

2010 USBC JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES AND FORMAT

Woodland Bowl

Expo Bowl

Western Bowl

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#8769) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Entry is open to USBC Junior Gold Program members who have qualified for the 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championships. To be eligible, participants must meet all the rules governing competition from league or tournament level to the National Championships and be confirmed as a National Championship finalist by USBC. USBC reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

Canadian and other foreign USBC Youth members are encouraged to participate, and are eligible to be USBC Junior Gold Program members and compete in the National Championships and earn scholarships. However, they are unable to be USBC Junior Team USA™ members.

3. **Entry into the National Championships is limited to 2052 participants. Entries close on May 15, 2010 unless extended.** Members of USBC Junior Team USA™ 2010 will be automatically seeded into the 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championships. Entry fee is \$150 (\$45 lineage, \$70 scholarships, \$35 expenses). Entry fee has been submitted by event coordinator for advancing athlete. 100% of scholarship fee will be returned.
4. Finalists must agree to bowl in the National Championships, or, failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. Replacements will be selected based on the order of finish at their league or tournament qualifying event.
5. Participants will be allowed to list a maximum of six bowling balls on the Participant's Equipment Registration Form. **Equipment will not be verified during Athlete Registration. Athletes will turn in the completed Equipment Registration Form when they check-in for their first squad on Monday July 12 at their designated center.** During the entire event, Tournament Management reserves the right to perform random spot checks on equipment at any time to verify the equipment meets specifications and is on the bowler's Equipment Registration Form. If a bowling ball is found to be not in compliance, the bowling ball will be removed from competition until it can be brought into compliance. After the first squad has begun, a new bowling ball purchased from one of the host centers' pro shops (provided the pro shop verifies that the new bowling ball meets USBC specifications) can be added if the limit of six has not been reached, or a bowling ball has been deemed unusable by Tournament Management. Each participant is allowed a maximum of three bowling balls in the settee area at a time, with only one ball on the rack during competition. Athletes are encouraged to have the weight, balance, and surface hardness checked prior to bowling in the championships.
6. Qualifying competition for each division shall consist of three 6-game blocks. Total pinfall for the 18 qualifying games will decide who will advance to the semifinals. The top 150 males and 78 females (and any ties for the last qualifying position) will advance to the semifinals. Total pinfall from qualifying will be carried over for the semifinal competition.

The Semifinalists will bowl two 6-game blocks to determine the top 16 males and 16 females. These finalists will bowl an additional sixteen games of matchplay competition to determine the top four males and four females that will become the 2011 USBC Junior Team USA™ members. Pinfall from the twelve games of semifinals and the 18 games of qualifying will be carried over into the finals.

7. Competitors shall be allowed ten minutes of practice on their starting lanes before each block of competition.
8. Competitors arriving late shall begin competition with the frame in progress. Frames missed or competitors not present to bowl when it is their turn will receive zero for that frame.
9. If a mechanical breakdown occurs during competition for 15 minutes or more, each participant involved will receive one ball of practice on each lane if they are moved to a new pair of lanes.
10. A tie for 16th place after semifinal competition and/or fourth position after finals competition will be broken by a one-game roll-off on a pair of lanes decided by the Tournament Director. Should a tie still exist, 9th and 10th frame roll-off(s) will be used until the tie is broken. Any other ties after finals competition will split the scholarship prize. All other ties that have no overall effect on the overall standings or finals competition placement will be designated as such (as a tie).

11. The next highest qualifier(s) will replace any bowler forced to withdraw during finals competition. The alternate must contact the Tournament Director prior to departing the bowling center. When the alternate enters the tournament, he/she must carry his/her own qualifying total into play. If an alternate enters after the finals competition has commenced, he/she will enter competition with the withdrawing bowler's score to that point less the difference in qualifying scores accumulated by the withdrawing bowler. The alternate will be allowed four practice shots on an open pair. If there are no open lanes, then he/she will be allowed four practice shots on the pair he/she will be starting on in competition.

Scholarship money for alternate and original finalist will be equally divided if the alternate enters the finals at any time, unless the reason for change is due to disqualification. Only bowlers that make the "original" 32 athletes to the finals competition will automatically be eligible for placement on USBC Junior Team USA™ if they finish in the top four. Any combination of bowlers will disqualify them from the opportunity to automatically make Junior Team USA based on placement (they still have the opportunity to be chosen by the NSC).

12. Any claims for scoring corrections must be made to the Tournament Director within one hour after the completion of the block in question. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director before the awards are given out.

13. **Competitors shall provide their own bowling shirt with a "butterfly" collar or mock collar. Mock collar must be a minimum of ¾ of one inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competition. Females may wear a sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished. Only full-length pants/slacks will be allowed for all males and females during all levels of competition (i.e. qualifying, semifinals, match play). No skirts, skorts, walking shorts, Capri pants, or culottes will be allowed. Shirts with sleeves cut off, torn, or ripped may not be worn.** All apparel worn by competitors shall be loose fitting and not made of denim, fleece or Lycra/spandex-like material. Jeans of any color, shorts, skirts, bib overalls, culottes, Capri pants, scooters, warm-up suits or clothes with elastic at the ankles are not allowed. No writing on, or defacing of the bowling shirt will be permitted at any time. No head covering or sunglasses can be worn while practicing or competing (hats, caps, or bandannas, etc.). **Headphones can only be used in the settee area and cannot be used while bowling.** The Tournament Manager must approve any/all exceptions prior to the event. The dress code will be relaxed for the Practice Sessions on July 10 and 11 of the Junior Gold, as well as the Survivor Tournament.

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14. Competitors are not allowed to use tobacco products during competition or related events or while in their bowling shirt. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a verbal warning. A second offense will result in disqualification from the tournament and related events. Consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or use of illegal drugs by any participant at any time will result in disqualification from the tournament and related events.
15. Advertisements on apparel or bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, or inappropriate language/gestures during tournament competition will not be allowed and may result in disqualification from the tournament.
16. Only competitors and tournament officials shall be allowed in the settee area.
17. Competitors who violate tournament rules and/or participate in conduct derogatory to USBC rules are subject to disqualification.
18. Scholarships will be awarded based on the number of paid entries received in each division (minimum 1:7) and on the position after the finals competition. The top 16 athletes will receive scholarships based on performance after the finals. A scholarship will also be awarded to the semifinalists who do not make the top 16 match play competition. One scholarship per person. All scholarships will be held in SMART #8571.
19. **The top four females and the top four males after the match play competition will become part of the 2011 USBC Junior Team USA™ members. An additional two females and two males will be chosen by the Nationals Selection Committee from athletes participating at the 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championships. Two additional females and two males will be added after the 2011 USBC Team USA Trials. An additional two females and two males will be chosen by the Nationals Selection Committee from athletes participating at the 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championships and 2011 USBC Team USA Trials to also belong to the 2011 USBC Junior Team USA™.**
20. The USBC Junior Gold Championships Tournament Youth Committee shall determine all matters not covered by these rules and regulations.