

#### Prize Guarantees

*Regardless of Entries*

Win 2 matches — \$1,500  
Champion — \$50,000

## Four Scratch Divisions

*Each division contains four brackets, with a maximum of 16 bowlers per bracket)*

- ◇ Women - ages 24 and younger\*
- ◇ Women - ages 25 to 29
- ◇ Women - ages 30 to 34
- ◇ Women - ages 35+
  
- ◇ Senior - ages 50 to 54\*
- ◇ Senior - ages 55 to 59
- ◇ Senior - ages 60 to 64
- ◇ Senior - ages 65+
  
- ◇ Men - One hand from right\*\*
- ◇ Men - One hand from left
- ◇ Men - Two hands from right
- ◇ Men - Two hands from left
  
- ◇ Open - One hand from right\*\*
- ◇ Open - One hand from left
- ◇ Open - Two hands from right
- ◇ Open - Two hands from left

*\*Age as of February 6, 2026*

*\*\*First ball delivery for every frame.*

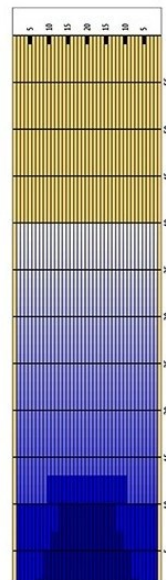
## Tournament Pattern

### Goldilocks

Goldilocks is a low-volume SKILL lane conditioner pattern designed to be “not too hard and not too soft.”

- Pattern length: 40'
- Volume: 6.5 to 7.5 mL
- Ratio: 3 to 1

The low-volume oil pattern, combined with the SKILL 3.02 bowling ball, creates a stable scoring environment in which “who you follow” doesn’t play a role in your success or failure.



## Schedule of Events

### Monday, February 2

1 pm & 3 pm Optional Sweepers

### Tuesday, February 3

9 am or 11 am Official Practice Session (optional)

2 pm Ranking Competition — five games

### Wednesday, February 4

9 am - 1 pm Knock-Out Match Play Rounds 1 — 4

### Thursday, February 5

9 am - 1 pm Knock-Out Match Play Rounds 5 — 8



# 2026 Mega Match Play Madness Rules

*For a complete and current rules listing, please visit [MegaMatchPlayMadness.com/rules](https://MegaMatchPlayMadness.com/rules).*

1. **Scratch.** The Mega Match Play Madness (MMPM) is a scratch competition. There are no handicap or average divisions.
2. **Entry Fee.** The entry fee is \$750 if paid via Zelle transfer (to [entryfee@megamatchplaymadness.com](mailto:entryfee@megamatchplaymadness.com)), \$780, including merchant processing fees, if paid online. \$750 of every entry will be distributed in the prize fund.
3. **Prize Fund.** First place is guaranteed **\$50,000**, regardless of the number of entries. Bowlers who win two elimination matches (byes do not count) are guaranteed a minimum of **\$1,500**.
4. **Eligibility.** The MMPM welcomes all bowlers, regardless of their professional or amateur standing. However, bowlers who have won a PBA national title since January 1, 2021, or finished in the top 50 of the PBA's 2023, 2024, and 2025 points lists are required to compete in an Open division. Everyone, including men, women, seniors, and professionals, is eligible to enter the Open division.
5. **Age of Record.** For our eight senior and women's divisions, a bowler's age will be determined as of February 6, 2026.
6. **Delivery Style.** In our eight men's and open divisions, your delivery style determines which division you are in. Once you've selected a delivery style, you must use it for all strike attempts throughout the MMPM competition.
7. **Divisions & Brackets.** There are four divisions: Women, Seniors, Men, & Open. Each division contains four brackets with a capacity of only 16 bowlers: Women - ages 24 & under, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, and 35+. Seniors - ages 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, and 65+. Men - One hand from the right, one hand from the left, two hands from the right, and two hands from the left. Open - One hand from the right, one hand from the left, two hands from the right, and two hands from the left.
8. **Bowling Ball Policy.** Participants are permitted to use a single (1) SKILL 3.02 bowling ball (13#, 14#, or 15#) for all MMPM competition. The SKILL 3.02 is a pearlized urethane ball specifically designed to reduce flare and oil absorption. While participants may bring two SKILL 3.02 balls to the event, only one can be designated for competition after the Official Practice Session. A second SKILL 3.02 may be introduced *only* if the Tournament Director confirms the original ball is irreparably damaged from regular play.
9. **Static Balance.** Maximum Top/Bottom Weight - 3 oz. Maximum Side/Finger/Thumb Weight - 1 oz. All balls will be checked for compliance.
10. **Holes.** The number of holes or indentions shall not exceed five and shall be limited to one for each finger and one for a thumb hole, all for the same hand. Each hole or indentation must fit the size of the corresponding finger or thumb. MMPM reserves the right for its representatives to bring a ball into static weight compliance with a small balance hole.
11. **Release Orientation.** Bowlers must release the ball in the drilled orientation. If a ball does not have a thumb hole, the ball must be scribed or engraved with a "+" near the center of the palm to indicate the grip orientation. When delivering a ball without a thumb hole, the palm must cover the "+." When delivering a ball with a thumb hole, either the thumb must be inserted, fully or partially, into the thumb hole, or the palm must cover the thumb hole.
12. **Wrist Devices.** Because we believe that ball motion variations are the bowler's responsibility, 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 permitted.
13. **Extreme Lofting.** Out of respect for our host centers and to prevent damage to the lanes, lofting the ball past the arrows is not allowed.
14. **Dress Code.** PBA/PWBA-approved attire must be worn during all official MMPM competitions. Ball staff members are encouraged to wear their brand's jerseys. Casual attire, including T-shirts, jeans, shorts, and cargo pants, is acceptable during the Official Practice Session and sweepers.
15. **Publicity Release.** By entering the MMPM, the bowler acknowledges Killer 'B' Promotions' (KBP) 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 the MMPM.
16. **Event Cancellation.** In the event of cancellation caused by circumstances such as an act of God, war, or civil unrest, as solely determined by KBP, all submitted entry fees will be fully reimbursed.
17. **Refunds.** No refunds will be allowed after January 1st, 2026, though the entry can be transferred to another bowler eligible for the same division.
18. **Ownership & Trademark.** The MMPM is owned and operated by Killer 'B' Promotions (KBP), and Match Play Madness is a federally registered trademark (serial #98454930). The decisions of KBP are final.

## Mega Match Play Madness Bracket After Four Rounds

*During the first six rounds, you will only face bowlers in your division.*



## To enter the 2026 Mega Match Play Madness

1. Read the rules at [MegaMatchPlayMadness.com/rules](https://MegaMatchPlayMadness.com/rules). They are important and will be strictly enforced.
2. Set up an account on [MegaMatchPlayMadness.com](https://MegaMatchPlayMadness.com) by clicking the **Join the Madness** menu tab.
3. Log in to your account and click **LAS VEGAS 2026** on the website's menu.
4. Click the **Madness Entry**, select your division, add to your cart and checkout, or...Save \$30 by sending \$750 via Zelle to [entryfee@MegaMatchPlayMadness.com](mailto:entryfee@MegaMatchPlayMadness.com), including your name and division.
5. If you need to purchase a **SKILL 3.02**, add one to your cart before checking out. SKILL balls will be available in Las Vegas.

## Offer a Madness or SKILL Bowling league in your center!

Bowling centers or league officers interested in offering qualifying for the 2027 Mega Match Play Madness through a tournament or winter/summer league are invited to email [garyb@killerbpromotions.com](mailto:garyb@killerbpromotions.com). Volume pricing on SKILL 3.02s is available.

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