

Procedure for Selection of Members of Junior Team USA 2011

Qualification and Selection

USBC Junior Team USA 2011 will be comprised of ten males and ten females (must be U.S. Citizens). The composition of Junior Team USA 2011 will be chosen as follows:

- The top four male and top four female finishers after match play competition at the 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championships (to be held July 10-16, 2010 in Indianapolis, IN) will automatically qualify for Junior Team USA 2011.
- The National Selection Committee (“NSC”) will select two male and two female “At-Large Members” from match-play athletes at the 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championships (these four NSC athletes will be announced after the conclusion of the 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championships).
- The top two males and two females who bowl the 2011 USBC Team USA Trials held in December of 2010 that are 20 and under as of January 1st 2011 (provided they are not already on Junior Team USA 2011). These 4 athletes can be USBC Youth OR Adult members as long as they meet the age requirements.
- Two males and two females will be chosen by the NSC from a pool of athletes that were either match play finalists at the 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championships or are 20 and under as of January 1st, 2011 that competed at the 2011 USBC Team USA Trials in December 2010. Athletes selected from the Team Trials can be USBC Youth or Adult members as long as they meet the age requirement.

To be considered for an injury exemption from the 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championships, an athlete must submit a written request for exemption to the USBC office prior to July 1, 2010 (USBC, Attn: USBC Junior Gold Championships, 621 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011) or via fax to the tournament office of the 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championships prior to the end of the competition. An injury exemption from the 2011 USBC Team USA Trials must be submitted in writing to the USBC office prior to December 1, 2010 (USBC, Attn: USBC Team USA Trials, 621 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011) or via fax to the tournament office of the 2011 USBC Team USA Trials prior to the end of the competition. Any request for exemption must include performance history and any other relevant information from at least the past three years; which would be helpful to the NSC in evaluating the member in accordance with the selection standards listed below. The NSC and USBC reserve the right to verify that a member was in fact injured at the time of the Championships, including but not limited to requiring a doctor’s release. Canadian Tenpin Federation 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 Junior Team USA members. Only U.S. Citizens are eligible to be on Junior Team USA.

National Selection Committee

There will be one NSC, which will be responsible for selecting the four At-Large Male and four At-Large Female members of Junior Team USA 2011. The NSC is comprised of no more than five individuals, one of whom will be an athlete representative as defined by the USOC Bylaws. The President of USBC (Bowling’s National Governing Body) will oversee the appointment of these individuals.

Standards for Selection of At-Large Team Members

The NSC is charged with selecting those athletes who are most likely to create the strongest Junior Team USA 2011. The NSC shall have the latitude to consider any qualifications by which the NSC believes would be helpful in creating the strongest team.

In evaluating athletes for possible selection as At-Large members of Junior Team USA, it is anticipated that the NSC will consider at least the following criteria:

Performance: This includes all international competition, as well as any USBC and Collegiate Bowling certified tournament within the previous three years.

Physical Game: This includes, but is not limited to the many physical elements which comprise an athlete’s game, such as approach, arm swing, timing, release versatility (changing rotation and lay-down point) and speed control. It also includes, but is not limited to the ability to play different angles, convert spares, change equipment and adjust to varying lane conditions.

Mental Game: This includes a variety of subjective factors. Examples are: coachability, adaptability, practice regimen, ability to stay focused, attitude, commitment, ability to perform under pressure and sportsmanship.

Team Play: This includes, but is not limited to, the intangible but crucial ability to be a positive factor in building rapport, confidence and a winning attitude among team members and coaches.

Timing of Selection

The NSC shall meet at the 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championships and 2011 USBC Team USA Trials. Two males and two females will be announced as soon as possible after the completion of the 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championships. The remaining two males and two females will be announced as soon as possible after the completion of the 2011 USBC Team USA Trials (taking into account match play athletes from the 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championships and age eligible USBC members from the 2011 USBC Team USA Trials).

Replacement of Junior Team USA Members

If, during the following calendar year, a bowler either resigns or is removed from Junior Team USA 2011 for any reason, a replacement Junior Team Member shall be named as follows: For a bowler who qualified for the 2011 Junior Team USA by finishing in the top four at the 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championships, the next highest eligible (at the time of replacement) finisher at the National Finals who is not already on the Junior Team shall be named as a replacement. For a bowler who was selected to the Junior Team by the NSC, the NSC shall confer at the time of replacement and name a new At-Large Member from the pool of athletes who were eligible for such selection at the Championships. (Only U.S. Citizens will be eligible as a replacement.) **If there is no official team or individual event (unofficial events, i.e. but not limited to the USBC Junior Gold Championships or USBC Team USA Trials) scheduled for the remainder of the year, no replacement shall be named. Junior Team USA 2011 members may obtain/move up to the USBC adult membership during their term on Junior Team USA and still maintain their spot on Junior Team USA 2011. However, they would be ineligible to bowl in the 2011 USBC Junior Gold Championships.**

NOTE

The coaches will select the actual team members for each competition that the 2011 USBC Junior Team USA will be participating in. The final standings at the 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championships or how an athlete became a USBC Junior Team USA member will have no bearing as to the make-up of the team at each competition. All 2011 USBC Junior Team USA members will be placed into a pool. The coaches will select out of the pool the necessary team members that will most likely create the strongest team for that event to represent the United States.

If any changes to these rules are made, all national finalists will be notified prior to competition in Indiana. In addition, the changes will be posted on bowl.com.

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