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**Subject:** USBC e-News: Junior Gold changes



### Changes to Junior Gold

Some very important changes to the Junior Gold program were announced earlier this week. The key changes include:

- USBC Junior Gold membership no longer will have a minimum average requirement.
- The USBC Junior Gold Championships and the North Pointe High School Championships have been combined to create the \$250,000 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships presented by Brunswick.
- The North Pointe Junior Gold Championships will have two age divisions – 20 and under, 15 and under – for both boys and girls.

The North Pointe Junior Gold Championships will continue to be open to youth bowlers who qualify throughout the season at regional Junior Gold events around country and will feature automatic bids to Junior Team USA as part of the competition. The event will be held in Indianapolis in July 2012, in conjunction with the USBC Youth Open.

For more information on the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, click [here](#). Anyone that has any questions is encouraged to email [USBCJuniorGold@bowl.com](mailto:USBCJuniorGold@bowl.com).

### Deadlines approaching for numerous USBC programs

The deadline to submit applications for positions on the USBC Board of Directors and Youth Committee is Sept. 1, 2011.

For the 2012 election, the Nominating Committee will slate up to two candidates for each open position on the board. There will be four positions open for election in 2012; candidates may also run from the floor. The USBC Youth Committee assists in promoting and governing youth components of the organization.

Applications for download are at the bottom of the home page of BOWL.com or you can click [here](#) for the forms.

The deadline for any member to submit a proposed amendment to the USBC National Bylaws is also approaching. Amendments must be submitted in writing and received by USBC Headquarters on or before September 1.

Any member wishing to submit a bowler for consideration for the USBC Hall of Fame must do so before August 31, 2011 to be considered for the next USBC Hall of Fame induction. Hall of Fame nomination forms can be found on BOWL.com/hof, or by clicking [here](#).

### Form 990 and tax filings with the IRS

Tax-exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less (\$25,000 for tax years ending after December 31, 2007 and before December 31, 2010) are required to electronically submit Form 990-N, also known as the *e-Postcard*, unless they choose to file a complete Form 990 or Form 990-EZ instead. Some form of

990 is required to be filed by all tax-exempt organizations by the 15th day of the fifth month following the end of their fiscal year. For local and state associations, this form is due by December 15.

The e-postcard is an electronic form on the IRS website used to verify that tax-exempt organizations are still active and have gross receipts normally under \$50,000. To file, associations should have created a login ID and password when filing a previous year.

Should any association official not know their login ID or password, the e-postcard webpage allows you to request that information.

To file the e-postcard, please click [here](#).

## Take advantage of the upcoming WinLABS and USA Bowling webinars

### Intro to WinLABS Webinars

This introductory web class was created for new, inexperienced WinLABS users and/or those needing a refresher. The focus is on how the program can be used to complete the business process from the start of a season through the end of a season.

Specific topics include: updating association information, preparing for a bowling year, certifying leagues and members, processing achievements and awards, producing yearbooks, transmitting to USBC and preparing for summer leagues.

The schedule for the webinars (all times Eastern):

- \* Monday, Aug. 29 at 8 p.m.
- \* Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 8 p.m.
- \* Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 8 p.m.
- \* Thursday, Sept. 1 at 9 p.m.
- \* Friday, Sept. 2 at noon

To register, please send an email with your name, association name and number, email address, phone number and the webinar in which you would like to participate to [labshelp@bowl.com](mailto:labshelp@bowl.com). Classes are limited to 25 participants, so please register early. Registration ends 24 hours before the webinar is conducted. After registering, we will send you sign-on instructions.

### USA Bowling Webinars

Interested in starting a USA Bowling league but need some help? For those looking for information on how to start a league, or for those who just want to learn more about the program, please join us for an exciting Webinar designed to explain the program and assist those interested in starting a league.

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- \* Thursday, Sep. 1 at noon

To register, please send an email with your name, email address, phone number and the webinar in which you would like to participate to [george.lambert@bowl.com](mailto:george.lambert@bowl.com). Classes are limited to 25 participants, so please register early. Registration ends 24 hours before the webinar is conducted. About a day before the Webinar you are scheduled for, we will send you sign-on instructions.

## Membership activation

Beginning in September, membership cards that are mailed to all USBC members will include an insert as well as a brief description on their membership letter requesting the members to go to a section of BOWL.com and "activate" their membership.

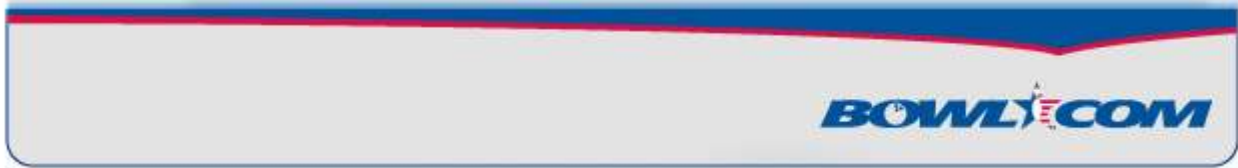
USBC is trying to get the most updated and accurate member information available, so please encourage your members to "activate" their membership when they receive their card. In return, each member that goes to BOWL.com and activates their membership will receive a 20% off coupon to the USBCSportStore.com.

## eNews Question of the Week

This week's eNews question: What is the name of the new program designed to keep first-year bowlers as USBC members? Email your answer to [mike.donahue@bowl.com](mailto:mike.donahue@bowl.com) with just the answer in the subject line. One entry, per person per week, please.



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