

# NORTH POINTE JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

## JUNIOR TEAM USA FORMAT AND SELECTION CRITERIA

### USBC JUNIOR TEAM USA SELECTION

#### Qualification and Selection

Junior Team USA 2013 will be comprised of 10 male and 10 female members, and must be an eligible U.S. citizens. Junior Team USA 2013 will be determined as follows:

- The top two male and top two female bowlers in the U20 divisions at the conclusion of qualifying of the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships to be held July 14-20, 2012 in Indianapolis will automatically qualify for Junior Team USA 2013.
- The top two male and top two female finalists in the double-elimination match-play bracket of the U20 divisions will automatically qualify for Junior Team USA 2013.
- If one or both of the two finalists from the double-elimination match-play bracket already were one of the top two in qualifying, that spot(s) will become another “at-large” member selection from the top 16.
- The National Selection Committee (NSC) will select two male and two female “at-large” members from the top 16 double-elimination match-play athletes at the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. These four NSC athletes will be announced as soon as possible following the conclusion

of the 2012 USBC Junior Gold Championships and may include U15 division.

- The top two males and top two females who are 20 or younger as of January 1, 2013, who bowl the 2013 USBC Team USA Trials (in Las Vegas, Nevada) will automatically qualify for Junior Team USA 2013, provided they are not already on Junior Team USA 2013. These four 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 who were match-play finalists at the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships or who competed at the 2013 USBC Team USA Trials and are 20 or younger as of January 1, 2013. Athletes selected from the Team Trials can be USBC Youth or Adult members as long as they meet the age requirements.

#### Injury Exemptions

To be considered for an injury exemption from the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, an athlete must submit a written request for exemption to the USBC national office prior to July 1, 2012, or via fax to the tournament office of the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold

Championships prior to the end of the competition. An injury exemption from the 2013 USBC Team USA Trials must be submitted in writing to the USBC office one month prior to the start of the 2013 Team Trials. Any request for exemption must include performance history and any other relevant information from at least the past three years that 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 national 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 members; they can 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 National Selection Committee, which will be responsible for selecting the four at-large male and four at-large female members of Junior Team USA 2013. The NSC is comprised of no more than five individuals, one of whom will be an athlete representative as defined by USOC Bylaws. The president of USBC (bowling’s national governing body) will oversee the appointment of these individuals.

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### USBC JUNIOR TEAM USA SELECTION (CONTINUED)

#### Standards for Selection of At-Large Team Members

The National Selection Committee is charged with selecting those athletes who are most likely to create the strongest Junior Team USA. The NSC shall have the latitude to consider any qualifications which 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 the NSC will consider at least the following criteria:

**Performance:** This includes all international competition, as well as any USBC, collegiate or USBC Team USA bowling 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 including ability to be coached, 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 National Selection Committee shall meet at the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships and 2013 USBC Team USA Trials. Two male and two female selections will be announced as soon as possible after the completion of the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. The remaining two male and two female selections will be announced as soon as possible after the completion of the 2013 USBC Team USA Trials (taking into account match-play athletes from the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships and age-eligible USBC members from the 2013 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 for any reason, a replacement Junior Team Member shall be named as follows: For a bowler who qualified for Junior Team USA at the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, the next highest eligible (at the time of replacement) finisher at the national finals from the final qualifying round, who is not already on Junior Team USA, shall be named as a replacement. For a bowler who was selected to Junior Team USA by the National Selection Committee, 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 2012 members may obtain/move up to USBC Adult membership during their term on Junior Team USA and still maintain their spot on Junior Team USA 2012. However, they would be ineligible to bowl in the 2013 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.

#### Note:

Junior Team USA coaches will select the Junior Team USA members who will participate in each event in which Junior Team USA 2013 will compete. The final standings at the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, or how an athlete became a Junior Team USA member, will have no bearing on the makeup of the team at each competition. All 2013 Junior Team USA members will be placed into a pool and coaches will select the athletes who most likely will create the strongest team to represent the United States for that event.

If any changes to these rules are made, all national finalists will be notified prior to competition at the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. In addition, the changes will be posted on the USBC website, BOWL.com.

