



# **JUST THE FACTS** Part 1

- ⊕ **\$4 NATIONAL EXPENSE FEE:** This fee **WILL NOT** be charged for the 2008-09 season.
- ⊕ **WATCH THE CALENDAR TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON TIME:** It is extremely important to make sure USBC receives your reports and money in a timely matter. When you are sending in your reports, if you are sending in an awards listing, you do not have to rewrite the information on the awards portion of the form. Simply attach the information that you already produce for coaches/parents with the athletes' names and handwrite the award/amount next to it. You would then only have to fill out the receipts and disbursements manually.

## ***DATES TO REMEMBER:***

- ⊕ September 15, 2008 – USBC **MUST** have your State Level Rules and Director/Scholarship Form.
- ⊕ March 1, 2009 – All forms for next year (2009 – 2010 season) **MUST** be returned!! This means the director for next year, insurance information, and how you would like your league supply shipment mailed to you.
- ⊕ **Within 15 days after your event, please mail, fax, or email your Junior Gold Advancer report!!**
- ⊕ June 1, 2009 – All athletes advancing to Junior Gold must have their paperwork returned to USBC.
- ⊕ July 11-17, 2008 – USBC Junior Gold Championships – Indianapolis, IN
- ⊕ July 15-25, 2008 – USBC Youth Open Championships – Indianapolis, IN (unless extended)

⊕ **I JUST MADE A CHANGE... NOW WHAT?** If you have make changes to your rules, centers, etc. after all of your information has gone out, do your best to let the bowlers and parents know ahead of time. Also, make sure that you post a sign during the tournament and make sure that change is part of your announcements. As long as you have told the bowlers there has been a change and you have let USBC know, if there are any protests, we will all be informed and be able to handle the problem/issue accordingly. If an athlete does not agree with the change, they must be granted a refund and “dropped” from the tournament.

⊕ **SNOW STORM CANCELLATION:** If you hear in the news that there will be severe weather in your area, you have the right to cancel a squad or two and reschedule those squads before the tournament has started. Please follow these steps:

- ⊕ Determine if your weather is bad enough to require cancellation.
- ⊕ Contact all of the necessary directors and/or centers and determine if the centers have additional time available for squads. If this is the case, try to set up an additional squad time.
- ⊕ If there is an additional time to schedule for the event, reschedule and make all of the directors, centers, and counter staff, etc. aware of this new squad.
- ⊕ At the first squad of the tournament, post the time and date of the additional squad as well as make an announcement of the new squad time.
- ⊕ Contact either Gary Schmit or April Ellis at USBC regarding the change in squad times and for which portion of the tournament (sectional - which section number, state - which state and center).

# **JUST THE FACTS** Part 2

- ✿ **CHECK YOUR ATHLETE'S DATE OF BIRTH:** Make sure they are in their correct division. Remember that bowlers with an entering average of 211 or better **MUST** bowl in the scratch division! Also, double check that the age they wrote down is as of August 1, 2008.
- ✿ **SPORT BOWLING AVERAGES:** If your bowler has a USBC Sport Bowling average as their only average, make sure that you have them note that on the entry form and adjust their average based on the USBC Sport Bowling Average Adjustment chart found in the 2008-2009 USBC Playing Rules Book.
- ✿ **JUNIOR GOLD ADVANCERS. Please share the following information with the advancers to the USBC Junior Gold Championships:**
  - ✿ Scratch Division Champions and the runners-up will bowl at the USBC Junior Gold Championships. Scratch advancers must be a 165 average for girls and a 175 average for boys (after 21 games) and must pay their \$30 membership fee (good for one calendar year from the date of purchase). They will bowl a minimum of 18 games during the Junior Gold event. They will also compete for the additional scholarships awarded at the USBC Junior Gold Championships and have the opportunity to be on USBC Junior Team USA 2010!!! Also, they must remain in Indianapolis, IN for seven days.
  - ✿ Please know that the athletes must be chaperoned by a parent or guardian, USBC does not provide chaperones or transportation to/from the hotel/bowling center.
  - ✿ **KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR ATHLETES:** Make sure that once your athletes know they are advancing to the USBC Junior Gold Championships, they fulfill the Junior Gold membership requirements and complete any required paperwork or must let you know if they are not attending.
  - ✿ **TIE BREAKERS:** It is very important to understand when ties must be broken and when you are able to advance both bowlers if a tie exists. For example, if you do not have a maximum number of bowlers at the next level, then advancing your tie for last place, is acceptable. Otherwise, if there is a maximum, then determine what type of tie breaker is required (normally a one game roll-off with handicap if applicable). Another example is if you have a tie for second, but the top five advance, a tie breaker is not required since all of the bowlers will go. If your tie is for advancing to the national finals, please make sure a tie breaker has occurred. If a bowler is unable to advance, we take the next bowler in line. If a tie exists, we do not want them to have a tie-breaker down the road.
  - ✿ **APPROVED BOWLING BALLS:** Make sure you and your athletes understand where to look to make sure their equipment is acceptable per USBC standards. (See new Rule 301b) Please check on [bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com), click on the "Specs/Certification" link under Departments. This is the source USBC provides to make sure bowling balls are legal. Also, please enforce the fact that bowling ball surfaces may only be altered prior to the first person on the squad throwing a ball. This means ALL equipment.
  - ✿ **ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING:** We understand that running the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships can be stressful, but remember that we are all doing this to help our youth bowlers receive scholarship money to further their education. Try to make your forms/confirmation letters as informative as possible to eliminate numerous questions from parents and coaches.