January 3, 2025
TEAM USA SET TO BEGIN 18 DAYS OF COMPETITION AT 2025 IBF WORLD CUP AND PARA BOWLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG

ARLINGTON, Texas – Roughly three months after they were chosen by the National Selection Committee, 14 outstanding athletes are set to represent the United States on the lanes as competition begins at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Cup and Para Bowling World Championships, which will be contested from Jan. 5-14 and Jan. 17-24, respectively, at Top Bowl, Kai Tak Sports Park, in Kowloon, Hong Kong, China.

Team USA's World Cup rosters will feature Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio; Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and Lauren Russo of Ballwin, Missouri, on the women's side and Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas; Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois; Matthew Russo of Ballwin, Missouri, and Christopher Via of Blacklick, Ohio, for the men.

The 2025 IBF World Cup will kick off 18 days of bowling action in Hong Kong as athletes from 28 federations vie for medals in both individual and team competition.

The event's practice sessions will take place on Sunday and Monday before tournament play officially begins with four straight days of singles action in both the men's and women's divisions from Jan. 7-10.

After the individual medals have been awarded, focus will shift to team competition, which will run each day from Jan. 11-14.

The Team USA men will be looking to successfully defend their title and bring home the Men's Team gold medal in Hong Kong just as they did during the 2022 IBF World Cup in Queensland, Australia.

The American women, meanwhile, will be hoping to work their way back onto the podium after finishing fourth as a team in 2022.

Two members of the Team USA contingent also will have the opportunity to medal in singles for the second straight World Cup as Coté will head to Hong Kong as the reigning Women's Singles gold medalist while Prather was the last bowler to collect the Men's Singles bronze.

Both players would certainly love to return to the podium in China, but, win or lose, they are just happy for the opportunity to don the red, white and blue on the world stage yet again.

"To be able to represent Team USA at the World Cup is a dream come true…again," Coté said. "This is the highest level of competition Team USA is a part of, so to be one of the athletes fortunate enough to represent and compete is truly an honor."

Prather's sentiments were largely the same.

“I am incredibly excited and proud to be representing Team USA in the World Cup,” Prather said. “I am also kind of nervous, but I think that’s more of going somewhere new for the first time.”

Thankfully for Prather, while Hong Kong will be a new destination, he’ll have no shortage of familiar faces to look upon while competing there.

“Competing with Chris (Via), Packy (Hanrahan) and Matt (Russo) is going to be incredibly easy because I’ve roomed with all of them on tour at one point or another,” Prather said. “We already know how to communicate with each other and have that trust among each other, which is vital.”

Another thing the male quartet already has is a unique plan for how they’ll celebrate if they manage to finish atop the podium yet again.

“We will be eating a chocolate-covered bug if we win Men’s Team gold,” Prather said.

Coté didn’t divulge whether or not the Team USA ladies had similar plans in place should they secure the top spot in Hong Kong; nevertheless, the veteran international competitor is confident the squad has more than enough talent to do just that.

“This group of ladies is very different from the squad in 2022,” Coté said. “Not only do we have age gaps, but we also have players competing on the world stage for the first time as members of the adult team.

“Regardless of those differences, we all have the same goal in mind, and that’s to win the Women’s Team gold. If we stick to our plan, communicate, be there for one another and just have fun while competing, I think we’ll do just fine.”

But no matter how the standings shake out, Coté is confident she’ll enjoy the experience simply because of who she gets to share it with.

“I’m super excited because I get to compete alongside one of my closest friends in Lauren Russo, my childhood idol and big sister growing up in Shannon Pluhowsky and the future of this team in Jillian Martin.”

Once the final balls have been thrown at the World Cup on Jan. 14, there will be a two-day break in the action before competition resumes at Top Bowl with athletes from 12 federations battling for medals at the 2025 Para Bowling World Championships.

Debra Freed of Framingham, Massachusetts; George Holscher of Chesapeake, Virginia; Eddy Hutchens of Franktown, Colorado; Gina Jenkins of Bedford, Texas; David Nelson, Jr. of Gretna, Nebraska, and Emma “Toodie” Perry of Bakersfield, California, will be Para Team USA’s squad in Hong Kong.

Competition will take place across seven different classifications at the Para Bowling World Championships with Para Team USA athletes participating in the TPB8 and TPB9 events.

Bowlers from all classifications will have their official practice sessions on Jan. 17 with competition in the TPB1, TPB2, TPB3 and TPB4 events following from Jan. 18-22.

The six American athletes will hit the lanes on Jan. 23 and Jan. 24 when the TPB8 and TPB9 events are held.

Freed, Hutchens and Perry will hope to find the same level of success in Hong Kong as they enjoyed during the 2021 Para Bowling World Championships in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, during which they helped Para Team USA secure 14 medals.

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JABLONSKI AND BRANDOLINO LEAD DAY 2 OF TEAM USA TRIALS

RENO, Nev. – In a high-scoring Day 2 at Team USA Trials in Reno, Nevada, two youth bowlers led the way on the 36-foot oil pattern that saw the first 300 thrown for this year's event at the National Bowling Stadium.

On the men's side, Dylan Jablonski of Canton, Michigan, averaged over 242 to lead the way and achieved perfection in Game 5, ending the day with a six-game total of 1,454. Through 12 games bowled so far, Jablonski has yet to have a game under 200 in his debut Team USA Trials appearance.

He has taken full advantage of what the first two days of competition have given.

"After the practice session (on Thursday), I realized Day 1 and 2 were definitely going to be my best days," said Jablonski. "If I only wanted just a few (ranking) points, this was my time to do so."

Just behind Jablonski in the day's standings was Robert Vater of Iola, Wisconsin, with 1,427 and Ryan Speer of Beech Grove, Indiana, at 1,413. Carter Wescott of Green Bay, Wisconsin (1,380), and Riley Speer of Beech Grove, Indiana (1,378), rounded out Saturday's top five. Defending Team USA Trials champion Darren Tang of Las Vegas placed 41st on the with 1,301, while defending U.S. Amateur champion Julian Salinas of Richmond, Texas, was 27th with 1,322.

The 19-year-old Jablonski has only been bowling seriously since his sophomore year of high school, but has rapidly improved in a short time and has the mindset of a veteran heading into the rest of the event.

"It feels really good to have this experience," he explained. "But I got to keep my foot on the pedal and not let up and keep going. Just go one shot at a time."

In the overall standings, Vater and Jablonski are first and second, respectively, with six and seven ranking points. In third is Ryan Barnes of Denton, Texas (17 points), fourth is Nick Dudeck of Manhattan, Illinois (21), and fifth is C.J. Petrin from Edmond, Oklahoma (25). Tang is eighth with 43 points and Salinas has 52 points, good for 13th place through two rounds.

Earlier in the morning, Gianna Brandolino of Channahon, Illinois, also averaged over 242 for her six games, knocking down a total of 1,455 to lead a block at Team USA Trials for the second straight year.

Brandolino had little issue on the day's 36-foot oil pattern, starting the day with 245, 277 and 266 for 788, before cooling off slightly with 195 and coming right back with 256 and 216.

"I knew that there were going to be a lot of strikes today and I had to just stay patient," said Brandolino. "Today was either going to be a super high day or I'd be getting a lot of nine counts day, luckily it was a super high day."

Second place for the day was Brooke Roberts of Port Orange, Florida, at 1,386, followed closely by Sydney Brummett of Lake Wales, Florida, with 1,383. Hope Gramly of Griffith, Indiana (1,376), and Cassidy Courey of Cedar Rapids, Iowa (1,366), rounded out the top five. Gramly ended her day with a 290 for the women's high score of the day.

Brandolino, a two-time member of Junior Team USA and 2023 U18 Girls champion at the Junior Gold Championships, isn't resting on her laurels after today, however.

"Each day is a new day and the pins reset," said Brandolino. "Tomorrow I'll start out like I did today and use the practice session to my advantage."

Brandolino also holds the top spot in the overall standings with seven points, while Day 1 leader Katelyn Abigania of San Diego is right behind at eight points. Maranda Pattison of Redwood Valley, California (13 points); Crystal Elliott of Palm Bay, Florida (22); and Anna Warkel of Cedar Rapids, Iowa (28), close out the top five in the overall standings.

In the U.S. Amateur division on the men's side, Vater, Jablonski and Dudeck hold the top three spots, while Brandolino, Abigania and Warkel currently hold the top three spots in the women's field. The top three in each U.S. Amateur division will bowl in the stepladder finals following Tuesday's final qualifying block.

Team USA Trials continues Sunday with the third qualifying block, with the women taking lanes at 11 a.m. Eastern followed by the men at 5 p.m. Eastern.

January 5, 2025
ELLIOTT, JORDAN LEAD THE WAY AT DAY 3 OF TEAM USA TRIALS

RENO, Nev. – Team USA Trials at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, is just over halfway done, but there is still plenty of time for those to make a run at representing the United States in international competition.

On the women's side, Crystal Elliott of Palm Bay, Florida, led Day 3 of Team USA Trials averaging a shade over 225 on the day's 45-foot oil pattern. Elliott used a consistent effort, shooting games of 232, 194, 234, 232, 218 and 242 to vault into the lead after the final game.

"I really just stayed focused on executing great shots," said Elliott. "Today was about being consistent and controlling the pocket to leave makeable spares, giving the opportunity to carry the pins, which I was ultimately able to do."

Eliana Occhino of Fulton, New York, placed second on the day with 1,329 and Danielle Henderson of Jacksonville, Alabama was third at 1,269. Chole Lemke of Nacogdoches, Texas (1,268), and Maia Struble of Anchorage, Alaska (1,283), close out the women's top five.

Elliott, who was the 2024 U.S. Amateur champion, is not eligible for amateur status after making the jump to the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour in May. She was named the 2024 PWBA Rookie of the Year after the season ended and was selected to go to the 2024 PANAM Bowling Adult, Senior and Super Senior Championships, held at the stadium, in August.

For her, making the team last year was a dream come true to represent the county and she has belief that she will make the team for the second straight year, especially after two top-2 finishes in three days of competition.

"It's an honor to wear U.S. on your back and being able to represent the country you love," Elliott said. "It'd be really cool to leave this venue with another Team USA jacket because it truly just means that you are one of the elite players."

Elliott is currently second in overall ranking points with 23, just behind Day 2 leader Gianna Brandolino of Channahon, Illinois, who has 18 points after an 11th-place finish on Sunday. Maranda Pattison of Redwood Valley, California, is third with 24 points and Lemke fourth with 42 points. Just outside the top four is Avery Domaguin of San Diego with 55 points.

Later in the afternoon on the men's side, the high scores kept coming, as Landin Jordin of Sycamore, Illinois,

led the men with a six-game total of 1,411. The Junior Team USA member had games of 259, 174, 252, 225, 258 and 243 as made a new personal high finish at Team USA Trials.

“This was my first time leading a block at this event, my previous high finish for a block was eighth place,” said Jordan, who ended in 33rd and 18th the first two days of this year’s event.

Not far behind Jordan in second was Connor Fleming of Fort Worth, Texas, who ended the day with 1,401. Defending Team USA Trials champion Darren Tang of Las Vegas was third on the day with 1,392. Braden Mallasch of Waupaca, Wisconsin, and C.J. Petrin of Edmond, Oklahoma, tied for fourth with 1,351.

Before the block began, Jordan felt pretty confident on how he would do on the 45-foot pattern, so much so he was willing to put a dinner on the line.

“I woke up this morning and felt pretty good…as my mom and I were coming up the escalator, I told her that if I lead the block, we going to Ruth’s Chris for dinner tonight.”

After his steak dinner, it’s going to be right back to work for Jordon on Monday afternoon, however.

“I just got to keep grinding,” Jordan explained. “Each day is a new day and I want to continue to stay around the top 10 or top 20 and hopefully put myself in a good spot for Day 5.”

Jordan’s performance today puts him in fifth place in the overall standings with 52 ranking points. Ryan Barnes of Denton, Texas, leads overall with 27 points, while Petrin is second with 29 points. Nickolas Freiberg of Sparks, Nevada, is third at 44 points with Tang close behind with 46 points.

Luke Switalski of Oak Forest, Illinois, ended his day on a high note, shooting the event’s second 300 game, joining Dylan Jablonski who had his perfect game on Saturday in Game 5.

Brandolino, Lemke and Domaguin hold the top three spots in the U.S. Amateur division on the women’s side, while Petrin, Jordan and Nick Dudeck of Manhattan, Illinois, are top three for the men.

Competition continues Monday with Day 4 of Team USA Trials, as the women head to the lanes first at 11 a.m. Eastern before the men bowl at 5 p.m. Eastern.

January 6, 2025
NEW SMART TV APPS ENHANCE BOWLTV EXPERIENCE

ARLINGTON, Texas – **BowlTV** subscribers can now enjoy an upgraded viewing experience with new Smart TV apps that allow them to stream the service directly on their televisions.

The BowlTV app is now available on major platforms, including Roku, tvOS (Apple TV), Android TV and Fire TV/Google TV, giving subscribers seamless access to live-streamed professional and amateur bowling events from the comfort of their homes. Availability on the Tizen (Samsung) platform is expected to come later.

As the exclusive livestreaming platform of the United States Bowling Congress, BowlTV offers unparalleled access to premier events in the sport, from the Professional Bowlers Association and Professional Women’s Bowling Association tours to USBC national events,

including the USBC Masters, U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open, PBA50 Tour events, PWBA regionals and youth competitions like USA Bowling and the Junior Gold Championships.

With the newly added Smart TV applications, BowlTV subscribers can now download the BowlTV app directly to compatible Smart TVs. The apps will work on any model of Smart TV using tvOS, FireTV, Android TV and Roku.

While direct support for LG Smart TVs is not yet available, subscribers can cast from their smartphones to LG screens for an uninterrupted viewing experience.

We're thrilled to bring BowlTV to so many new platforms and make it easier than ever for fans to watch live bowling on their preferred devices," said Dennis Hacker, President of the United States Bowling Congress. "With this expansion, we're able to reach a wider audience and connect fans with the excitement of bowling in a more accessible and convenient way."

Beyond Smart TVs, BowlTV can be enjoyed "on the go" by downloading the app on Google Play or the App Store for iOS and Android devices. The mobile app allows subscribers to cast to various platforms, search videos, receive live event notifications and access on-demand and archived tournament videos. For Amazon tablet users, the BowlTV app also is available in the Amazon store.

Throughout 2025, BowlTV will feature an exciting lineup of live events from across the country, which kicked off with the Team USA Trials on Jan. 3. Bowling fans can look forward to a front-row seat to the year's most thrilling tournaments, all accessible through the enhanced BowlTV platform.

January 6, 2025
HIGH SCORES HIGHLIGHT DAY 4 OF TEAM USA TRIALS AS JOHNSON, BOND LEAD

RENO, Nev – Only one day remains at Team USA Trials in Reno, Nevada, held at the National Bowling Stadium, to determine who will don the red, white and blue in international competition in 2025 after Monday's fourth day of competition.

The men's field saw plenty of high scores and totals, with none higher than AJ Johnson of Kenosha, Wisconsin, who led for a second time this week with a six-game total of 1,480 and had three games above 278 during his set. Four 300 games were also thrown Monday evening.

Andrew Anderson of Chesterfield, Michigan; Connor Breaman of Greer, South Carolina; Josh Hammons of Topeka, Kansas; and Josh Kennedy of Blaine, Minnesota, all achieved perfection during the fourth round of competition.

Behind Johnson in the daily standings was Brandon Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey, with 1,450 in second and Braden Mallasch of Waupaca, Wisconsin, who finished a pin behind Bohn with 1,449 for third. Anthony Hornick of Davidson, North Carolina (1,444), and Riley Speer of Beech Grove, Indiana (1,441), finished fourth

and fifth, respectively.

Kennedy, who is competing in fifth Team USA Trials and ended Day 4 in seventh, came close to a perfect game last year and was able to finish the job on Monday.

“Last year I had a 299 game on the first day,” said Kennedy. “I learned from my mistake last year and it hasn’t fully sunk in yet, I’m still processing everything.”

In his previous four outings, Kennedy’s high finish was in 2022 where he placed 47th out of 159 bowlers, and he explained the biggest improvement for himself throughout the years.

“I’ve learned that I’m more capable of doing more than I thought. My mental game has gotten a lot stronger since I first started, which has been one of my bigger issues in the sport.”

With one day remaining in Reno, Kennedy is in good position to have a new high finish as he sits in 21st overall and 12th in the U.S. Amateur division. Throughout this week, Kennedy has told himself to trust the process as he tries to make a run for a spot on the team.

“It’s not a sprint, it’s a marathon,” said Kennedy. “Obviously 30 games is a long week so it’s just one shot at a time, stay 100 percent committed to everything and trusting your instincts.”

In the overall standings, Ryan Barnes of Denton, Texas, holds the top spot with 52 ranking points after having a steady week to this point, with half of his points coming today with a 25th place finish. C.J. Petrin of Edmond, Oklahoma, is second with 95 points, while Jake Peters of Henderson, Nevada, and DeeRonn Booker of Albuquerque, New Mexico, are tied for third with 102 points. Brandon Bonta of Wichita, Kansas, and Christian Liquori of Merritt Island, Florida, are tied for fifth at 103 points.

Earlier Monday morning, Julia Bond of Lincoln, Nebraska, led the women’s field averaging over 239. Bond started the day strong with a 259 and stayed steady, firing games of 239, 245, 238, 219 and 237 for a six-game total of 1,435.

Bond, who competes on the Professional Women’s Bowling Association Tour, remained so consistent on the day’s 41-foot oil pattern by being able to use the same ball and make small adjustments as the block went on, letting herself stay comfortable in an event that hasn’t always gone her way.

“I don’t want to say I’ve struggled (in past Team Trials), but I feel like I’ve fallen a little bit short,” said Bond. “It’s nice to have a performance like this to put myself back up there.”

Second and third place on the day were Crystal Elliott of Palm Bay, Florida (1,384), and Arianna Araujo of Palos Park, Illinois (1,383). Annalise OBryant of Ball Ground, Georgia (1,364), and Katelyn Abigania of San Diego (1,350) rounded out Monday’s top five.

Bond credits what she has previously learned for her success on the lanes today after finishing in the 15-30 range the first three days of the event.

“It’s just the experience,” explained Bond. “I’ve been doing Team Trials for a while now and being patient with myself and knowing that I have to grind out what I can and let the scores shake out.”

Bond herself says that she has been a bowler who tends to bowl better towards the end of an event or a season, as shown this past year on the PWBA Tour.

“Somewhere during the season I have this epiphany where it’s like, ‘Dude, calm down. You’ve been here before and you know what to expect, you don’t need to do more that what you already are.’ I think seeing that at the end of the tour season kind of flipped a switch and keeping that mentality in the offseason up to this point, I feel like I’m still in that mindset.”

Bond has her focus already set for the final day of competition as she fights for an automatic spot.

“Each day is almost like a new tournament so I continue to learn each day, there’s still a lot of work to do tomorrow ,” said Bond.

In the overall standings, Elliott leads with 25 ranking points while Maranda Pattison of Redwood Valley, California, holds second place with 42 points. Gianna Brandolino of Channahon, Illinois (47 points), and Chloe Lemke of Nacogdoches, Texas (48 points), hold third and fourth place, with Bond and Avery Domaguin of San Diego in a tie for fifth at 72 points.

Competition for the fifth and final day of Team USA Trials starts at 8 a.m. Eastern when the women take the lanes before the men at 5 p.m. Eastern. After the men complete their squad, the top three men and top three women in the U.S. Amateur division advance to the stepladder finals to determine the U.S. Amateur champion. Following the end of Day 4, Petrin, Bonta and Liquori hold the top three spots in the men's field, while Brandolino, Lemke and Domaguin are top three on the women's side.

January 7, 2025
USBC UNVEILS UPDATED BOWL.COM MOBILE APP

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress is pleased to announce the release of an updated **BOWL.com** mobile application, bringing an array of new features designed to improve the user experience for USBC members.

The revamped app continues to allow for effortless access to your membership card, comprehensive stats and USBC resources (like the USBC rulebook), while new features include personalized news feeds and enhanced profile functionalities for members nationwide.

USBC's latest BOWL.com mobile app update introduces a range of features tailored to meet the evolving needs of bowling enthusiasts. Members are no longer required to log in with their Community credentials until they arrive at a gated feature (like Find-A-Member or sections with key membership profile information), making it easier than ever to stay connected.

The app now enables users to stay up to date with breaking stories and updates from USBC via personalized news feeds, allowing users to follow specific USBC News categories and customize their updates based on personal interests.

Additionally, the enhanced "Find-A" feature empowers users to search for bowling centers, associations, tournaments, coaches and volunteers directly within the app, along with the "Find-A-Member" functionality to look up fellow members with ease.

"The BOWL.com mobile app update is a reflection of our commitment to enhancing the bowling experience for USBC members," said USBC President Dennis Hacker. "By making it easier to access vital information, follow news relevant to each user, and improve connectivity across the bowling community, we're ensuring a seamless and engaging experience for all members."

The updated BOWL.com app also provides a comprehensive member profile, where users can view their leagues, averages, honor scores and membership card in one convenient location.

The new BOWL.com mobile app is available for download on Google Play and the App Store.

January 7, 2025

TEAM USA BOWLERS FARE WELL DURING OPENING DAY OF SINGLES QUALIFYING AT 2025 IBF WORLD CUP IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – Team USA sent six bowlers to the lanes during Tuesday's opening round of singles qualifying at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Cup, which is being contested at Top Bowl, Kai Tak Sports Park, in Kowloon, Hong Kong, China.

All six performed well enough to land in the top four in their respective groups and remain in prime position to advance with one more block of singles qualifying matches to go before the first cuts are made.

Lauren Russo of Ballwin, Missouri, authored the day's best record among the Team USA ladies, coming in with a 6-1 mark thanks to a seven-game total of 1,416 (a 202.3 average) that included four games of 200 or better (227, 223, 213 and 205).

That effort allowed Russo to finish Day 1 tied with Malaysia's Siti Safiyah for the lead in Women's Singles Group A1. Safiyah also authored a 6-1 record on Tuesday while notching a seven-game score of 1,520 (a 217.1 average).

Australia's Samantha Clifton went 6-1 and recorded a seven-game pinfall of 1,445 (a 206.4 average) to grab the first-round lead in Women's Singles Group B1, but four ladies finished right on her heels with matching Round 1 marks of 5-2.

That quartet included Team USA's Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona – the defending World Cup Women's Singles champion – who grinded her way to a 1,339 total (a 191.3 average) on Tuesday thanks to three games over the 200 mark (213, 204 and 202).

Twenty-four-year Team USA veteran Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, represented the red, white and blue proudly in Women's Singles Group C1 during Round 1, firing games of 223, 201, 194, 188, 215, 220 and 210 to come in with a 5-2 record and lead all American ladies on the day with a seven-game score of 1,451 (a 207.3 average).

That mark was enough to put Pluhowsky into a five-way tie for the group lead with Germany's Birgit Noreiks (5-2 – 1,502 – 214.6); Malaysia's Natasha Roslan (5-2 – 1,465 – 209.3); Singapore's Bernice Lim (5-2 – 1,432 – 204.6) and Sweden's Jenny Wegner (5-2 – 1,350 – 192.9).

Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio, authored the second-highest average of the day among Team USA women, yet she was forced to settle with the group's lowest Day 1 finish.

Martin was solid throughout the opening block, recording scores of 233, 230, 188, 178, 183, 195 and 210 for a seven-game total of 1,417 (a 202.4 average); nevertheless, that mark only led to a 4-3 record in the highly competitive Women's Singles Group D1, landing Martin in a tie for fourth place.

Sweden's Victoria Johansson led the pack with an opening-round record of 5-1-1 (1,488 – 212.6). Malaysia's Sin Li Jane, the 2024 Professional Women's Bowling Association Player of the Year and 2024 U.S. Women's Open champion, ended Tuesday's round in second place at 5-2 (1,457 – 208.1).

In men's action, only two of Team USA's four athletes competed on Tuesday with Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois, and Matthew Russo of Ballwin, Missouri, bowling their opening rounds while Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas, and Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, played the roll of spectator/supporter in advance of their first rounds of action on Wednesday.

Russo fired games of 213, 212, 178, 162, 279 and 238 en route to a 1,282 total (a 213.7 average), a 6-0 record and sole possession of first place atop Men's Singles Group C1.

Those marks not only gave Russo bragging rights over wife Lauren, whose Round 1 exploits were detailed above, but also over Prather.

However, that isn't to say that Prather performed poorly. On the contrary, he found plenty of success of his own on Tuesday.

Prather, the reigning World Cup Men's Singles bronze medalist, also ended the opening round in first place, using high games of 235, 233 and 207 to post a 5-1 record and an 1,190 total (a 198.3 average) to end Tuesday's action tied with Hong Kong's Wu Siu Hong atop the standings in Men's Singles Group A1.

Singles qualifying will continue on Wednesday and Thursday, after which the top eight bowlers in each women's group will advance to the quarterfinals as will the top four bowlers in each men's group.

The singles quarterfinals, semifinals and finals all will be contested on Friday with medal ceremonies to follow; thereafter, the focus will shift to team competition, which will run from Jan. 11-14.

January 7, 2025
TEAM USA ROSTERS DETERMINED AFTER WEEK OF COMPEITION AT TEAM TRIALS

RENO, Nev. – Rosters for Team USA and Junior Team USA in 2025 have been finalized after the completion of the United States Bowling Congress Team USA Trials and United States National Amateur Bowling Championships, which came to a close Tuesday night at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

C.J. Petrin of Edmond, Oklahoma, and Katelyn Abigania of San Diego came out as the latest U.S. Amateur champions, with Petrin defeating defending U.S. Amateur champion Julian Salinas of Richmond, Texas, and Abigania going 2-0 to claim the crown.

Crystal Elliott of Palm Bay, Florida, and Ryan Barnes of Denton, Texas, were the champions of the 2025 Team USA Trials competition after 30 games of competition over five days on five different oil patterns.

In addition to those mentioned above, six other competitors earned automatic spots on Team USA 2025 based on their performance this week in Reno.

Throughout the event, players earned ranking points based on where they finished after each day of competition. The leader each day received one point, second place earned two points and so on with the lowest number of points after the five six-game blocks determining the 2025 Team USA Trials men's and women's champion.

Elliott, the 2024 Professional Women's Bowling Association Rookie of the Year, became the first person to win Team Trials after winning U.S. Amateur the previous year.

"I'm still processing this," said Elliott. "It makes me a little emotional because that's something really cool I did. I wanted to come in one day and win Trials. Did I think it was going to be the year after I won U.S. Amateur? No, but it worked out like that and it's an honor."

Elliott finished the event with only 27 ranking points, the fifth fewest by a woman since 2016 and a 74-point improvement from 2024 when she had 101 points. She averaged 223.13 for the week with a low finish of 20th on Day 2 and placed first or second the other four days.

The other three automatic spots for Team USA on the women's side went to Chloe Lemke of Nachogdoches, Texas (61 ranking points), Gianna Brandolino of Channahon, Illinois (67), and Maranda Pattison of Redwood Valley, California (73).

For the men's side of the event, Ryan Barnes won his first Team USA Trials after finishing the week with 53 ranking points and averaging 229.6 over his 30 games of competition. He ended the week with a 299 game and embraced his father, USBC Hall of Famer Chris Barnes, afterwards.

"It really means a lot to me," said Ryan. "Right now I'm just kind of living in the moment, taking it all in. Hopefully I can continue to build on that and come back be a part of the team in the future."

Collecting the other three automatic spots for the men were Petrin (105 points), Salinas (114) and Connor Fleming of Fort Worth, Texas (125).

While some spots on Team USA and Junior Team USA were already locked after the last ball was thrown in Reno, the action was far from over as U.S. Amateur champions had to be crowned.

In the men's stepladder, Salinas and Fleming faced off in the semifinal match, with Salinas trying to be the first repeat U.S. Amateur men's champion. Connor Fleming, on the other hand, was looking to follow in his father's, Paul, footsteps as Paul won the U.S. Amateur event in 1991.

Through the first five frames, neither player was able to pull away until Salinas strung together a four-bagger later and

Connor was unsuccessful in matching him. Salinas prevailed, 221-202, to face Petrin.

Salinas and Petrin had a high-scoring title match, but Salinas made a ball change just a frame too late and Petrin took advantage of a few good breaks to take the home the U.S. Amateur trophy, 277-265.

Since Petrin earned an automatic spot on Team USA as the U.S. Amateur champion and was age-eligible, his Team Trials spot went to the next-highest finisher, which was Bryce Oliver of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Just two pairs over in the women's stepladder, Brandolino was looking for redemption in the stepladder after being runner-up in 2024, but had to take on Abigania first.

Similar to the men's semifinal match, neither Brandolino or Abigania could pull away until Abigania had a four-bagger of her own and Brandolino opened in the seventh, unable to recover from that. Abigania advanced with 238 against Brandolino's 191 to face Lemke.

In the title match, Lemke started with an early double, leaving Abigania behind through the first four frames. That's when Abigania came alive again, this time with five strikes in a row while Lemke opened twice late. The San Diego bowler shut the door in the final frame and came away as the U.S. Amateur champion with 236 to Lemke's 171.

In addition to the bowlers who earned automatic berths onto the roster of Team USA, two men and two women were awarded spots based on their rankings at Team USA Trials.

Landin Jordan of Sycamore, Illinois, and Darren Tang of Las Vegas will join the men's team, while Annalise OBryant of Ball Ground, Georgia, and Kirsten Moore of Tallmadge, Ohio, join the women's team.

One man and one woman were selected by the National Selection Committee based on their performances at the 2025 Team USA Trials.

Andrew Anderson of Chesterfield, Michigan, was selected to join the men's team and Hope Gramly of Coldwater, Michigan, joins the women's team.

The National Selection Committee also selected six men and six women to join Team USA 2025 based on submitted resumes.

The men's team resume selections included AJ Johnson of Kenosha, Wisconsin; Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas; Kris Prather of Romeoville, Illinois; Matthew Russo of O'Fallon, Missouri; Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio; and Jake Peters of Henderson, Nevada.

For the women, those picked based off of resumes were Julia Bond of Lincoln, Nebraska; Bryanna Cote of Marana, Arizona; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio; Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio; Lauren Russo of O'Fallon, Missouri; and Breanna Clemmer of Lebanon, Illinois.

To be eligible for the adult version of Team USA, bowlers must be at least 18 years old by the end of that year's Team USA Trials.

Those who weren't age-eligible for adult team consideration this time around spent the week trying to secure spots on Junior Team USA 2025 and finish as high up as possible in the U.S. Amateur standings.

Boys earning the automatic spots on Junior Team USA for 2025 were Fleming; Jordan; Josh Hammons of Topeka, Kansas; and Christian Liquori of Merritt Island, Florida.

Four additional boys were added to Junior Team USA based on rankings this week: Braden Mallasch of Waupaca, Wisconsin; Carter Street of Wichita, Kansas; Traeten Henrichsmeyer of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and Hayden Dale of Pinckney, Michigan.

Dylan Jablonski of Canton, Michigan, Anthony Hornick of Davidson, North Carolina, were chosen by the National Selection Committee to join Junior Team USA 2025 based on their performances at this week's Team USA Trials.

They join the four boys who qualified for Junior Team USA through the 2024 Junior Gold Championships in the U18 competition and the U22 Masters:

U18 – Ernesto Reynoso of Folsom, California, and Ethan Crouse of Lowville, New York.

U22 – Brandon Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey, and Connor Pula of Evergreen Park, Illinois

This year's automatic spots on the girls' team went to Brandolino, Abigania, OBryant, and Avery Domaguin of San Diego.

Ashtyn Woods of Wichita, Kansas; Abigail Starkey of Schaumburg, Illinois; Macy Jones of Shobonier, Illinois; and Mckenzie Mattice of Racine, Wisconsin were also selected for the girls' team based on their rankings at Team USA Trials.

Erin Klemencic of Powder Springs, Georgia, and Jillian Martin were selected by the National Selection Committee for Junior Team USA 2025.

They join the seven girls who qualified for Junior Team USA through the 2024 Junior Gold Championships in U18 competition and the U22 Queens:

U18 – Katelyn Stull of Raleigh, North Carolina; Karina Capron of Fremont, Nebraska; Sydney Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey; Eliana Occhino of Fulton, New York; and Melia Mitskavich of Du Bois, Pennsylvania.

U22 – Dannielle Henderson of Jacksonville, Alabama, and Morgan Brunner of Gobles, Michigan; Henderson.

Four boys and four girls from the U15 competition at the 2024 Junior Gold Championships also earned the right to be a part of the Team USA experience in 2025 as members of the Developmental Team.

That list of players includes Anna Antony, Farmington, Connecticut; Lindsay Greim, Poway, California; Trishna Desai, Nesconset, New York; Bella Castillo, Odessa, Texas; Ryan Campbell, Clinton, South Carolina; Zachary Mayne, Parma, Ohio; Kristofer Wagner, Deland, Florida; Elliott Gordon, Columbus, Ohio.

Bowlers age 20 or younger as of Jan. 1, 2025, were eligible for spots on Junior Team USA this week.

The 2025 Team USA trials featured a roster of 281 competitors where all bowled 30 games over five days (six games each day). Each day featured a different lane condition, ranging from 36-45 feet with different volumes of oil for the women and men.

BowlTV provided wire-to-wire coverage of the events, including the announcement of Team USA and Junior Team USA 2025.

January 8, 2025
PLUHOWSKY WINS ROLL-OFF, JOINS REST OF TEAM USA WOMEN IN SINGLES ROUND OF 32 AT 2025 IBF WORLD CUP IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, has faced her share of pressure-packed situations on the lanes. That's what comes with being a 25-time Team USA member and two-time major champion on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour.

The 42-year-old left-hander faced another on Wednesday when she was forced into a four-player roll-off to determine whether or not she would advance to the Women's Singles Round of 32 at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Cup, which is being contested at Top Bowl, Kai Tak Sports Park, in Kowloon, Hong Kong, China.

During her first six matches on Wednesday, Pluhowsky recorded a high game of 199 and an average of just under 183, but just as one would expect from a legend with more than 50 medals in international competition, the Team USA veteran dug deep and saved her best for when she needed it most, winning the roll-off with a score of 232 to punch her ticket to the next round.

Macao's Tong Hui fired a 222 to secure the second and final advancing spot out of the Women's Singles Group C roll-off. China's Yu Hong Zhang and Australia's Bec Whiting were left on the outside looking in after putting up scores of 213 and 188, respectively.

Once she was off the lanes, Pluhowsky was very straightforward when discussing her tumultuous path to the Round of 32.

“Yesterday, I bowled pretty well, and today I bowled not very well,” Pluhowsky said. “I missed too many spares today. When you leave multiple pins, they become a lot harder to make. Thankfully, I bowled better, physically, during that last game than I had the entire time, so I’m just going to try to build on that going forward.”

Thankfully for Pluhowsky, she won’t have to move forward alone as all three of her Team USA teammates advanced in Women’s Singles as well.

Lauren Russo of Ballwin, Missouri, recorded another strong performance on Wednesday, going 4-1-1 on the day and averaging just over 205 thanks to high games of 246, 232 and 214. That effort allowed Russo to finish with a two-day, 13-match record of 10-2-1 and an average of 203.7, which landed her in second place in Women’s Singles Group A.

Malaysia’s Siti Safiyah won the group with a record of 12-1.

Russo credited much of her qualifying-round success to a strong physical game and a bit of good fortune.

“A lot of it came down to shot execution, and I felt like I made a lot of really good shots during most of my matches,” Russo said. “Also, I didn’t get into much trouble; I nine-spared a lot, and I was pretty grateful for that.

“The transition was definitely different on Day 2 than Day 1, but I was able to figure it out pretty quickly.”

Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, has figured out that winning matches is the name of the game at the World Cup, so the defending Women’s Singles gold medalist did more of that during Round 2.

After coming in with a 5-2 mark during the opening round on Tuesday, Coté used four games over 200 (234, 222, 212 and 201) to come in with a 1,254 total (a 209 average) and a record of 5-1 on Wednesday.

That gave Coté a two-day record of 10-3, which tied her with Australian Samantha Clifton for the best mark in Women’s Singles Group B.

For Coté, Wednesday’s Round 2 success was heavily influenced by what she observed during Round 1.

“Honestly, today, I just took what I learned yesterday,” Coté said. “I stayed a little bit further right, played straighter and kept my angles more in front of me. I was pretty happy with the way that I bowled today because I was very consistent. Going forward, I just need to keep filling frames and hope the pins continue to fall our way.”

More than enough pins fell for Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio, on Wednesday, and that allowed the 20-year-old right-hander to join Coté, Russo and Pluhowsky in the Women’s Singles Round of 32.

Martin was very consistent during her six-match set in Round 2, keeping all of her games between 180 and 208 en route to a 4-2 record on the day.

That mark allowed Martin to end qualifying with a two-day record of 8-5, which was good enough for a tie with Australia’s Emily Hart for third place in Women’s Singles Group D.

Malaysia’s Sin Li Jane, the 2024 PWBA Player of the Year and defending U.S Women’s Open champion, finished atop Group D with a record of 11-2. Sweden’s Victoria Johansson was second at 8-3-2.

Martin is the youngest member of the Team USA contingent in Hong Kong, and this will mark her first time advancing to the Round of 32 in a world-level event as a member of the adult team.

Nevertheless, Martin isn’t just happy to be here; she is looking to continue bowling better and better with each passing round.

“I really want to build on what I’ve learned the last few days,” Martin said. “I’ve kind of had some struggles figuring things out, but I think we have a good game plan heading into it. Now, I’m looking to repeat shots, and I’m looking forward to getting into a part of the lane I’m more comfortable in.”

Martin and the rest of the Team USA ladies will have a day off to rest and prepare before the next round because with women's singles qualifying completed, Thursday's World Cup action will be solely dedicated to determining the Men's Singles Round of 32.

Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, and Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas, took their first steps toward advancing into that group as each man rolled his first six-match qualifying set on Wednesday.

Via authored the day's strongest performance among American men, using games of 225, 206, 206, 223, 245 and 211 to come in with an average of 219.3 and post a record of 5-1, which placed him into a tie with Costa Rica's Mateo Gordienko atop the Men's Singles Group B2 standings.

Hanrahan only broke 200 once (250) and mustered an average of 190.7 during Round 1; nevertheless, his 4-2 record left him in a tie with Malaysia's Ahmad Muaz for fourth place in Men's Singles Group D1. If Hanrahan can stay in fourth or better after the conclusion of the second round on Thursday, he'll advance to the Round of 32.

Ivan Malig of the Philippines, Australia's Jordan Dinham and Hong Kong's Keith Mark finished Round 1 tied for the Group D1 lead with matching records of 5-1.

Via and Hanrahan will be joined on the lanes on Thursday by teammates Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois, and Matt Russo of Ballwin, Missouri.

Prather, the reigning World Cup Men's Singles bronze medalist, went 5-1 during opening-round action on Tuesday and ended the day tied with Hong Kong's Wu Siu Hong atop the standings in Men's Singles Group A1.

Russo posted a 6-0 record during Round 1 and will enter Thursday's final six-match qualifying block in sole possession of first place atop Men's Singles Group C1.

Team USA Head Coach Bryan O'Keefe didn't know what to expect out of the World Cup's 47-foot oil pattern, so there was a bit of a learning curve during the first two days of competition; nevertheless, he's liked what he's seen out of his athletes and is optimistic about what the days to come have in store for Team USA.

"We knew we were bowling on a really long pattern, but we were a little bit unsure of how the lanes were going to play," O'Keefe said. "We're realizing pretty quickly that the scoring pace, for the most part, is going to be low, so controlling the pocket as best we can and making spares is going to be a top priority. We were fortunate enough to win some matches and have all the ladies move through, which was the first step. Now, from here, we just try to control what we can control and hope that it's enough."

Singles qualifying will wrap up with Round 2 in the men's competition on Thursday, after which the top four bowlers in each men's group will advance to the Round of 32.

The singles quarterfinals, semifinals and finals for both men and women will be contested on Friday with medal ceremonies to follow; thereafter, the focus will shift to team competition, which will run from Jan. 11-14.

January 9, 2025
TEAM USA MEN ADVANCE FOUR BOWLERS INTO SINGLES ROUND OF 32 AT 2025 IBF WORLD CUP IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – The Team USA men successfully advanced all four of their competing athletes into the Men's Singles Round of 32 at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Cup on Thursday, matching the feat that was pulled off by their female teammates just one day before.

Matt Russo of Ballwin, Missouri, once again led the way for the American men at Top Bowl (Kai Tak Sports Park, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China), recording games of 219, 217, 188, 195, 240, 234 and 204 en route to a 6-1 Round 2 record and an average of 213.9 for the day.

Those numbers gave Russo a two-day, 13-match record of 12-1 – the best mark in the men's field – and allowed him to finish qualifying in first place in Men's Singles Group C1. No other player in that group finished with more than nine match victories.

When asked to identify some of the keys to Thursday's success, Russo was quick to share the credit.

"The first key was listening to Bryan (Team USA Head Coach Bryan O'Keefe)," Russo said. "We went back and forth with some bowling balls and some different parts of the lane, but trusting him and what he's seeing along with what I'm feeling ultimately led to a really good block."

When it comes to authoring good blocks, Russo is currently two for two at the 2025 World Cup, and he's hoping that trend continues during Friday's final day of singles competition at this year's tournament.

"Being that this is my first time at the World Cup and at an IBF tournament like this, I'm really excited to be in the Round of 32," Russo said. "I'm hoping that we get a good draw so that all four Team USA guys are on different sides of the bracket, but my ball reaction is really good and I'm confident that I can go a long way regardless."

Even though Russo authored the best Team USA match-play record during Round 2, it was Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois, whose ball reaction led to the best overall American score on Thursday (1,522).

Prather, the defending World Cup Men's Singles bronze medalist, was steady from start to finish during his second block, posting scores of 226, 187, 194, 203, 258, 245 and 209 to come in with a 5-1-1 record and a 217.4 average for the day.

That moved the 33-year-old right-hander's overall average to 208.6 and allowed him to finish qualifying with a record of 10-2-1, which was enough to secure first place in Men's Singles Group A1.

Despite having won five matches during each of his two qualifying blocks, Prather felt like he was on steadier ground during Thursday's set than he was during Round 1 two days before.

"Today, in comparison to Day No. 1, even though I won the same number of matches, I felt like I was in control of the lane a lot more today, like I had a little bit better idea," Prather said. "Going forward, a lot is going to depend on who I bowl. My strategy for each match and what balls I'll use will probably depend on whether I'm bowling a right-hander or a left-hander, but what will play to my advantage will be if I can make it a shot-repeating contest as opposed to just a striking contest."

Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, did more striking than any of the American men during Round 1, leading the quartet with an opening-round average of 219.3 during his first block on Wednesday.

That pace slowed during Thursday's final qualifying round as Via averaged just under 200 (198.4) on games of 175, 210, 211, 203, 165, 197 and 228; nevertheless, the 2021 U.S. Open champion still managed to grind out a record of 4-3 on the day, which not only was enough get him into the Round of 32, but also allowed him to finish tied with Peru's Kenny Kishimoto and Costa Rica's Mateo Gordienko for first place in Group B2.

Although he came in with a lower score on Thursday than he had the day before, Via saw value in his Round 2 performance and thinks that the knowledge he gained from it may pay dividends in the days to come.

"The lanes definitely were quite a bit different today, but that's not a bad thing because now I've seen a couple different ways that the lanes may start or transition," Via said. "Having that information moving forward is important because it's something all of us can use.

"My execution wasn't quite as good today, but I was able to hone in and make some really good shots when I needed to, which put me through to the next round. All things considered, we'll take it as a win."

Coming through when the pressure is at its highest is often the difference between moving on or becoming a spectator, and come through is exactly what Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas, did during Thursday's final block to ensure he'd be joining Russo, Prather and Via in the Round of 32.

Hanrahan's day got off to a rocky start as he came out with scores of 192, 170, 207 and 188, which led to a 2-2 record and quickly moved him outside of advancing position in the Group D2 standings.

But rather than giving in and accepting his fate, that's when the 29-year-old two-handed lefty summoned his best bowling of the day, responding with games of 246, 237 and 212 to win his final three matches.

Those victories gave Hanrahan a two-day, 13-match mark of 9-4, which was good enough for third place in the group standings and a spot alongside his Team USA teammates in the Men's Singles Round of 32.

Like Russo, Hanrahan didn't want to take credit; instead, he attributed Thursday's late-round turnaround to quality coaching.

"My look was pretty rough early on, but I got a bunch of help from a bunch of smart people behind me with the coaches and some of the players," Hanrahan said. "Bryan (O'Keefe) suggested moving way left and playing a much straighter angle, almost like Shannon Pluhowsky played them a couple days ago. That worked for the last few games, I got a few more breaks and the lanes just made a lot more sense.

"Now that we're moving to the bracket and we get a little more practice on our pairs, I'll probably have the same overall strategy as what I switched to later on today. There probably won't be anything too different other than maybe trying to help myself out a little more during practice."

As Hanrahan, Russo, Prather and Via attempt to push Team USA onto the podium on the men's side, teammates Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio; Lauren Russo of Ballwin, Missouri, and Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, will attempt to do the same for the women.

The singles quarterfinals, semifinals and finals for both men and women will be contested on Friday with medal ceremonies to follow; thereafter, the focus will shift to team competition, which will run from Jan. 11-14.

January 10, 2025
TEAM USA'S HANRAHAN WINS BRONZE IN MEN'S SINGLES
AT 2025 IBF WORLD CUP IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – Team USA bowler Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas, went 3-1 during bracket match-play competition on Friday to win a bronze medal in Men's Singles at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Cup, which is being contested at Top Bowl, Kai Tak Sports Park, in Kowloon, Hong Kong, China

The 29-year-old two-handed lefty began his march to the podium with relative ease, defeating Singapore's Jomond Chia by a score of 2-0 (225-169; 204-183) in the Round of 32 before sweeping India's Ramachandraiah Kishan by the same margin (201-185; 222-185) one match later in the Round of 16.

However, things got significantly more dramatic during Hanrahan's quarterfinal match against Denmark's Dan Agerbo-Ostergaard.

The American struck early and often during the opening game, carding his highest score of the day during a 275-201 victory that gave him a 1-0 advantage in the best-of-three contest.

Hanrahan followed it up with 244 during Game 2, but so did Agerbo-Ostergaard, which meant that the game would be decided by a ninth- and 10th-frame roll-off.

The Danish bowler won the roll-off by a score of 40-29 to square up the match and force the duo into a Game 3 battle with a semifinal berth and medal on the line.

Neither bowler was able to muster the same firepower during the deciding game that was on display during the two that preceded it, but, in the end, Hanrahan was able to grind out a 180-176 victory to survive and advance.

The victory moved the American into the semifinals and guaranteed him a medal; the only question was what color would it be?

Hanrahan was obviously hoping for gold, but it wasn't meant to be as he ran into a buzzsaw in the form of Malaysia's Rafiq Ismail.

Ismail was relentless during the semifinal bout, striking from start to finish en route to a 2-0 win (257-235; 253-191) that moved him into the gold-medal match and forced Hanrahan to settle for bronze.

The gold medal would go to China's Jian Chao Du, who defeated Ismail in the final match by a score of 2-1 (222-223; 226-166; 235-193).

Although he would have liked to have reached the top step on the podium, Hanrahan was far from upset with Friday's performance.

"I shot pretty similar scores in that last match than I had during my previous matches, but sometimes the guy on the other side of the ball return has a much better look than you do. That's bowling; it is what it is," Hanrahan said. "Honestly, after how things went for me during the first day of qualifying, I just feel blessed to have a medal."

Hanrahan has certainly been making the most of his opportunities to win medals thus far during his Team USA career.

The left-hander was named to the team for the first time in 2024, and he got his first chance to compete at the PANAM Bowling Elite Championships in Reno, Nevada, back in August.

Not wanting to let the opportunity go to waste, Hanrahan responded by collecting four gold medals (singles, doubles, team and all-events) and one silver (trios) during his debut performance representing the red, white and blue.

Friday's World Cup Men's Singles medal will be the first bronze in Hanrahan's international trophy case, and he'll be more than happy to have it; however, he's hoping to add even more hardware by the time the final shots are thrown at this year's tournament in Hong Kong.

"I'm happy with the way singles went, but, luckily, tomorrow I get to bowl with the whole squad," Hanrahan said. "I'll take our chances with all of our guys for sure."

The guys to whom Hanrahan was referring were teammates Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois; Matt Russo of Ballwin, Missouri; and Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio.

All three were in action alongside Hanrahan on Friday during the Men's Singles bracket match-play competition; unfortunately, none were able to make it to the medal stand to join their teammate.

Prather, the defending World Cup Men's Singles bronze medalist, came the closest.

He defeated Tak Man Lee of Macao 2-0 (289-224; 246-180) during the opening round before besting Costa Rica's Mateo Gordienko by the same margin (236-197; 259-170) in the Round of 16.

That's where Prather's run would end, however, as he was swept in the quarterfinals by Singapore's Jaris Goh by scores of 233-213 and 236-201. Goh went on to claim the other Men's Singles bronze medal.

The day was much shorter for the other two American men as Russo and Via were both dispatched during the Round of 32.

Russo fell to Australian Bernie Grueso Jr. (1-2 - 200-190; 188-219; 191-233) while Via was defeated by Hussain Al Suwaidi of United Arab Emirates (0-2 - 163-172; 160-219).

Men's Singles competition wasn't the only action that took place at the World Cup on Friday, however; the final rounds of the women's individual event were contested today as well.

Team USA's hopes for Women's Singles medals were pinned to four very impressive athletes, Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio; Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and Lauren Russo of Ballwin, Missouri.

Coté entered Friday's action hoping to complete the arduous task of successfully defending the Women's Singles title she captured at the 2022 World Cup in Queensland, Australia, while Pluhowsky hoped to add another piece of hardware to a trophy case that already contains more than 50 international medals.

Sadly, neither of those plans worked out, nor did any formulated by Martin or Russo.

Coté made a solid run early on, winning matches over Macao's Tong Hui (2-0 - 212-211; 236-153) and Sweden's Anna Andersson (2-0 – 258-186; 253-216); however, the defending champion would be eliminated (0-2 - 197-252; 201-218) one round later by eventual silver medalist Birgit Noreiks of Germany.

Martin and Russo both had their days ended by eventual Women's Singles champion Natasha Roslan of Malaysia.

Russo fell to Roslan by a score of 0-2 (184-218; 182-209) in the Round of 16 after defeating China's Lan Xu by that same margin (2-0 – 196-195; 226-224) during the first round.

Martin, on the other hand, got past Peru's Maria Belleza (2-0 – 233-168; 223-177) and China's Li Yan Yang (2-0 – 191-186; 201-189) before being bested by Roslan (0-2 – 161-215; 177-217) in the quarterfinals.

Pluhowsky fell to Australian Samantha Clifton (0-2 – 184-201; 199-200) in the opening round.

Friday's Women's Singles bronze medals went to Sweden's Nora Johansson and Singapore's Daphne Tan.

With singles competition now completed in both the men's and women's divisions, the focus now shifts to team competition, which will start on Saturday and wrap up Tuesday evening.

January 11, 2025

AMERICAN SQUADS START STRONG ON OPENING DAY OF TEAM QUALIFYING AT 2025 IBF WORLD CUP IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – One day after Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas, won bronze in Men's Singles to capture Team USA's first medal at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Cup, both American teams took their first steps toward collecting additional hardware by finishing at or near the top of the standings during Saturday's opening round of team qualifying at Top Bowl, which is located in Kai Tak Sports Park in Kowloon, Hong Kong, China.

The Team USA men's quartet of Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois; Matt Russo of Ballwin, Missouri; Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio; and Hanrahan went a perfect 6-0 during the opening round of Men's Team qualifying to end the day alone in first place atop the Group A standings.

Singapore finished 5-1 on Saturday to secure second place in the 13-team group. From there, there was a four-way tie for spots three through six as Costa Rica, Denmark, Germany and Saudi Arabia all came in at 4-2.

The next four spots in the Group A were shared by India, Kuwait, New Zealand and Qatar, which all finished the first round at 3-3.

Finishing inside the top eight is the goal for all 25 men's teams competing at this year's World Cup as that is where they will need to be at the conclusion of Sunday's final round of qualifying in order to advance to the Men's Team bracket match-play round.

In Group B action on Saturday, Macao, Malaysia, Peru and Puerto Rico set the pace with matching 5-1 marks while Hong Kong and the Philippines each recorded marks of 4-2.

Bermuda (3-3), China (3-3) and Thailand (3-3) ended the opening round tied for the final advancing spot in the 12-team Group B standings.

This year's Women's Team competition features one 13-team group, and Malaysia seized control of it during Saturday's first qualifying round by posting a perfect record of 7-0.

The Team USA women's foursome of Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio; Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and Lauren Russo of Ballwin, Missouri, weren't far behind, finishing the opening round one game back with a mark of 6-1, which was the same record put up by China on Saturday.

The Philippines finished alone in third place at 5-2 while Macao (4-3), Singapore (4-3) and Sweden (4-3) and Denmark (3-4), Germany (3-4) and New Zealand (3-4) were close behind in spots four through six and seven through 10, respectively.

Like the men's competition, women's teams hoping to advance will have to finish inside the top eight at the conclusion of Sunday's final qualifying block in order to keep their medal hopes alive.

Saturday's solid Round 1 performances definitely bolstered the chances of both American squads, and that is something that made Team USA Head Coach Bryan O'Keefe quite happy.

"Things were great today," O'Keefe said. "Both teams had a game plan coming in, and everyone stuck to it. Fortunately, it was working, so that was a good start. Even though we had a few close matches here and there, it never really felt like anyone got lost for too long, so it was pretty smooth sailing."

O'Keefe hopes that trend continues on Sunday and during any additional rounds of competition his athletes may face.

"Saturday was really well-executed and we had good ball reaction, so hopefully we can carry that momentum into tomorrow and eventually into the bracket."

Sunday's final qualifying round will see all men's teams bowl seven matches while the women's squads complete their final six.

Teams in both the men's and women's division that finish in the top eight in their groups will advance to the bracket stage, which begins on Monday and continues until both fields are down to their final four teams.

The semifinals and finals in both the Men's Team and Women's Team competitions will be contested on Tuesday at Queen Elizabeth Stadium with medal ceremonies to follow.

January 12, 2025

AMERICAN TEAMS QUALIFY FIRST AND THIRD, ADVANCE TO BRACKET MATCH PLAY AT 2025 IBF WORLD CUP IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – The Team USA men finished first in their qualifying group while the women secured third during Sunday's final round of team qualifying at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Cup, which is being contested at Top Bowl, Kai Tak Sports Park in Kowloon, Hong Kong, China.

Those finishing positions were good enough to send both American squads through to the bracket match-play round in their respective divisions and keep their medal hopes alive.

After finishing Saturday's opening qualifying round with a perfect 6-0 record, Team USA's men's foursome of Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas; Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois; Matt Russo of Ballwin, Missouri; and Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, authored a 5-2 mark on Sunday to finish with a two-day, 13-match record of 11-2.

That gave the Americans the top record among the 13 teams in Men's Group A and officially moved Team USA into the Men's Team Round of 16.

Saudia Arabia was second in Group A with a record of 10-3. Singapore was third at 9-4 while Denmark, Qatar, Costa Rica, Kuwait and Germany secured spots four through eight and advanced with matching records of 8-5.

There was a tie for the best record in Men's Group B with China and Macao both finishing at 10-3. Puerto Rico and Peru were each one game back at 9-4 while Malaysia, the Philippines and Bermuda put up matching records of 8-5.

The eighth and final qualifying spot in Group B went to Thailand (7-6).

Despite dropping a pair of matches during Round 2 after going undefeated the day before, Via was very pleased with how he and his teammates performed during Sunday's final qualifying block.

"We had another good day on the lanes today," Via said. "Even though we lost a couple of times, we executed pretty well; a couple of hits just didn't go our way. Still, our communication was still really good, and our ability to make moves and execute pair to pair has been great."

Those trends will have to continue if Team USA hopes to reach the medal round and successfully defend the Men's Team title it captured at the 2022 World Cup in Queensland, Australia.

Even though it won't be easy, Via is confident this group has the right recipe for success.

"We need to keep doing what we've been doing, keep the team morale really high and just keep talking through the process to make sure we're all fully committed to every shot that we throw," Via said. "If we can do that, I think we'll be just fine."

Shortly after Via and company finished up their final qualifying block, Team USA's women's squad of Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio; Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and Lauren Russo of Ballwin, Missouri, hit the lanes looking to advance as well.

A few hours later that mission was accomplished as the Americans authored a 3-3 record during Sunday's six-match block to finish third in the 13-team women's field with a two-day record of 9-4, which was the same mark turned in by Germany and Macao.

Malaysia and the Philippines turned in the best marks with matching records of 11-2. China (8-5), Singapore (8-5) and Sweden (6-7) secured the final advancing positions by finishing in spots six through eight, respectively.

Even though the third-place finish put the Americans well inside qualifying position, according to Russo, Sunday's block was anything but easy for the Team USA women.

"It was a very hard day; the lanes were a bit different, and a lot of our shot execution wasn't too great," Russo said. "We had some unfortunate breaks as well, which makes it feel like when you're down, you're really down. Still, we were resilient, and that allowed us to fight and come away with some points during the last couple of matches."

The real fight lies ahead as Russo and her teammates look to earn their way back onto the podium after the Team USA women fell short of securing a Women's Team medal at the 2022 World Cup.

"We came here to do some work, and the work is just getting started," Russo said. "To accomplish our goals, it's going to take more hard work, better shot execution, having fun and loving what we do."

Bracket match-play competition in both the men's and women's divisions will start on Monday and continue until both fields are down to their final four teams.

The semifinals and finals in both the Men's Team and Women's Team competitions will be contested on Tuesday at Queen Elizabeth Stadium with medal ceremonies to follow.

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AMERICAN SQUADS ADVANCE TO SEMIFINALS, GUARANTEED MEDALS IN TEAM COMPETITION AT 2025 IBF WORLD CUP IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – When Team USA sends its bowlers around the world to compete, the goal is always to represent America proudly on the lanes and bring home as many medals as possible.

While individual hardware is certainly cherished, the men and women donning the red, white and blue are always quick to point out that team medals mean the most.

As such, the eight athletes representing Team USA at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Cup were very happy on Monday after both squads advanced to the semifinals in their respective divisions, which guaranteed each quartet no worse than a bronze-medal finish in this year's World Cup team competitions.

The Team USA women's foursome of Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio; Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and Lauren Russo of Ballwin, Missouri, was the first to secure its spot on the podium at Top Bowl (Kai Tak Sports Park, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China) on Monday.

The American women, who entered the quarterfinals as the No. 3 seed, did so by topping No. 6 China by a final score of 3-1 (188-170; 192-196; 237-180 and 237-192) during the best-of-five quarterfinal-round battle.

The win moved Team USA into Tuesday's arena-setting semifinals, which will be contested at Queen Elizabeth Stadium.

There, the Americans will take on top-seeded Malaysia, which punched its own ticket to the women's semis by topping No. 8 Sweden by a 3-1 margin (221-200; 187-142; 206-224 and 226-185).

The winner of that bout will bowl for the gold medal against the winner of Tuesday's other women's semifinal, which will see No. 7 Singapore face No. 5 Macao.

Singapore reached the medal round by upsetting second-seeded Philippines (3-2 – 197-232; 224-182; 209-205; 225-237 and 203-199) while Macao earned its place via a 3-2 win (166-155; 204-169; 147-174; 158-191 and 170-161) over No. 4 Germany.

The Team USA women did not medal as a team at the 2022 World Cup in Queensland, Australia.

Coté was a member of the 2022 squad, and although she won Women's Singles gold at the tournament, she remembers the disappointment of not getting to stand atop the podium with her teammates by her side.

The fact that she will get that opportunity this time around, and in an arena-setting no less, made Monday's triumph particularly special for Coté.

"To be able to bowl for a team medal at the World Cup is absolutely amazing," Coté said. "After coming so close to medaling in 2022, it's a great feeling to be able to come back in 2024 even stronger with a great team. We had some battles the last couple of days but found a way to really bowl together and show how much heart this team really has.

“The arena setting is pretty awesome. It was a bit overwhelming walking into such a large arena with only two lanes in the center, but it really made making it to the medal round even more special. Now, we just need to go out there, have fun and hope the pins fall our way.”

Team USA’s men’s squad of Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas; Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois; Matt Russo of Ballwin, Missouri; and Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, will be hoping for the same.

However, that group won’t be looking to finish off a comeback story; instead, it will be trying to complete a successful title defense. That’s because the American men came to the 2025 World Cup as the defending Men’s Team champions after having won the 2022 event in Australia.

The American men have certainly looked more than up to the task thus far in Hong Kong, and Monday’s performance was no exception.

The Team USA men, who advanced to the Round of 16 as the No. 1 seed in Men’s Team Group A, breezed past Thailand – the No. 8 seed from Group B – averaging better than 217 per game during their 3-1 (208-197; 213-176; 210-212 and 238-179) opening-round victory.

That was apparently just a warmup for the Americans, however, as Hanrahan, Prather, Russo and Via combined to average 243 per game during a 3-0 (254-188; 217-164; 258-205) quarterfinal sweep of No. 4 Peru.

Team USA will open Tuesday’s arena semifinals with a match against No. 7 Kuwait, which earned its place in the bout by scoring wins over No. 2 Macao (3-1 – 188-186; 185-205; 222-201 and 192-160) and No. 3 Singapore (3-0 – 206-191; 192-188 and 201-179) on Monday.

The winner of the Team USA-Kuwait semi will square off against either No. 3 Puerto Rico or No. 5 Malaysia for the Men’s Team gold medal.

Puerto Rico reached the medal round thanks to wins over No. 6 Costa Rica (3-1 – 169-166; 200-160; 216-236 and 185-175) and No. 2 Saudi Arabia (3-0 – 246-201; 209-177 and 190-180) while Malaysia was victorious over No. 4 Denmark (3-0 – 242-157; 214-197 and 235-226) and No. 8 Germany (3-1 – 184-258; 234-199; 210-190 and 202-184).

Prather, who was a member of the 2022 gold-medal winning Team USA men’s squad in Australia, likes what he’s seen from this year’s foursome in Hong Kong so far, and he’s optimistic about the group’s chances during Tuesday’s final day of competition at this year’s World Cup.

“All of our guys have been bowling great, we have each other’s back and we’re all moving as one cohesive unit right now, so I expect a lot of good shot-making and excitement tomorrow,” Prather said. “Our entire goal for coming here was to have an opportunity to win gold in the team event, so to still be bowling on the last day is an incredible achievement. But the work isn’t done.”

Like Coté and the Team USA ladies, Prather and the American men are looking forward to the opportunity to put in that work in the arena setting of Queen Elizabeth Stadium.

“It’s very seldom that we get the opportunity to bowl in a specialized facility designed around an entire tournament that showcases bowlers and their skills, so it’s going to be a lot of fun for us and hopefully for the fans as well,” Prather said. “It’s going to be awesome.”

Medal ceremonies will follow Tuesday’s arena finals in the Men’s and Women’s Team competitions and bring competition at the 2025 IBF World Cup to a close. The tournament began on Jan. 5.

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AMERICAN WOMEN WIN GOLD, MEN BRONZE IN TEAM EVENT ON FINAL DAY OF COMPETITION AT 2025 IBF WORLD CUP IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – Team USA finished up its run at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Cup in style, winning the Women's Team gold medal and the Men's Team bronze during Tuesday's arena-setting finals at Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Hong Kong.

Since team competition only began at the World Cup starting with the 2022 event in Queensland, Australia – the tournament only awarded singles medals from 1965-2019 – Tuesday's win marked the first time in program history that the Team USA women earned World Cup team gold.

The American women's squad of Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio; Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and Lauren Russo of Ballwin, Missouri, entered bracket match play as the No. 3 seed, but by the time the final balls were thrown on Tuesday, they stood alone atop the podium.

The Team USA ladies began their historic march to victory with a 3-1 semifinal win over No. 7 Singapore.

The bout began with the Americans striking six times in the first eight frames en route to a 222-183 victory, but Singapore fired back during Game 2, using a late double to top Team USA, 190-186, and even the match.

That was as much ground as the ladies in red, white and blue were willing to give up, however, as they used a clutch four-bagger in frames five through eight to win Game 3 by a score of 223-205 and then took advantage of three open frames from Singapore to take Game 4 by a count of 224-172 to win the match and officially earn their shot at the Women's Team gold medal.

Standing in their way would be top-seeded Malaysia, which cruised to victory during the other women's semifinal, sweeping No. 5 Macao by scores of 202-184, 211-178 and 205-176 to punch its own ticket to the gold-medal match.

Whereas the quarterfinal- and semifinal-round matches were best-of-five affairs, the women's finals format was best of three, so getting off to a solid start was crucial.

The Team USA ladies did just that, staying clean and using key strikes in the ninth frame and during the first two shots in the 10th to take the opener by a final score of 214-195.

But as expected, Malaysia wasn't ready to go down without a fight, a fact that was made clear as it used a closing five-bagger to rally for a 222-211 victory during Game 2 to

even the match and leave the Women's Team gold medal riding on the outcome of one final game.

Like the two that preceded it, the third game was a nip-and-tuck affair, but Team USA used clutch doubles in the sixth and seventh and ninth and 10th to grind its way to a 198-176 victory to win the match and its first World Cup Women's Team gold medal.

Malaysia claimed silver while both Macao and Singapore earned bronze.

Given the wide range of ages and international experience levels represented on the Team USA women's roster at this year's World Cup, that medal meant different things to each of the four athletes who competed in Hong Kong.

For Pluhowsky, the most veteran women's team member at 42 years old and with 25 years of Team USA experience under her belt, the answer was simple.

"Team USA had a strong performance this week," Pluhowsky said. "It started with all of us making the bracket in singles and then coming away with a medal. Then, when the team event started, we were able to compile what we learned through singles to help us advance to the bracket.

"Today, we just tried to have fun and enjoy the moment, staying focused on ourselves and making quality shots. It feels great to be World Cup champions."

Despite coming at things from the other end of the spectrum at just 20 years old and with three years of Team USA experience, Martin's feelings were largely the same.

"Being a world champion is an amazing feeling, something that you dream about a lot," Martin said. "Obviously, we came here to win gold, so it's great that we were able to achieve that. But it's also great that we got to form those bonds and learn how to work with each other as well.

"Also, it was great to be surrounded by such an amazing group of ladies. I don't have as much experience at the adult level and am still pretty young, so it can be pretty nerve-racking at times. But they were there for me the entire time, and I was grateful for that. It's wonderful to be surrounded by the best and to know that the work paid off."

According to Russo, that work was plenty hard both mentally and physically.

"We had things thrown at us that really tested our patience throughout the week, and I felt like we really stuck together through all of that and had a pretty solid outcome," Russo said. "As far as being a World Cup champion is concerned, it's pretty incredible to live out these dreams that I've had since I was a little girl. To be able to do it with some of the best athletes in the United States, including one of my closest friends in Bryanna (Coté) and Shannon (Pluhowsky) during her 25th year on the team, makes it even more special."

Special would be a bit of an understatement when describing what Tuesday's victory meant to Coté, which makes sense seeing as how she was the only Team USA woman competing in Hong Kong who also was a member of the American women's 2022 World Cup squad that missed out on a team medal.

"To be a part of the first World Cup Women's Team gold in program history is just surreal," Coté said. "The moment really hasn't sunk in yet as I think I've asked myself a dozen times already 'did that really just happen?' We may not have gone 3-0, 3-0 today, but we bowled amazingly and selflessly. This moment will be cherished for a very long time.

"Today's win is definitely special because I kind of felt like we were underdogs at this event. We had many ups and downs, but when it came time to perform under the bright lights, we shined. And now we're going on the International Training and Research Center World Champions Wall."

The Team USA men's foursome of Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas; Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois; Matt Russo of Ballwin, Missouri; and Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, was hoping to put its picture up on that wall as well, right next to the shot of Team USA's 2022 World Cup men's gold medal team.

It would have been tough to bet against the American men at the start of Tuesday's semifinal round. After all, Team USA entered as the No. 1 seed in the Men's Team competition after having gone 11-2 during qualifying and then running roughshod over Thailand and Peru during Monday's Round of 16 and quarterfinals.

Unfortunately, Team USA's earlier-round success did not translate to victory during Tuesday's semifinal bout with No. 3 Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rico took advantage of a pair of open frames by the Americans to take Game 1 by a final score of 186-175.

Team USA swung back hard during the following game, striking eight times en route to a 234-158 victory that tied the match 1-1.

That was the last game the Americans would capture, however, as timely strikes from Puerto Rico combined with frequent single-pin leaves by Team USA allowed Puerto Rico to win the next two games (200-196 and 210-177) and the match.

The loss forced the Americans to settle for a bronze-medal finish alongside Kuwait, which was defeated 3-1 (205-153; 159-201; 245-206 and 234-233) by Malaysia in the other men's semifinal.

Malaysia would go on to top Puerto Rico 3-2 (203-170; 216-257; 197-180; 185-222 and 227-161) one round later to capture the 2025 World Cup Men's Team gold medal. Puerto Rico walked away with silver.

Even though the American men were unable to successfully defend the Men's Team title they won at the 2022 World Cup in Australia, Prather was very proud of the effort he and his teammates put forth in Hong Kong.

"Overall, I'm super happy with our performance and proud of everyone," Prather said. "These events are incredibly difficult to win. I feel like we bowled every bit as well as Puerto Rico, but unfortunately the pins didn't fall our way, and that's sometimes how you lose.

"I think we put forth a stellar performance during our time at the World Cup. We had great communication and saw great leadership from everyone at one point or another. We're going to go home with our heads held high, and I just look forward to making another run at the podium with these guys at some point."

The 2025 IBF World Cup began on Jan. 5 and came to a close at the conclusion of Tuesday's medal ceremonies.

In addition to Tuesday's team medals, Hanrahan earned bronze during the Men's Singles event, which was contested at Top Bowl, Kai Tak Sports Park, in Kowloon, Hong Kong, China, from Jan. 7-10.

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A FUTURE FOR THE SPORT - 2024 RECAP, 2025 PREVIEW
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Hello, we hope everyone is healthy and doing well both on and off the lanes as we head into 2025. Looking back at 2024, we saw another fantastic year for bowling and for USBC. Participation trends look terrific as does engagement throughout the association at all levels. I can't say enough about how proud we are of the wonderful passion and efforts of our association volunteers and proprietors across the country.

USBC's three-year membership continues to be one of the best we have seen in decades. The 2023-2024 season finished within a few hundred members of the prior season. Over the last three years, we have seen a growth in league bowlers. Here are the numbers:

- 2021-2022 - 1,053,129
- 2022-2023 - 1,093,909
- 2023-2024 - 1,093,000

The 2024-2025 season has been steady, and it's looking like we'll be close to last year again, likely down a percentage point or two. Overall, we feel great about the state of league bowling.

The national tournaments had a fantastic year, highlighted by the Open Championships in Las Vegas at South Point having more than 11,000 teams. This was the highest total in the last 12 years! The Women's Championships visited Reno and grew by more than 1,000 teams from

our last visit there in 2021. While 2024 entries dipped year over year, we expected that since the 2023 event was in Las Vegas.

USBC Open Championships:
- 2021 – 7,609 teams
- 2022 – 9,317 teams
- 2023 – 9,565 teams
- 2024 – 11,012 teams

USBC Women's Championships
- 2021 – 2,552 teams
- 2022 – 3,155 teams
- 2023 – 4,148 teams
- 2024 – 3,668 teams

It is worth repeating that membership dues and these two tournaments make up over 90% of USBC's revenue. Success in these areas means financial success for the organization. In 2024, we saw big wins in both areas, and we thank the nearly 70,000 bowlers who supported the Championships in 2024!

Some milestones took place on the lanes at these events. "Mr. 900" Glenn Allison broke the all-time participation record with his 72nd appearance at the USBC Open Championships! We honored Glenn at the USBC Convention in April as well after his achievement; it was a special moment for everyone. The event also welcomed two new members into the prestigious 100,000-Pin Club - Frankie May Jr. of Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, and John Kerpan of Waukegan, Illinois.

At the Women's Championships, Jacquelyn Nelson of Siler City, North Carolina, made her 60th tournament appearance. These milestones show amazing commitment from these bowlers at the Championships.

We were excited to announce a couple of East Coast stops for the Championships this past year. In 2028, the Open Championships will be heading to Greenville, South Carolina, for the very first time in the tournament's history. The Women's Championships will be in suburban Charlotte, North Carolina, in 2027.

On the professional side, the PWBA Tour, which continues to be jointly supported and funded by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America and the USBC, continues to thrive. Several events this year were sold out with a PTQ before the event. The tour also had some firsts this year with:

- Sin Li Jane becoming the first Asian bowler to win PWBA Player of the Year.
- Lauren Russo winning her first title at the Southern Indiana Open.
- The first PWBA/PBA/PBA 50 Trios event being contested in Jonesboro, Arkansas.
- Jillian Martin becoming the youngest USBC Queens champion.
- Kaitlyn Stull becoming the youngest regional winner.

The 2025 season will celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the relaunch of the PWBA Tour. The season will be highlighted in Green Bay, Wisconsin, at the Junior Gold Championships with an arena final at the opening ceremony.

Beyond the PWBA Tour, competitive bowling continues to be successful at USBC. There were several highlights on the USBC tournament side:

· Team USA Trials saw a record turnout with 175 men and 153 women competing, the highest since 2020.
· The USBC Masters sold out in less than two hours with 465 entries.
· Both the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open had impressive participation, with the U.S. Open PTQ hitting full capacity for two years straight at 108 entries.
· The USBC Senior Queens attracted 93 participants, the most since 2011.
· USBC conducted the inaugural U22 Masters and U22 Queens in the Detroit area.
· The USBC Senior Championships drew 411 competitors to Cincinnati, marking the highest turnout since 2019.

We hope you see a theme with USBC National Tournaments. We are setting records for entries while creating opportunities for men and women of all ages to compete.

We also celebrate the champions of 2024:

· Shannon Pluhowsky and Darren Tang claimed victory at the Team USA Trials, while Julian Salinas and Crystal Elliott were crowned U.S. Amateur champions.
· At the USBC Masters, DeeRonn Booker made history as the third African American to earn a PBA title.
· In the U.S. Open, Kyle Troup emerged victorious, while Sin Li Jane claimed her first major title at the U.S. Women's Open.
· Jillian Martin made history by becoming the youngest champion at the USBC Queens, while Kathy Ledford triumphed in the USBC Senior Queens.
· In the USBC Senior Masters, Jon Rakoski secured his first major title, and Jack Jurek clinched the USBC Super Senior Classic championship with an impressive 299.
· The inaugural U22 Masters and U22 Queens saw Brandon Bohn and Dannielle Henderson as their first champions.

Taking a look at the governance side of things:

Many don't realize the volume of approvals that go through the USBC equipment testing labs. In 2024, we tested and approved over 244 ball models, 24 pin permit renewals, five lane panel renewals, three new approved string pinsetter models and 12 other products, including ball cleaners, lane oils and ball plug.

We get asked a lot about string pinsetters and how they are impacting the sport. Currently our data shows 65 centers nationwide that have installed USBC approved string pinsetters. Therefore, 1.7% of certified centers are using them. Beginning in 2021, USBC also began tracking certified centers that converted to non-approved string pinsetters. In that time 30 centers switched to uncertified machines impacting about 4,000 members total. However, since USBC announced standards for approved string pinsetters, only one certified center in the country has switched to an uncertified machine.

Alongside the approval testing, the equipment specifications team is researching ways to incorporate new technology to improve the way we measure key aspects of technology in our sport. The team published three research reports in 2024, showcasing the development of an alternative COR measurement for bowling balls and suspension of the specification, using infrared spectroscopy to study bowling ball coverstock materials and analysis of the scores around the country since the suspension of the three-unit rule for lane patterns.

On the center certification side, our team members inspected 1,107 centers and 23,718 lane beds in 2024, bringing the total center and lane bed counts inspected by the national team to 2,273 centers and 48,683 lanes. This program continues to be very successful due to the new ACE Tool providing a much more efficient inspection experience and increased confidence in the accuracy of the data.

After bringing SMART back into USBC's governance a few years ago, the program keeps giving back to the kids in record numbers. Here are some numbers in 2024:

- $2.55 million in bonus scholarships to the 6,344 active SMART Recipients. Each student received a new $400 SMART scholarship.
- SMART's Pell Grant Match program awarded more than $3.7 million.
- $1.9 million in new SMART deposited unassigned funds for Providers to allocate toward future scholarships.

With all this money going back to the kids, a record of almost $13 million was disbursed for USBC members to use toward education in 2024!

USBC's Coaching program saw a strong commitment to coaching development and bowler advancement by hosting more than 40 Bronze and Silver coaching classes. Those classes, in addition to USBC's online training, resulted in more than 1,000 coaches gaining elite-level training. Plus, USBC Coaching's Gold validation program added Tom Laskow as our first Gold coach since 2019.

The 2024 USBC Convention, held in April at South Point in Las Vegas, was once again a successful gathering. We continue to get great feedback from delegates about the education and seminars offered during the event. Our keynote speaker Marvelless Mark, who delivered a "rock-star themed" speech, had the delegates engaged while banging on drumsticks, and we had an emotional special recognition on stage for Glenn Allison.

Out in the field, continuation of the Association Leadership Academy program brings training and education to our volunteers across the country who may not be able to attend convention. Since the inaugural event in 2017, there have been 36 ALAs, including five in 2024, which have involved nearly 1,400 association leaders from over 700 different associations.

The Team USA program continued to shine in 2024. In five different competitions on three continents, Team USA, Junior Team USA and Senior Team USA collected a total of 42 medals – 19 gold, 14 silver and nine bronze. The men's squad averaged more than 235 as a unit, setting a new team record at the PANAM Bowling Championships to earn the gold medal with a 7,052 total. The winning crew featured Packy Hanrahan, AJ Johnson, Jake Peters, Spencer Robarge, Julian Salinas and Darren Tang. The Team USA women's squad of Shannon Pluhowsky, Lauren Russo and Jillian Martin won gold in the trios event.

Turning to the Youth bowling scene:

Youth bowling continues to thrive as USBC remains committed to developing opportunities for the next generation of athletes. The 2024 USBC Junior Gold Championships drew an impressive 3,114 participants, joined by 147 players at the USA Bowling National Championships, 1,144 competitors in Survivor and 898 bowlers at the Youth Open.

Collectively, these events awarded an extraordinary $685,570 in scholarships – an investment that directly supports young athletes in pursuing their education and dreams.

Membership growth remained a highlight, as youth membership surpassed 100,000 for the third consecutive year.

To support leagues, coaches and volunteers, the *Youth League Resource Guide* debuted at the USBC Convention and has since been shared across state associations and BPAA meetings. Equally encouraging is the 20% participation growth in USA Bowling tournaments.

This year also marked the induction of five distinguished individuals into the *USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame*, an exciting first class for this prestigious recognition that celebrates collegiate excellence.

On the marketing and media side . . .

Our publications and digital platforms experienced remarkable growth. *Bowlers Journal* marked its third consecutive year of increased circulation, distributing nearly 275,000 copies in 2024, averaging 23,000 per month.

Enhancements in our digital presence included the expansion of BowlTV, now accessible via Roku, Apple TV and various Smart TV platforms. This development made it more convenient for subscribers to watch their favorite bowlers compete across multiple tours. Coverage from our dedicated BowlTV production team helped attract 26,000 users to login and watch in 2024, with a peak concurrent of 4,070 viewers watching the USBC Masters.

Additionally, the PWBA unveiled a redesigned website focused on user-friendly navigation and athlete-centric content, while USBC updated its BOWL.com mobile application, introducing features aimed at improving the user experience for our members.

The USBC distributed more than 400 press releases and game stories over the course of 2024, including comprehensive coverage of USBC and PWBA events.

At the Open Championships, video interviews were incorporated into many of the game stories from the event, providing fans with more access to the competitors.

The "Why I Certify" campaign resonated deeply within the bowling community, generating more than six million media impressions and engaging thousands of bowlers who shared their personal stories, highlighting the unique aspects of our sport.

Our digital outreach was robust, with more than 750 segmented emails totaling nearly 11 million sent to members, alongside over 6,000 social media posts that garnered more than 60 million impressions. This comprehensive communication strategy ensured that members nationwide received engaging and informative content, keeping them connected to the sport and the organization.

In the technology space, USBC continues to invest and deliver big improvements. Members can do more on BOWL.com than ever before. By simply logging into their community profile, members can update addresses, renew their membership, print membership cards and check on SafeSport and RVP status.

We are continuing to build tools to make it easier for proprietors to run USBC-certified leagues. This includes a League Registration portal and a “Bulk Membership” processing option for centers to directly buy USBC memberships for their bowlers. These products can save work for both the center and the local association. In 2025, we will actively be working to introduce these systems in more markets.

USBC is also investing in technology for our associations. We are seeing the use of online tournament registration skyrocketing. USBC Association Tournaments collected more than $7 million in tournament entries through our online system in 2024. We are really proud to see so many local and state associations embracing new technologies.

So, where does all this leave us financially? At the 2024 USBC Convention, we shared that we would not need a dues increase until 2027 at the earliest and maybe even further down the line. Instead, USBC would use investment reserves to cover losses. Well, thanks to overperformance of the tournament and membership revenue, USBC is performing better than expected. We will continue our practice of giving a detailed update at Convention but know that things are looking bright for USBC financially as we start 2025.

2025 and Beyond

We will continue to make quality service a priority for USBC. Quality service to our members, associations, centers and industry partners is an everyday commitment. Great customer service drives USBC’s success in our five key areas of focus (see below).

Membership
The trends are solid. As of Jan. 1, USBC membership is currently forecast to be down 1-2%. The majority of USBC-Certified Centers are doing extremely well with leagues. We are seeing most proprietors either holding steady or growing their league base.

We will have more info by the time we get to USBC Convention and will report then. Again, I can’t thank the folks who control our membership success at the local level enough. The centers, league coordinators, the league officers and the associations are doing a fantastic job. Thanks again for the commitment to servicing our league base.

Tournaments
Awesome, amazing, spectacular. It’s difficult to overstate how great things look for the 2025 Open Championships in Baton Rouge. As of January 2025, we have over 11,480 teams registered for the 2025 Open Championships. This will mark a fifth straight year of growth. We adjusted squad times to increase capacity for 2025, and that turned out to be a good move.

Moving forward, we return to Reno in 2026. Our staff have been in close discussions with partners in Reno looking for ways to further improve the experience for our bowlers. Look for some exciting programs for Reno in 2026.

All of this is very positive for USBC’s Championships and the association overall.

As for the USBC Women’s Championships, the event returns to Las Vegas this year. We have about 4,000 teams sold currently, which is growth over 2024 and trending toward our totals from Vegas in 2023.

The 2025 PWBA schedule is out, and we have a couple new locations this season. As we head into the 10th year of the relaunched tour, the structure of the tour remains the same but will have an exciting new showcase event.

The finals of the PWBA Anniversary Open in Green Bay, Wisconsin, will be showcased in a special arena setting as part of Junior Gold. This will be a spectacular event for both Junior Gold and the PWBA.
The 2025 USBC Masters sold out in less than an hour. USBC is seeing unprecedented excitement for our 2025 events.

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We will also commemorate a milestone anniversary for one of youth bowling's premier events — the *20th year of the Dexter All-American Team*. To mark this occasion, participants can look forward to a newly designed trophy, refreshed team jerseys and other enhancements to celebrate two decades of excellence.

USBC will showcase these updates at the PTO Today Expo, expanding the program's reach to decision-makers nationwide. A strategic push will ensure that the *Bowler's Ed curriculum* lands in the hands of K-8 educators across the country, introducing thousands of students to engaging, active and enriching physical education opportunities.

Finally, USBC will strengthen its efforts through the *Bowler's Ed program*, launching a dynamic new educational video series that will support educators and coaches in teaching bowling fundamentals.

We also want to share that starting in 2025, we will be sunsetting IBC Youth Bowling. For our members, the difference will be a gradual branding change to USBC Youth. All programs, support and operation of youth programming will stay in place. BPAA will continue to invest in youth bowling as part of our campus partnership, with USBC Youth being the brand moving forward.

Marketing/Media:
Exposure for competitive bowling will be terrific again in 2025. USBC and the PBA will continue our partnership for the U.S. Open and USBC Masters to be part of the PBA Tour on FOX package. CBS Sports Network will be home for the PWBA, USBC Collegiate, Junior Gold and USA Bowling.

BowlTV will continue to be the exclusive livestreaming home for the PBA, PWBA, USBC Collegiate, Junior Gold and Team USA events. BowlTV aims to enhance the viewer experience by incorporating more fan-focused programming and leveraging advanced technology to offer content that extends beyond traditional bowling broadcasts.

Bowlers Journal plans to introduce a new collegiate poll for the bowling industry and update the PBA "Greatest of All Time" list, alongside a new list for the PWBA as it celebrates its 10th anniversary since the relaunch.

In 2025, look for a chatbot system on BOWL.com, facilitating quick and efficient responses to common inquiries. In alignment with our commitment to supporting diverse local programs, we are launching a grant program designed to provide resources to local and national initiatives that reflect USBC's goal to support bowling programs for all groups.

USBC will also continue our partnerships with BPAA and Strike Ten Entertainment that delivers the Go Bowling brand to raise top-of-mind awareness for the sport outside of our own channels. Go Bowling has a larger strategy to expand awareness about bowling. You probably have seen the Go Bowling brand with floats in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day Rose Parade or maybe National Bowling Day on Fox and Friends, The Go Bowling Military Bowl or Go Bowling-sponsored NASCAR events. Go Bowling's media reach hits tens of millions of people, and we're excited to see what they have planned for 2025.

When you combine these digital, streaming, broadcast and traditional print offerings, USBC and its partnerships are providing coverage of bowling from all angles.

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A big goal for 2025 will be increasing the use of USBC's new technology tools. The "Bulk Membership" processing tool and online join save work for proprietors and associations. On the development side, associations can look for an improved supply order tool through BOWL.com along with new features in tournament registration to make it easier to set up a new event or copy from last year without needing support from USBC staff.

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Equipment Specifications
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Summary
Our National Governing Body had a wonderful 2024 and continues moving forward and improving. We should all be proud of the accomplishments.

Thank you to the current USBC Board of Directors in addition to all the committees for their leadership, support and strategic direction. Thank you to our past president Melissa McDaniel collaborating with current president Dennis Hacker on a smooth and strong transition of leadership. The continuity of USBC's direction and vision at the board level has been the driving force in our success.

Having strong volunteer leadership has never been more important. In that light, a huge thanks to the thousands of association volunteers who dedicate countless hours in support of bowling.

Finally, thank you to our entire staff here at the International Bowling Campus for their efforts and passion.

I will close with a friendly reminder as to the mission and promise of USBC. It is certainly an honor and a privilege to serve as your executive director.

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HONG KONG – George Holscher of Chesapeake, Virginia, won a silver medal, and David Nelson, Jr. of Gretna, Nebraska, earned bronze while competing for Team USA in the TPB8 Men's Singles competition at the 2025 International Bowling Federation Para Bowling World Championships in Hong Kong on Wednesday.

Holscher used games of 195, 175, 174, 184, 192 and 189 to come in with a six-game total of 1,111 pins (a 185.2 average), which was good enough for second place in the 24-player field at Top Bowl, which is located in Kai Tak Sports Park in Kowloon, Hong Kong, China.

Nelson was just 10 pins behind, using games of 150, 170, 174, 221, 185 and 201 to finish at 1,101 and secure bronze.

The gold medal in TPB8 Men's Singles competition went to Ki Seok Oh of Korea, who used games of 179, 257, 171, 201, 160 and 198 to establish the winning total of 1,166 (a 194.3 average).

Although Holscher would've liked to have gotten past Oh to win gold, he was pleased with Wednesday's performance and extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to compete in the first place.

"You always want to do a little better, but I'm ecstatic to be here competing and win a silver medal," Holscher said. "I want to thank USBC, all my teammates and everybody who made this possible. Now, I just want us to go out there and get that gold in doubles and team."

Nelson is looking forward to the upcoming days of competition as well because he thinks that he can use what he learned during Wednesday's bronze-medal performance to bowl even better during the events to come.

"I had a gameplan coming into today, but it didn't work," Nelson said. "I had to adjust on the fly, so I moved right, set it short and turned it early. That helped me get it figured out.

"Winning the bronze medal is sweet; it feels awesome, but now that I know what adjustments to make, I'm really excited to get back on the lanes with my teammates and bowl some more."

One of those teammates, Eddy Hutchens of Franktown, Colorado, also competed in TPB8 Men's Singles on Wednesday. He finished in a tie for ninth place at 986 (159, 182, 158, 171, 138 and 178).

Women's TPB8 Singles action also was contested at Top Bowl on Wednesday, and Team USA sent three talented athletes to the lanes in Debra Freed of Framingham, Massachusetts; Gina Jenkins of Bedford, Texas, and Emma "Toodie" Perry of Bakersfield, California.

Freed authored the day's best finish among the American women, recording scores of 105, 99, 107, 106, 160 and 128 to come in with a six-game total of 705 (a 117.5 average) and place fifth in the eight-player TPB8 Women's Singles field.

Jenkins was sixth with 692 (139, 90, 127, 99, 116 and 121), and Perry was seventh at 672 (111, 107, 116, 110, 126 and 102).

Chia Chieh Lee of Chinese Taipei earned the gold medal thanks to a six-game total of 1,104 (a 184 average). Korea's Jong Soon Sim (867) and Thailand's Porntip Siriwet (817) walked away with silver and bronze, respectively.

With singles now completed, the Team USA athletes will shift their focus to Thursday's doubles competition at Top Bowl.

The 2025 IBF Para Bowling World Championships began with the official practice sessions on Jan. 17 and will come to a close at the conclusion of Friday's medal ceremonies and banquet.

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Roger Dalkin of Greendale, Wisconsin; Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania; and Vicki Vallie (née Parker) of Nashua, New Hampshire, have earned induction for their on-lane performances as Student-Athletes. Bill Straub of Lincoln, Nebraska, will join this year's class in the Coach category. Gordon Teigen of Onalaska, Wisconsin, completes the Class of 2025 for his dedication to collegiate bowling as a Contributor.

The ceremony for the 2025 USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame will take place April 16 during the Intercollegiate Team Championships Night of Champions banquet in Las

Vegas and be streamed live on BowlTV.

Dalkin, 74, was a standout at Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) from 1969-1972, during which time he won a combined 15 Association of College Unions International (ACUI) titles, five at the national level and 10 during regional competition.

He was crowned ACUI Region VI champion in team, singles and all-events in 1969, team in 1970, doubles and all-events in 1971 and team, doubles, singles and all-events in 1972.

That gave Dalkin an incredible 10 regional titles in 16 events against the best collegiate bowlers in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi over that stretch, during which he qualified for the national tournament three times.

Dalkin's ACUI National Championship record is equally impressive as he won national titles in five different events over the course of his four years at Georgia Tech, winning the doubles championship with Joseph Hill of Oklahoma State in 1969, singles and all-events in 1971 and doubles (with Kenneth Knowles of Florida State) and all-events in 1972.

Those five titles tie Dalkin with Jack Connaughton of Wisconsin-La Crosse – who was inducted into the inaugural USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame class in 2024 – for the most national championship victories in collegiate bowling history.

Dalkin's collegiate successes earned him the right to represent Team USA at the 1971 AMF World Cup in Hong Kong, where he emerged as champion. The following year, Dalkin finished fourth while attempting to successfully defend his title at the 1972 event in Hamburg, Germany.

Once his competitive bowling days were behind him, Dalkin went on to serve the sport of bowling by serving in multiple administrative positions, including USBC CEO. Those contributions led to Dalkin's induction into the USBC Hall of Fame in the Meritorious Service category in 2008.

O'Neill, 43, was a collegiate star at Saginaw Valley State University from 2001-2004.

The talented right-hander wasted no time making a name for himself upon joining the Cardinals' program as he earned National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association (NCBCA) All-American honors as a freshman during the 2000-2001 season.

O'Neill would repeat the feat during each of his final three seasons at SVSU, adding his name to the short but impressive list of collegiate bowlers to reach four-time First-Team All-American status.

That wasn't the only honor bestowed upon O'Neill, however, as he was named NCBCA Men's Player of the Year for both the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 seasons.

O'Neill's efforts helped the Cardinals to a runner-up finish at the 2004 Intercollegiate Team Championships.

After leaving Saginaw Valley State, O'Neill went on to enjoy success as a seven-time member of Team USA, where he was a four-time world championships gold medalist, and as a standout performer on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour, where he is a 14-time titlist and three-time major champion.

Vallie, 60, was a dominant force while competing for Indiana State University from 1983-1986.

Big things were expected of Vallie from her very first days competing on the lanes for the Sycamores. That's because she came to Indiana State after having won the Alberta E. Crowe Award – given to one of the nation's top female high school bowlers – in 1982.

Vallie didn't buckle under the weight of the expectations though; instead, she thrived.

She earned NCBCA First-Team All-American honors and was the women's Rookie of the Year during her freshman season in 1983, helping the Indiana State team to a runner-up finish at the national tournament in the process.

The Sycamores got over the hump and secured the women's national title in 1984 with Vallie contributing heavily during another First-Team All-American season.

During her final two seasons at Indiana State, Vallie brought home a singles national championship (1985), recorded another runner-up team performance at the national tournament (1985) and earned two more First-Team All-American awards.

At the time, that made Vallie the first four-time First-Team All-American in collegiate bowling history.

She would go on to record a sixth-place finish while competing for Team USA at the 1986 World Cup.

All of those accomplishments led to Vallie's induction into the Indiana State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007.

Straub, 73, was at the helm of the University of Nebraska men's bowling program from 1984-2003 and the women's squad from 1988-2019, helping the Cornhuskers claim 12 national titles between both teams over that stretch.

During Straub's tenure, the Nebraska women's program qualified for the national

tournament for 32 consecutive years between 1988 and 2019, bringing home 10 national titles (1991, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2009, 2013 and 2015).

The men's squad was equally impressive under Straub's direction, reaching the national finals in 15 out of 16 seasons between 1988 and 2003 and emerging as national champions twice (1990 and 1996).

Straub-led teams were a permanent fixture in the top five in the end-of-year rankings throughout his coaching career with the Nebraska men's team finishing no worse than ranked fifth every year from 1988-2003 – when Straub stopped coaching the men's team – and the Cornhuskers' women's team landing in the top five in the final poll each season from 1988-2019.

From 1997-2019, Straub led the Nebraska women to an overall record of 2,370 wins against just 467 losses, a winning percentage of nearly 84%.

Those accolades and many others led to Straub being named National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA) National Coach of the Year four times (2005, 2013, 2017 and 2018).

Teigen, who passed away in March of 2011 at the age of 88, will be inducted posthumously in the Contributor Category and be represented at the Night of Champions Banquet by his son, Tom Teigen of Fort Worth, Texas.

Gordon Teigen dedicated his life to bowling, serving as a successful collegiate coach, mentor and administrative leader at the local, state and national levels.

He worked for the American Bowling Congress (ABC) from 1964-1967, during which time he was tasked with organizing the collegiate division of the ABC and Women's International Bowling Congress. Teigen's work there led to him being considered one of the founders of the ABC/WIBC Collegiate Division – now USBC Collegiate.

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The Class of 2024 featured Connaughton of Lafayette, Indiana; Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey; and Rick Steelsmith of Wichita, Kansas, as Student-Athletes. Gordon Vadakin of Wichita, Kansas, joined the inaugural class in the Coach category while Karl Nickolai of Canton, Michigan, completed the 2024 class for his dedication to collegiate bowling as a Contributor.

The USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame Committee reviewed the applications to determine the members of the 2025 class. The committee is comprised of 14 individuals, featuring representatives appointed by the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association, USBC Hall of Fame members and the International Bowling Media Association. The committee only considered collegiate achievements when reviewing applications.

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FIVE TO BE ENSHRINED AS MEMBERS OF USBC COLLEGIATE HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2025

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Roger Dalkin of Greendale, Wisconsin; Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania; and Vicki Vallie (née Parker) of Nashua, New Hampshire, have earned induction for their on-lane performances as Student-Athletes. Bill Straub of Lincoln, Nebraska, will join this year's class in the Coach category. Gordon Teigen of Onalaska, Wisconsin, completes

the Class of 2025 for his dedication to collegiate bowling as a Contributor.

The ceremony for the 2025 USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame will take place April 16 during the Intercollegiate Team Championships Night of Champions banquet in Las Vegas and be streamed live on BowlTV.

Dalkin, 74, was a standout at Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) from 1969-1972, during which time he won a combined 15 Association of College Unions International (ACUI) titles, five at the national level and 10 during regional competition.

He was crowned ACUI Region VI champion in team, singles and all-events in 1969, team in 1970, doubles and all-events in 1971 and team, doubles, singles and all-events in 1972.

That gave Dalkin an incredible 10 regional titles in 16 events against the best collegiate bowlers in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi over that stretch, during which he qualified for the national tournament three times.

Dalkin's ACUI National Championship record is equally impressive as he won national titles in five different events over the course of his four years at Georgia Tech, winning the doubles championship with Joseph Hill of Oklahoma State in 1969, singles and all-events in 1971 and doubles (with Kenneth Knowles of Florida State) and all-events in 1972.

Those five titles tie Dalkin with Jack Connaughton of Wisconsin-La Crosse – who was inducted into the inaugural USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame class in 2024 – for the most national championship victories in collegiate bowling history.

Dalkin's collegiate successes earned him the right to represent Team USA at the 1971 AMF World Cup in Hong Kong, where he emerged as champion. The following year, Dalkin finished fourth while attempting to successfully defend his title at the 1972 event in Hamburg, Germany.

Once his competitive bowling days were behind him, Dalkin went on to serve the sport of bowling by serving in multiple administrative positions, including USBC CEO. Those contributions led to Dalkin's induction into the USBC Hall of Fame in the Meritorious Service category in 2008.

O'Neill, 43, was a collegiate star at Saginaw Valley State University from 2001-2004.

The talented right-hander wasted no time making a name for himself upon joining the Cardinals' program as he earned National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association (NCBCA) All-American honors as a freshman during the 2000-2001 season.

O’Neill would repeat the feat during each of his final three seasons at SVSU, adding his name to the short but impressive list of collegiate bowlers to reach four-time First-Team All-American status.

That wasn’t the only honor bestowed upon O’Neill, however, as he was named NCBCA Men’s Player of the Year for both the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 seasons.

O’Neill’s efforts helped the Cardinals to a runner-up finish at the 2004 Intercollegiate Team Championships.

After leaving Saginaw Valley State, O’Neill went on to enjoy success as a seven-time member of Team USA, where he was a four-time world championships gold medalist, and as a standout performer on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour, where he is a 14-time titlist and three-time major champion.

Vallie, 60, was a dominant force while competing for Indiana State University from 1983-1986.

Big things were expected of Vallie from her very first days competing on the lanes for the Sycamores. That’s because she came to Indiana State after having won the Alberta E. Crowe Award – given to one of the nation’s top female high school bowlers – in 1982.

Vallie didn’t buckle under the weight of the expectations though; instead, she thrived.

She earned NCBCA First-Team All-American honors and was the women’s Rookie of the Year during her freshman season in 1983, helping the Indiana State team to a runner-up finish at the national tournament in the process.

The Sycamores got over the hump and secured the women’s national title in 1984 with Vallie contributing heavily during another First-Team All-American season.

During her final two seasons at Indiana State, Vallie brought home a singles national championship (1985), recorded another runner-up team performance at the national tournament (1985) and earned two more First-Team All-American awards.

At the time, that made Vallie the first four-time First-Team All-American in collegiate bowling history.

She would go on to record a sixth-place finish while competing for Team USA at the 1986 World Cup.

All of those accomplishments led to Vallie’s induction into the Indiana State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007.

Straub, 73, was at the helm of the University of Nebraska men’s bowling program from 1984-2003 and the women’s squad from 1988-2019, helping the Cornhuskers claim 12

national titles between both teams over that stretch.

During Straub's tenure, the Nebraska women's program qualified for the national tournament for 32 consecutive years between 1988 and 2019, bringing home 10 national titles (1991, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2009, 2013 and 2015).

The men's squad was equally impressive under Straub's direction, reaching the national finals in 15 out of 16 seasons between 1988 and 2003 and emerging as national champions twice (1990 and 1996).

Straub-led teams were a permanent fixture in the top five in the end-of-year rankings throughout his coaching career with the Nebraska men's team finishing no worse than ranked fifth every year from 1988-2003 – when Straub stopped coaching the men's team – and the Cornhuskers' women's team landing in the top five in the final poll each season from 1988-2019.

From 1997-2019, Straub led the Nebraska women to an overall record of 2,370 wins against just 467 losses, a winning percentage of nearly 84%.

Those accolades and many others led to Straub being named National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA) National Coach of the Year four times (2005, 2013, 2017 and 2018).

Teigen, who passed away in March of 2011 at the age of 88, will be inducted posthumously in the Contributor Category and be represented at the Night of Champions Banquet by his son, Tom Teigen of Fort Worth, Texas.

Gordon Teigen dedicated his life to bowling, serving as a successful collegiate coach, mentor and administrative leader at the local, state and national levels.

He worked for the American Bowling Congress (ABC) from 1964-1967, during which time he was tasked with organizing the collegiate division of the ABC and Women's International Bowling Congress. Teigen's work there led to him being considered one of the founders of the ABC/WIBC Collegiate Division – now USBC Collegiate.

From 1969-1971, Teigen worked for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), serving as chairman of the bowling sports section.

All the while, he molded some of the best collegiate bowlers of the day while serving as a collegiate coach, first at North Dakota State – then North Dakota Agricultural University – and then at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Teigen founded the North Dakota State University bowling program in 1954.

During his 11 seasons as head coach, Teigen's Bison amassed a dual-match record of 118 wins and 50 losses and won three state titles (1960, 1961 and 1963).

Teigen also was responsible for helping establish the Tri-State Collegiate Bowling Conference, the North Dakota State Bowling Conference and the North Dakota Bowling Proprietors Association, an organization he served as executive secretary for three years.

After transitioning to UW-La Crosse, Teigen's men's team won nine conference championships while his women's squads brought home eight.

His team won an NAIA title in 1968 and NAIA and National Intercollegiate Bowling Association (NIBA) crowns in 1969.

For his contributions to collegiate bowling both on and off the lanes, Teigen was inducted into the NAIA, North Dakota Bowling and North Dakota Sports Halls of Fame.

In 1980, he was awarded the National Bowling Coaches Service Award, which has since been renamed the Gordon Teigen Service Award.

The bowling lanes at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Cartwright Center also were renamed Teigen Lanes in his honor.

The USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame was announced in November 2022, and the inaugural class of five inductees was enshrined in April of 2024.

The Class of 2024 featured Connaughton of Lafayette, Indiana; Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey; and Rick Steelsmith of Wichita, Kansas, as Student-Athletes. Gordon Vadakin of Wichita, Kansas, joined the inaugural class in the Coach category while Karl Nickolai of Canton, Michigan, completed the 2024 class for his dedication to collegiate bowling as a Contributor.

The USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame Committee reviewed the applications to determine the members of the 2025 class. The committee is comprised of 14 individuals, featuring representatives appointed by the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association, USBC Hall of Fame members and the International Bowling Media Association. The committee only considered collegiate achievements when reviewing applications.

January 23, 2025

TWO AMERICAN DUOS WIN DOUBLES GOLD MEDALS AT 2025 IBF PARA BOWLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – Team USA bowlers enjoyed plenty of success at the 2025 International Bowling Federation Para Bowling World Championships in Hong Kong on Thursday as two American doubles pairs ended the day's action at Top

Bowl (Kai Tak Sports Park, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China) with gold medals around their necks.

Debra Freed of Framingham, Massachusetts, and Gina Jenkins of Bedford, Texas, used combined scores of 207, 274, 217, 226, 252 and 274 to post a six-game total of 1,450 and reach the top of the podium in the TPB8 Women's Doubles competition.

That put the American duo comfortably ahead of Thailand's Porntip Siriwet and Bualai Kuntong, who teamed up to post a silver-medal winning mark of 1,371.

Not to be outdone by their teammates, George Holscher of Chesapeake, Virginia, and David Nelson, Jr. of Gretna, Nebraska, secured another pair of gold medals for Team USA during TPB8 Men's Doubles.

Holscher and Nelson reached the top of the standings thanks to a six-game total of 2,214, which included combined scores of 369, 396, 419, 405, 309 and 316.

That put the American pair nearly 200 pins ahead of Thailand's Pongsakorn Chumchai and Suphan Sinthusuwan, who earned the silver medal with a score of 2,040.

Jaime Manginga and Augusto Hernandez of the Philippines took the bronze medal with a score of 1,959.

Thursday's performance made it two medals in two days for both Holscher and Nelson as Holscher collected silver and Nelson picked up bronze during TPB8 Men's Singles action on Wednesday.

But for as rewarding as the singles medals were, both American men seemed to take more pride in having worked together to earn Thursday's doubles gold.

"It was an incredible honor to compete with a great friend and great bowler today," Nelson said. "It means that we represented the USA in the most positive way possible. I couldn't be happier to be a part of this doubles squad and of Team USA.

"Now, I'm just really looking forward to showing the rest of the bowling world what wheelchair bowlers are capable of and brining home that gold medal."

Holscher's feelings were similar.

"Winning the gold in doubles is a great achievement that I put right up there with all of my national awards," Holscher said. "Being able to accomplish this with David Nelson is an honor, and he just made the gold medal that much more attainable.

“Having improved my numbers from singles to doubles is a trend I hope to carry into the team event to help our team get back to the podium.”

For Freed, while Thursday’s doubles gold medal was definitely special, her sense of pride and accomplishment stemmed from something much bigger than just that day’s victory.

“I am grateful to USBC for giving me and my teammates the opportunity to be a part of Para Team USA bowling and represent America at the IBF Para Bowling World Championships; it’s truly humbling and exciting,” Freed said.

She was also grateful for doubles partner and all that she did to help the squad reach the top of the podium on Thursday.

“Ms. Gina Jenkins may be new to bowling, but her unwavering spirit and positivity carried both of us to today’s doubles gold,” Freed said.

Jenkins was quick to repay the compliment to Freed as well as to all her teammates and coaches.

“Our match epitomized the definition of the word ‘team,’” Jenkins said. “On the lanes, when one of us was struggling, the other player rose and provided strength. Off the lanes, our coaches, teammates and fans had a huge impact due to their presence and support.

“As the ‘rookie,’ I am humbled and honored to be a part of the legacy that this team is creating, and I’m looking forward to showing the world what Para Team USA bowling is capable of.”

In the short term, the team is capable of securing a lot more hardware as medals will be awarded in both the men’s and women’s team events as well as all-events during Friday’s final day of competition at the 2025 Para Bowling World Championships.

On the men’s side, Holscher currently sits in second place in the 24-player TPB8 Men’s All-Events field with a two-day total of 2,292. Nelson is third and Hutchens 10th with scores of 2,277 and 2,095, respectively.

They are all trailing Korea’s Ki Seok Oh, who leads the field with a two-day mark of 2,402.

The top three positions in the TPB8 Women’s All-Events standings currently belong to Chia Chieh Lee of Chinese Taipei (2,191), Jong Soon Kim of Korea (1,859) and Hong Kong’s Mei Lan Wong (1,653).

The three American women lurk close behind, however, with Jenkins in fifth place at 1,425 and Freed (1,422) and Perry (1,401) in sixth and seventh, respectively.

The 2025 IBF Para Bowling World Championships began with the official practice sessions on Jan. 17 and will come to a close at the conclusion of Friday's competitions, medal ceremonies and banquet.

Go Bowling, PEPSI®, and NFL Rookie Record Holder Puka Nacua Strike Up the Fun with Super Bowl Bowling Classic to Benefit the NFL Foundation Ahead of Super Bowl LIX

Fans in New Orleans for The Big Game can bowl a perfect game with Puka and fellow NFL athletes to support community football leagues nationwide

ARLINGTON, Texas, January 23, 2025 – As Super Bowl LIX rolls into New Orleans, football and bowling enthusiasts can now buy tickets to attend the Super Bowl Bowling Classic sponsored by PEPSI®. Puka Nacua, Los Angeles Rams wide receiver and NFL Rookie record holder for receiving yards in a single season, will host the event alongside fellow NFL players and NFL Legends who will go lane-to-lane to meet and bowl with fans. All proceeds will be donated to the **NFL Foundation**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of young players at all levels in communities across the country.

"It's been a wild two years with the Rams, and I'm honored to take a quick break for an impactful cause—supporting the next gen of football players—with Go Bowling and Pepsi," said Puka Nacua. "Bowling is a hidden talent of mine, so I'm eager to meet fans and show them what I got at the Super Bowl Bowling Classic."

"We're proud to bring back the Bowling Classic for the second Super Bowl in a row to unite fans with their favorite players and with an ice-cold, refreshing Pepsi Zero Sugar at the alley," said Frank DeSocio, Executive Director of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA), co-managers of GoBowling.com. "All are welcome to sign up for this dream opportunity that unites two beloved American sports during the most electric time of NFL season."

The Super Bowl Bowling Classic will be held on Friday, February 7 at Bowlero Kenner (3640 Williams Blvd, Kenner, LA 70065) with registration starting at 11:00 AM and the first bowl at 12:00 PM local time. The entry fee is $350 per bowler with proceeds benefiting the NFL Foundation. Each participant will receive a commemorative Super Bowl LIX bowling ball, pin and jersey along with a buffet meal and beverages including Pepsi-Cola® soft drinks, beer or wine. Bowlers can bring a guest for a $100 donation which includes the buffet and beverages. To register, visit **PepsiBowlingClassic.com**.

January 24, 2025

2025 U.S. OPEN SET TO GET UNDERWAY IN INDIANAPOLIS ON SUNDAY

ARLINGTON, Texas – For the fourth consecutive year, Royal Pin Woodland will play host to the U.S. Open, a major championship on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour, as 108 bowlers will be in Indianapolis all week competing for a $100,000 top prize, the coveted green jacket and the opportunity to add their name to the list of athletes who have won bowling's most prestigious major title.

The 2025 U.S. Open presented by Go Bowling! will begin on Sunday at Royal Pin Woodland with an eight-game pre-tournament qualifier and wrap up with a pair of live stepladder finals broadcasts, the first on Feb. 1 on FS1 and the second on Feb. 2 on FOX.

The U.S. Open is the second event on the 2025 PBA Tour schedule as the PBA Delaware Classic kicked off on Monday and will continue until the season's first champion is crowned during Saturday's stepladder finals, which will air at 5 p.m. Eastern on FS1.

U.S. Open action gets underway Sunday morning when nearly 100 bowlers bowl the PTQ, which is scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. Eastern.

A minimum of five bowlers will advance from the PTQ into the tournament's main field, which will feature 108 competitors.

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Last year, Troup avenged that loss and added his name to the long and impressive list of U.S. Open champions by defeating 2022 winner Anthony Simonsen of Las Vegas by a score of 223-181.

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Troup's bid for a successful title defense will certainly not be easy, however, as the 2025 U.S. Open field features more than a dozen past PBA major champions, competitors representing Team USA, Junior Team USA and multiple international teams from around the world and several of the nation's top collegiate bowlers as well.

Success at this year's tournament will likely depend upon each bowler's ability to understand and successfully navigate each of this year's four U.S. Open oil patterns, which are usually considered to be among the toughest in the sport of bowling.

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TEAM USA BOWLERS PICK UP TWO MEDALS ON FINAL DAY OF COMPETITION AT 2025 IBF PARA BOWLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – George Holscher of Chesapeake, Virginia, earned a silver medal in TPB8 Men's All-Events while David Nelson, Jr. of Gretna, Nebraska, secured bronze during Friday's final day of competition at the 2025 International Bowling Federation Para Bowling World Championships, which were contested at Top Bowl, Kai Tak Sports Park in Kowloon, Hong Kong, China.

Holscher reached the second spot on the podium thanks to a three-day, 16-game total of 3,052 (a 190.8 average), which included five games of 200 or better (230, 224, 219, 211 and 201).

Nelson used high games of 221 and 201 to propel himself to the bronze medal with a final tally of 2,805 (a 175.3 average).

The gold went to Korea's Ki Seok Oh, who finished first in the 24-player TPB8 Men's All-Events field with a three-day mark of 3,193 (a 199.6 average).

Team USA's Eddy Hutchens of Franktown, Colorado, placed fifth with 2,728.

Friday's medals marked the third of the tournament for both Holscher and Nelson.

Both men reached the podium in TPB8 Men's Singles on Wednesday with Holscher claiming silver and Nelson taking bronze. The duo then combined to earn gold during TPB8 Men's Doubles competition on Thursday.

They were hoping to have Hutchens join them on the podium by claiming a trios medal on Friday; unfortunately, it wasn't meant to me as the Team USA squad placed fifth in the event with a four-game total of 2,214.

The TPB8/9/10 Men's Trios medals went to Hong Kong (2,460), Korea (2,421) and Chinese Taipei (2,290), which earned gold, silver and bronze, respectively.

Despite the disappointment of falling short in trios, both Holscher and Nelson were satisfied with their performances at the 2025 Para Bowling World Championships.

"It would have been great to medal in the trios event so that all of us could bring home some hardware, but medaling in three events at my first international competition is more than I was expecting," Holscher said. "This experience is one that I will always remember and cherish. I hope that this is a jumping-off point that launches para bowling into fast-paced growth and acceptance worldwide, and I hope that I'll have the chance to represent Team USA again sometime in the future."

Nelson expressed similar feelings.

"This was an amazing trip with some very tough competition, which makes taking bronze in all-events all the more special," Nelson said. "It was a terrific experience with some very special teammates and coaches."

Nelson's Team USA women's teammates, Debra Freed of Framingham, Massachusetts; Gina Jenkins of Bedford, Texas; and Emma "Toodie" Perry of Bakersfield, California, tried their best to finish with a bang by winning a medal during the TPB8/9/10 Women's Trios event on Friday.

Unfortunately, the group came up one spot short, finishing in third place with a four-game total of 1,486.

Korea earned the gold medal with 2,215, and Thailand took silver with 1,630. No bronze medal was awarded during the event since there were only three teams in the field.

The TPB8 Women's All-Events gold medal went to Chia Chieh Lee of Chinese Taipei, who led the field with a three-day, 16-game total of 2,962 (a 185.1 average). Korea's Jong Soon Kim (2,496) captured silver while Hong Kong's Mei Lan Wong (2,269) took home bronze.

Jenkins authored the best all-events finish among American women, placing fifth with 1,931. Perry (1,906) and Freed (1,897) finished in sixth and seventh place, respectively.

Although Freed would have liked to have won a medal on Friday, she washappy to have had the opportunity to compete with Team USA in Hong Kong.

“I remain grateful for the learning opportunities, the new friendships and especially for our coaches and cheerleaders for their guidance and support for para bowling,” Freed said. “May we all continue to grow this program together.”

Hutchens also looked at the bigger picture when reflecting upon this year’s tournament.

“Had anyone told me that this was in my future, I would’ve laughed at them,” Hutchens said. “To have been fortunate enough to be chosen to represent my country not once but twice is proof that you can do what you put your mind to. It was an honor to have been chosen again, and the best part of it was sharing the experience with my teammates and coaches.”

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January 26, 2025

MCNEAL LEADS PACK AT 2025 U.S. OPEN PTQ; TOURNAMENT FIELD FINALIZED WITH COMPETITION STARTING TUESDAY

INDIANAPOLIS – The 108-player field for the 2025 U.S. Open presented by Go Bowling! was finalized upon completion of Sunday’s eight-game pre-tournament qualifier at Royal Pin Woodland in Indianapolis.

Three-time Junior Team USA member Thomas McNeal of Snohomish, Washington, used games of 232, 219, 228, 255, 220, 214, 174 and 199 to finish with an eight-game total of 1,741 (a 217.6 average), which was tops among the 90 bowlers competing in Sunday’s PTQ.

The effort was good enough to officially secure McNeal a spot in the tournament proper along with Sunday’s other top five finishers, which included Landin Jordan of Sycamore, Illinois (1,714), Dallas Leong of Las Vegas (1,673), Frank Snodgrass of Auburn Hills, Michigan (1,668), and David Northouse of Byron Center, Michigan (1,661).

Competition for the final advancing spots came down to the wire as two players finished just one pin behind Northouse for fifth place while another five finished within 20 pins of the number required to move on.

Things weren’t nearly as stressful for McNeal, however, as he averaged nearly 230 over the course of his first six games to firmly establish a position near the top of the leaderboard.

That wasn’t exactly how McNeal expected Sunday’s block to go on the challenging 41-foot PTQ oil pattern.

“I thought I was going to be grinding a lot today, so the first game was kind of an eye-opener for me,” McNeal said. “I got lined up quickly and managed to put some strings together in Game 1, and then I got ahead of the transition and never really felt like I had to move after that.”

McNeal got so comfortable, in fact, that he wasn’t even watching the leaderboard as the block drew to a close.

“I had no clue I was leading; I was just throwing one shot at a time and going through the motions,” McNeal said. “It’s crazy that I ended up being the leader. I like to lead, but it’s just nice to make it through with only five spots available.”

Making it into the U.S. Open field via the PTQ is nothing new for McNeal as he accomplished the feat during last year’s tournament as well. He went on to finish in 70th place and miss the cut for match play

While he would certainly love to parlay Sunday’s success into a better finish at this year’s U.S. Open at Woodland, McNeal won’t be putting any extra pressure on himself to perform.

“I’m going into this with no expectations; I’ll just be happy to be out there bowling,” McNeal said. “I’m going to decide what bowling balls to bring, and hopefully I match up well.”

There will certainly be plenty of incentive for McNeal and the 107 other U.S. Open competitors to do just that as they will be in Indianapolis this week battling for a Professional Bowlers Association Tour major title, a $100,000 top prize and the coveted green jacket.

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At Royal Pin Woodland
Indianapolis

Sunday's results

PRE-TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER
(Eight games)

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DID NOT ADVANCE

6, (TIE) Zachary Newman, Wabash, Ind., and Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 1,660. 8, Jeffery Mann, Avon, Ind., 1,657. 9, Kyle Ponzo, Chandler, Ariz., 1,653. 10, Michael Jachcinski, Camden, Mich., 1,648. 11, Andrew Bonin, Greenwod, Ark., 1,646. 12, Luke Switalski, Oak Forest, Ill., 1,643.

13, Alex Acosta, Bolingbrook, Ill., 1,631. 14, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,630. 15, Brandon Flora, Mt Washington, Ky., 1,625. 16, Ramsey Basurto, Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., 1,622. 17, Bryan Bourget, Woonsocket, R.I., 1,617. 18, Ethan Fiore, Valrico, Fla., 1,601.

19, Zakarey Geer, Madison Heights, Mich., 1,599. 20, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp, Mich., 1,592. 21, Curtis Swezey, Franklin, Ohio, 1,589. 22, David Hayes, Terre Haute, Ind., 1,574. 23, Griffin Jordan, Sycamore, Ill., 1,557. 24, Seth Lehman, Crystal Lake, Ill., 1,555.

25, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,554. 26, Jean Perez, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,551. 27, (TIE) Jace Meyer, Monticello, Iowa, and Mason Edmondson, Amarillo, Texas, 1,542. 29, Richard Golisano, West Bloomfield, N.Y., 1,536. 30, William Hibbard, Whitestown, Ind., 1,534.

31, Nathan Ruest-Lajoie, Canada, 1,528. 32, Zachary Leshikar, Altus, Okla., 1,523. 33, Quinton Bohlen, Decorah, Iowa, 1,522. 34, (TIE) Jorge Rodriguez-Rosas, St Louis, Mo., and Mason Heiligenmann, HERCULANEUM, Mo., 1,521. 36, Noel Vega, Noblesville, Ind., 1,517.

37, Joshua Green, Baton Rouge, La., 1,514. 38, (TIE) Tom Sorce, Williamsville, N.Y., and Santtu Tahvanainen, Finland, **********, 1,508. 40, Trevor Ashby, Springfield, W. Va., 1,502. 41, (TIE) Joshua Berry, Glasgow, Ky., and Gianna Brandolino, Channahon, Ill., 1,493.

43, Scotty Kramer, Muncie, Ind., 1,491. 44, (TIE) Blake Demore, Ozark, Mo., and Cory Hersha, S. Whitley, Ind., 1,490. 46, Paul Keller, Sparta, Tenn., 1,488. 47, Robert Oakleaf, Shepherdsville, Ky., 1,486. 48, Kevin Walter, Noblesville, Ind., 1,485.

49, Jaysion Anderson, Henderson, Nev., 1,482. 50, Patrick St Angelo, Hagerstown, Md., 1,476. 51, Brent Boho, Collinsville, Ill., 1,462. 52, Zackary Sisk, Brownstown Twp, Mich., 1,460. 53, Michael Mirabile, Coram, N.Y., 1,455. 54, Kyle Michalosky, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,450.

55, Christopher Colella, Elkhart, Ind., 1,449. 56, Austin Koehler, New Albany, Ind., 1,444. 57, Scott Lebeau, Peyton, Colo., 1,443. 58, Peter Fox, West Hartford, Conn., 1,442. 59, Evan Fulk, Terre Haute, Ind., 1,440. 60, Chris Best, Miami, Fla., 1,426.

61, Evan Thro, Fall River, Mass., 1,424. 62, Albert Mountcastle, Margate, Fla., 1,418. 63, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W. Va., 1,411. 64, Kyle Stark, St. Louis, Mo., 1,404. 65, Jason Smith, Lowell, Ind., 1,401. 66, Trevor Nelson, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,389.

67, Vu Duong, Greenwood, Ind., 1,387. 68, (TIE) Joel Eyssen, Carmel, Ind., and Curtis Baker, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,383. 70, Tony Freije, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,378. 71, Wayne Hoch Jr., Arlington, Texas, 1,377. 72, Callum Borck, Australia, 1,376.

73, Alex Chew, St. Cloud, Fla., 1,371. 74, Keenan Witter, Duluth, Ga., 1,366. 75, Christopher Colosimo, Elkhorn, Wis., 1,354. 76, Jacob Young, Noblesville, Ind., 1,350. 77, Terrell Peterson, Highland, Ind., 1,342. 78, (TIE) Leonard Cook, Knoxville, Tenn., and

Jackson Clark, Jasper, Ind., 1,328. 80, Kelvin Pyley, Easley, S.C., 1,313. 81, Duke Truax, Elizabethtown, Ky., 1,292. 82, Scott Schneekloth, Greenwood, Ind., 1,284. 83, Rick March, Cardington, Ohio, 1,271. 84, Luke Blauvelt, Elesmere, Ky., 1,265.

85, Cameron Bechtol, Alexandria, Ky., 1,231. 86, Brent Dowell, Raymore, Mo., 1,219. 87, Nathan Voorhis, Westfield, Ind., 1,218. 88, Tony Steinway, Mooresville, Ind., 1,188. 89, Vincent Murrey, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,175. 90, John Parker, OOLOGAH, Okla., 1,172.

January 28, 2025

VIA LEADS OPENING ROUND OF QUALIFYING
AT 2025 U.S. OPEN IN INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANAPOLIS – Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, knows what it takes to win the U.S. Open's coveted green jacket. After all, the 32-year-old two-handed righty picked one up four years ago when he won the 2021 U.S. Open at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, to capture his first Professional Bowlers Association Tour major title.

Via took the first steps toward adding some more green to his closet – and bank account – on Tuesday when he led the 108-player field on Day 1 of qualifying at the 2025 U.S. Open presented by Go Bowling!, which is being contested at Royal Pin Woodland in Indianapolis.

Via used games of 290, 179, 225, 279, 211, 204, 258 and 226 to finish his opening round with an eight-game total of 1,872 (a 234 average), which put him eight pins ahead of his closest pursuer, Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan, who posted a Round 1 score of 1,864.

Third place on the day went to John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida, who fired the opening-round's only perfect game en route to an eight-game total of 1,845.

The remaining spots in Tuesday's top five were secured by Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois (1,844) and 2022 U.S. Open Champion Anthony Simonsen of Las Vegas (1,837).

Matt Russo of Ballwin, Missouri (1,828), Zach Weidman of Indianapolis (1,825), Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona (1,804), Australia's Jason Belmonte (1,786) and Stuart Williams of Pflugerville, Texas (1,783) also landed in the Day 1 top 10.

Nevertheless, the spot all 108 competitors will be eyeing is position No. 24 in the standings as that is where they'll have to be at or inside of at the end of Thursday's third eight-game qualifying block in order to make the cut to match play at this year's U.S. Open.

Defending U.S. Open champion Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina, and Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Michigan, finished tied for the final advancing position on Day 1. They got there thanks to matching first-round totals of 1,722.

At the conclusion of Monday's official practice sessions, Via knew that big scores would be possible on Tuesday's 44-foot Round 1 oil pattern.

Nevertheless, he didn't come to his first block looking for the lead; he just wanted to author a solid round and remain in contention.

"I didn't try to do anything too crazy today," Via said. "I just tried to grind games out when I didn't like what I saw on the pair, and when I did, I did my best to put some strings together."

Typically, strings of strikes aren't easy to come by at the U.S. Open as the tournament challenges competitors on some of the toughest conditions the sport of bowling has to offer.

Thankfully for Via, Tuesday's pattern kept him right in his wheelhouse.

"I saw the picture really well today, and it allowed me to do what I really like to do," Via said. "I just sort of tried to roll it toward the 3-pin and the 3-6 and keep the ball in front of me instead of trying to shape the whole lane. Controlling the pocket is important because this is the U.S. Open, and it's really easy to bowl a bad game if you do the wrong thing."

Obviously, Via did the right thing far more often than he did the wrong thing on Tuesday. He'll look to continue that trend during Wednesday's second qualifying round, which is likely to be considerably more difficult as it will be contested on a 37-foot flat oil pattern with little-to-no margin for error.

"The patterns we're going to be bowling on over the next couple days are going to be challenging," Via said. "Because of how flat they are, it really opens it up for bowlers of different styles to try to play just about anywhere. That's probably going to make things really nice on some pairs and really miserable on others."

Having already won the U.S. Open once before, Via knows what it takes to embrace that grind and come out victorious by week's end, and that's precisely what he hopes to do in Indianapolis this week.

"The U.S. Open is a big tournament; some say it's the biggest one we bowl," Via said. "I definitely wouldn't be opposed to picking up another green jacket to go along with the one I already have, but it's a little early to start thinking too much about that."

In addition to the green jacket, Via and his fellow competitors also will be battling it out for a PBA major title and the U.S. Open's $100,000 top prize.

Qualifying continues Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. Eastern when the bowlers on B Squad hit the lanes for Round 2. C Squad and A Squad will follow at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Eastern, respectively. All qualifying squads will bowl on fresh oil.

All competitors will complete 24 games of qualifying on three different lane conditions before the field is cut from 108 bowlers down to the top 24 at the end of Round 3 on Thursday night.

Those 24 players will earn the right to compete in three rounds of round-robin match play starting Friday morning with 48-game totals, including 30 bonus pins for each win during match play, determining the final nine bowlers who will advance to the two stepladder finals broadcasts.

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At Royal Pin Woodland
Indianapolis

Tuesday's results

ROUND 1 QUALIFYING
(Eight games)

1, Chris Via, Blacklick, Ohio, 1,872. 2, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,864. 3, John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 1,845. 4, Kristopher Prather, Romeoville, Ill., 1,844. 5, Anthony Simonsen, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,837. 6, Matt Russo, Ballwin, Mo., 1,828.

7, Zach Weidman, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,825. 8, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,804. 9, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,786. 10, Stuart Williams, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,783. 11, Matt Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 1,779. 12, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,777.

13, Spencer Robarge, Springfield, Mo., 1,752. 14, Tyler Cortez Schenck, Phoenix, Ariz., 1,746. 15, Michael Martell, West Babylon, N.Y., 1,738. 16, Thomas McNeal, Snohomish, Wash., 1,737. 17, (TIE) Sam Cooley, Australia, and Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 1,736.

19, Garrett Andrus, Austin, Texas, 1,735. 20, Traeten Henrichsmeyer, Eau Claire, Wis., 1,725. 21, (TIE) AJ Johnson, Kenosha, Wis., and Aidan Furukawa, Sunbury, Ohio, 1,723. 23, (TIE) Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,722.

25, (TIE) Graham Fach, Canada, and Dominic Barrett, England, and Dallas Leong, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,720. 28, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,719. 29, (TIE) Ronnie Russell, Noblesville, Ind., and AJ Wolstenholme, Trevose, Pa., 1,718.

31, Nathan Bohr, Round Rock, Texas, 1,716. 32, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 1,707. 33, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,706. 34, David Northouse, Byron Center, Mich., 1,703. 35, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 1,700. 36, Nathan Stubler, Peru, Ill., 1,698.

37, Zach Andresen, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1,696. 38, Brandon Bohn, Jackson, N.J., 1,695. 39, DeeRonn Booker, Albuquerque, N.M., 1,694. 40, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,689. 41, Tomas Kayhko, Finland, 1,687. 42, (TIE) Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, and

Jacob Bockstie, Nottingham, Md., 1,686. 44, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 1,685. 45, Timmy Tan, Malaysia, 1,681. 46, (TIE) Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., and Nate Purches, Marlborough, Mass., 1,668. 48, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 1,666.

49, Zac Tackett, Decatur, Ind., 1,665. 50, Brandon Runk, Milton, Pa., 1,664. 51, (TIE) EJ Tackett, Ossian, Ind., and Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,661. 53, Nick Pate, Conway, S.C., 1,658. 54, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,651.

55, Andrew Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,646. 56, (TIE) Arturo Quintero, Mexico, and Mitch Hupe, Canada, 1,637. 58, (TIE) Kevin McCune, Munster, Ind., and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,636. 60, Ryan Barnes, Denton, Texas, 1,635.

61, Timothy Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,629. 62, Richard Allen, Chapin, S.C., 1,623. 63, Ryan Speer, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,620. 64, Brad Miller, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,618. 65, (TIE) Bailey Mavrick, Peru, Ind., and Landin Jordan, Sycamore, Ill., 1,614.

67, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,613. 68, Ryan Burton, Los Altos, Calif., 1,612. 69, (TIE) Chris Barnes, Denton, Texas, and Nathan Smith, Noblesville, Ind., 1,611. 71, (TIE) Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., and Hayden Stippich, McKean, Pa., 1,608.

73, Alec Keplinger, Quincy, Mich., 1,607. 74, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,606. 75, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,603. 76, Brendan Salo, Dayton, Ohio, 1,601. 77, Chase Nadeau, Grand Junction, Colo., 1,599. 78, (TIE) Cristian Azcona, Orlando, Fla., and

Wes Malott, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,597. 80, Carter Street, Wichita, Kan., 1,596. 81, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 1,593. 82, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,590. 83, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,589. 84, Darin Bloomquist, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1,588.

85, Eric Jones, Edmond, Okla., 1,586. 86, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 1,579. 87, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,576. 88, Justin Bohn, Jackson, N.J., 1,573. 89, Cameron Crowe, Orland Park, Ill., 1,569. 90, Carlos Granados, Orlando, Fla., 1,566.

91, (TIE) Kim Bolleby, Sweden, and Deo Benard, Roanoke, Texas, 1,563. 93, DJ Archer, Louisville, Ky., 1,562. 94, Braden Mallasch, Waupaca, 1,559. 95, AJ Chapman, Double Oak, Texas, 1,550. 96, Benjamin Martinez, Mexico, 1,548.

97, Richard Teece, England, 1,546. 98, (TIE) Jon Rakoski, Estero, Fla., and Austin Grammar, Babson Park, Fla., 1,543. 100, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 1,542. 101, Timothy Gruendler, St Louis, Mo., 1,541. 102, Jaysen Spanbauer, Fond du Lac, Wis., 1,540.

103, Christian Liquori, Merritt Island, Fla., 1,539. 104, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,521. 105, Josh Hammons, Topeka, Kan., 1,498. 106, Keven Williams, Roseville, Calif., 1,460. 107, Frank Snodgrass, Auburn Hills, Mich., 1,457. 108, Michael Schlabach, Wakarusa, Ind., 1,365.

January 29, 2025

ANDERSON TAKES OVER QUALIFYING LEAD
AT 2025 U.S. OPEN IN INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANAPOLIS – On Tuesday, Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan, fell one strike short of finishing Day 1 as the overall leader at the 2025 U.S. Open presented by Go Bowling, which is being contested at Royal Pin Woodland in Indianapolis.

Anderson refused to let the top spot elude him during Round 2, however, as the 29-year-old right-hander used games of 194, 180, 191, 224, 248, 231, 254 and 223 on Wednesday to come in with an eight-game score of 1,745, which pushed his two-day, 16-game total to 3,609 (a 225.56 average) and moved him into first place in the 108-player field.

Anthony Simonsen of Las Vegas, the 2022 U.S. Open champion, finished the day in second place with 3,569, which left Zach Weidman of Indianapolis (3,530), Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois (3,495), and AJ Johnson of Kenosha, Wisconsin (3,482), to claim spots three, four and five, respectively.

The remaining spots in the overall top 10 were secured by Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona (3,480), Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Michigan (3,469), opening-round leader Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio (3,465), Michael Martell of West Babylon, New York (3,458), and Australia's Jason Belmonte (3,445).

Nathan Bohr of Round Rock, Texas (3,355), ended Round 2 in 24th place, which is the spot all competitors are keeping tabs on as they will have to be at or inside that position at the conclusion of Thursday's final eight-game qualifying block in order to advance to match play at this year's U.S. Open.

Second-round action on Wednesday was contested on a completely flat 37-foot oil pattern that offered competitors almost zero margin for error. As such, Anderson didn't necessarily hit the lanes focused on putting up big scores; instead, he just wanted to fill frames and grind games out the best he could.

And that's exactly what Anderson did early on as he failed to break 200 during each of his first three games on Wednesday after eclipsing that mark in six of his first seven games during Round 1.

The tables turned from that point forward, however, as the 2018 United States Bowling Congress Masters champion would average 236 and shoot nothing lower than 223 during his final five games of the block.

"After starting the day 35 pins under through three games, I just wanted to get back to even," Anderson said. "But then I hit a pair where I could finally take a step left and open my angles up, and it was sort of off to the races from there."

It certainly was, and because of that, at times on Wednesday, Anderson made it look easy; that does not, however, mean that's how it felt from his perspective.

"I feel like I bowled 16 games today compared to yesterday," Anderson said. "After my first three games, I was kind of in a shell, so I'm super happy that after that I got back to some good form."

Good form is a must at the U.S. Open as the tournament's demanding oil patterns tend to saddle competitors with the maximum penalty whenever errant shots are made.

Nevertheless, the physical game is only one part of the equation; in order to succeed at the U.S. Open, players need to believe in themselves and stay mentally sharp as well. Thus far, Anderson has done just that, and he believes that's part of the reason why he's found success during the first two rounds of this year's tournament.

"When you feel like you're throwing it well but still aren't knocking the pins over, you can start to question whether it's you or the ball," Anderson said. "So far, I've done a really good job of not blaming or doubting myself, so when I've found good ball motion, I've been able to trust and repeat it. That's what happened today. Once I saw a few balls go through the pins the right way, I was able to manufacture the rest."

Anderson will try to manufacture another solid round on Thursday to make the cut and punch his ticket to match play. He doesn't expect it to be easy, however, as the 52-foot Round 3 oil pattern has the potential to be very challenging depending upon how he and his fellow competitors choose to attack it.

"Tomorrow is going to be a guessing game because a lot is going to depend on whether guys decide to play that pattern to the right or to the left; that will dictate everything," Anderson said. "I'm probably going to stay to the right and feel things out from there, but this next round can easily be the most confusing, especially as people are chasing the cut number and looking for scores."

Anderson and his fellow competitors will be hunting those scores in order to move one step closer to claiming the U.S. Open's $100,000 top prize, the coveted green jacket and the first major title of the 2024 Professional Bowlers Association Tour season.

The third and final qualifying round at the 2025 U.S. Open will kick off Thursday morning at 8 a.m. Eastern when the bowlers on C Squad hit the lanes for their final eight games. A Squad and B Squad will follow at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Eastern, respectively. All qualifying squads will bowl on fresh oil.

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Wednesday's results

ROUND 2 QUALIFYING
(16 games)

1, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,609. 2, Anthony Simonsen, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,569. 3, Zach Weidman, Indianapolis, Ind., 3,530. 4, Kristopher Prather, Romeoville, Ill., 3,495. 5, AJ Johnson, Kenosha, Wis., 3,482. 6, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,480.

7, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,469. 8, Chris Via, Blacklick, Ohio, 3,465. 9, Michael Martell, West Babylon, N.Y., 3,458. 10, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,445. 11, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,440. 12, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 3,421.

13, Graham Fach, Canada, 3,413. 14, Stuart Williams, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,412. 15, (TIE) Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, and Matt Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 3,406. 17, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,397. 18, (TIE) Tyler Cortez Schenck, Phoenix, Ariz., and Spencer Robarge, Springfield, Mo., 3,396.

20, Brandon Runk, Milton, Pa., 3,386. 21, Thomas McNeal, Snohomish, Wash., 3,385. 22, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,380. 23, Matt Russo, Ballwin, Mo., 3,362. 24, Nathan Bohr, Round Rock, Texas, 3,355.

25, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 3,354. 26, John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 3,346. 27, Richard Allen, Chapin, S.C., 3,333. 28, (TIE) Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., and Chris Barnes, Denton, Texas, 3,332. 30, Ronnie Russell, Noblesville, Ind., 3,331.

31, Kevin McCune, Munster, Ind., 3,329. 32, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,328. 33, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,326. 34, Landin Jordan, Sycamore, Ill., 3,323. 35, Timothy Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 3,320. 36, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 3,318.

37, Traeten Henrichsmeyer, Eau Claire, Wis., 3,316. 38, Jacob Bockstie, Nottingham, Md., 3,305. 39, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 3,299. 40, (TIE) Christopher Sloan, Ireland, and David Northouse, Byron Center, Mich., 3,298. 42, Dallas Leong, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,294.

43, (TIE) Alec Keplinger, Quincy, Mich., and Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 3,289. 45, Aidan Furukawa, Sunbury, Ohio, 3,288. 46, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,287. 47, Cameron Crowe, Orland Park, Ill., 3,285. 48, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,281.

49, Nick Pate, Conway, S.C., 3,279. 50, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 3,278. 51, Garrett Andrus, Austin, Texas, 3,271. 52, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 3,266. 53, Ryan Barnes, Denton, Texas, 3,262. 54, (TIE) Carter Street, Wichita, Kan., and Nathan Smith, Noblesville, Ind., 3,261.

56, Zac Tackett, Decatur, Ind., 3,258. 57, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 3,254. 58, Timmy Tan, Malaysia, 3,251. 59, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 3,249. 60, Richard Teece, England, 3,248.

61, Eric Jones, Edmond, Okla., 3,247. 62, (TIE) Mitch Hupe, Canada, and Brandon Bohn, Jackson, N.J., 3,236. 64, Dominic Barrett, England, 3,234. 65, Ryan Burton, Los Altos, Calif., 3,233. 66, Zach Andresen, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 3,228.

67, Tomas Kayhko, Finland, 3,216. 68, Andrew Hall, Westborough, Mass., 3,202. 69, AJ Wolstenholme, Trevose, Pa., 3,200. 70, Hayden Stippich, McKean, Pa., 3,197. 71, Carlos Granados, Orlando, Fla., 3,186. 72, Ryan Speer, Indianapolis, Ind., 3,181.

73, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 3,179. 74, (TIE) Jon Rakoski, Estero, Fla., and Brad Miller, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,176. 76, (TIE) David Krol, Nixa, Mo., and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,173. 78, EJ Tackett, Ossian, Ind., 3,170.

79, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,168. 80, AJ Chapman, Double Oak, Texas, 3,165. 81, (TIE) DJ Archer, Louisville, Ky., and DeeRonn Booker, Albuquerque, N.M., 3,162. 83, Darin Bloomquist, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 3,161. 84, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 3,157.

85, Nate Purches, Marlborough, Mass., 3,156. 86, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 3,152. 87, Cristian Azcona, Orlando, Fla., 3,150. 88, Bailey Mavrick, Peru, Ind., 3,142. 89, Josh Hammons, Topeka, Kan., 3,141. 90, Nathan Stubler, Peru, Ill., 3,139.

91, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 3,132. 92, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,128. 93, Benjamin Martinez, Mexico, 3,114. 94, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,107. 95, Frank Snodgrass, Auburn Hills, Mich., 3,104. 96, Braden Mallasch, Waupaca, 3,072.

97, Brendan Salo, Dayton, Ohio, 3,071. 98, Timothy Gruendler, St Louis, Mo., 3,057. 99, Chase Nadeau, Grand Junction, Colo., 3,056. 100, Deo Benard, Roanoke, Texas, 3,054. 101, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 3,051. 102, Austin Grammar, Babson Park, Fla., 3,030.

103, Wes Malott, Fort Wayne, Ind., 3,022. 104, Keven Williams, Roseville, Calif., 3,005. 105, Justin Bohn, Jackson, N.J., 2,996. 106, Christian Liquori, Merritt Island, Fla., 2,993. 107, Jaysen Spanbauer, Fond du Lac, Wis., 2,986. 108, Michael Schlabach, Wakarusa, Ind., 2,714.

January 31, 2025

ANDERSON STILL LEADS PACK AT 2025 U.S. OPEN; FIVE FORMER CHAMPS CLOSE BEHIND ENTERING FINAL ROUND OF MATCH PLAY

INDIANAPOLIS – Friday was a long and challenging day for the 24 players still in contention at the 2025 U.S. Open presented by Go Bowling as they completed not one but two eight-game rounds of head-to-head matches at Royal Pin Woodland in Indianapolis.

Many of those bowlers watched their names rise and fall in the standings at various points throughout the day, but that wasn't the case for qualifying leader Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan, whose name never left the top spot on the leaderboard during Friday's 16-game gauntlet.

That's because the 29-year-old right-hander averaged just over 223 per game and authored a field-best 12-4 record over the course of his two rounds on the 41-foot match-play oil pattern, going 5-3 during the morning block and following it up with a 7-1 mark Friday night to finish the day's competition with a leading total of 9,291, which includes 30 bonus pins for each win in match play.

Amazingly, former U.S. Open champions secured each of the next three places in the standings and a total of five spots in the top 12.

Anthony Simonsen of Las Vegas, the 2022 U.S. Open champion, finished Friday's action in second place with a score of 9,027 while this year's opening-round leader, Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, finished third with 9,021 – Via won the U.S. Open in 2021.

The remaining spots in the top five were held down by 2023 U.S. Open champ EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana (9,006), and four-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour titlist Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida (9,001).

Also lurking close behind were two-time U.S. Open winner – 2019 and 2016 – Francois Lavoie of Wichita, Kansas (8,909), and 2020 champ Jason Belmonte of Australia (8,831), who finished the day in ninth and 13th place, respectively.

Ninth place is a particularly valuable spot in the standings at this point in the tournament as that is the position bowlers will have to be at or inside of at the conclusion of Saturday morning's final eight-game match-play block in order to advance to this year's two U.S. Open stepladder finals broadcasts.

The first show will feature seeds No. 5-9 battling it out on FS1 on Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. Eastern. The bowler who wins that stepladder will join seeds No. 1-4 for the championship round on Sunday at 4 p.m. Eastern on FOX.

That's when the five surviving players out of this year's original field of 108 bowlers will square off to see who brings home the U.S. Open's $100,000 top prize, the coveted green jacket and the first major title of the 2025 PBA Tour season.

With a 264-pin lead at his disposal entering the final round of match play, most people would look at Anderson as a shoe in to qualify for Sunday afternoon's final stepladder and likely to be its No. 1 seed.

However, Anderson isn't taking that for granted; in fact, rather than easing up on Saturday, he'll be looking to widen the gap even further.

"My mindset is that I want to lead by more," Anderson said. "I'm going to stay aggressive and commit to my shots because it's very easy for me to miss the head pin if I don't.

"Winning matches is key. I have to make sure I come in here aggressive in the morning, put up some scores and win some games early on."

To do so, Anderson may have to stave off some of the nervous energy he found himself saddled with at the start of competition on Friday.

"To start the day early this morning, honestly, was the worst I've bowled all week physically," Anderson said. "I had a lot of anxiety going on, and I didn't really feel good. So, going into practice for the second block, I cared a little bit less about ball motion and just

tried to get back to throwing some better shots because when you have guys like EJ (Tackett) and Simo (Anthony Simonsen) chasing you, you can't afford to give up anything."

Tackett, Simonsen and the other former champions still in contention at this year's tournament have clearly demonstrated their ability to do what it takes to win a U.S. Open title, which is why each of them has at least one green jacket hanging in his closet.

Anderson has had his share of success at bowling's most prestigious major championship, too, however; he just needs to figure out how to get over the hump and land in the winner's circle.

"Not too many people know this, but even though this was my first time leading, I've been in the top two or three going into match play at the U.S. Open three times now," Anderson said. "The last couple times, I made some poor ball choices because you think they'll hook less with just two people on the lane, but it's actually the opposite.

"I had a few six-baggers today that had a Brooklyn or tripped four in the middle, but sometimes it's just your day. Sometimes it's your week. However, I attribute it to being on the same page with my ball reps and the confidence that gives me in my shot-making."

Anderson has made as many or more good shots as anyone during the first four days of competition at Royal Pin Woodland. If that continues on Saturday and Sunday, then it just may be his week after all.

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Friday's results

MATCH PLAY
(40 games – 30 bonus pins for a win, 15 bonus pins for a tie)

1, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 12-4-0, 9,291. 2, Anthony Simonsen, Las Vegas, Nev., 6-9-1, 9,027. 3, Chris Via, Blacklick, Ohio, 8-7-1, 9,021. 4, EJ Tackett, Ossian, Ind., 11-5-0, 9,006. 5, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 11-5-0, 9,001. 6, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 11-5-0, 8,948.

7, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 9-7-0, 8,925. 8, Graham Fach, Canada, 10-6-0, 8,922. 9, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 8-7-1, 8,909. 10, Michael Martell, West Babylon, N.Y., 8-7-1, 8,855. 11, Cameron Crowe, Orland Park, Ill., 10-6-0, 8,849. 12, Landin Jordan, Sycamore, Ill., 6-10-0, 8,838.

13, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 6-10-0, 8,831. 14, Kristopher Prather, Romeoville, Ill., 10-6-0, 8,826. 15, John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 9-7-0, 8,778. 16, Dallas Leong, Las

Vegas, Nev., 8-8-0, 8,741. 17, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 6-10-0, 8,734. 18, Zach Weidman, Indianapolis, Ind., 5-11-0, 8,667.

19, Timmy Tan, Malaysia, 7-9-0, 8,638. 20, Nathan Bohr, Round Rock, Texas, 8-8-0, 8,629. 21, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 6-10-0, 8,555. 22, Zac Tackett, Decatur, Ind., 6-10-0, 8,519. 23, Kevin McCune, Munster, Ind., 5-11-0, 8,450. 24, Spencer Robarge, Springfield, Mo., 4-12-0, 8,347.

DID NOT ADVANCE

25, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 5,020, $1,600. 26, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5,016, $1,600. 27, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 5,013, $1,600. 28, (TIE) Nathan Smith, Noblesville, Ind., and Richard Allen, Chapin, S.C., 5,012, $1,600. 30, Ryan Barnes, Denton, Texas, 5,007, $1,600.

31, Stuart Williams, Pflugerville, Texas, 5,005, $1,600. 32, David Northouse, Byron Center, Mich., 5,004, $1,600. 33, Bailey Mavrick, Peru, Ind., 4,995, $1,600. 34, AJ Johnson, Kenosha, Wis., 4,992, $1,600. 35, Alec Keplinger, Quincy, Mich., 4,990, $1,600. 36, Timothy Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 4,981, $1,600.

37, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 4,979. 38, Thomas McNeal, Snohomish, Wash., 4,971. 39, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4,967. 40, (TIE) Mitch Hupe, Canada, and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,959. 42, (TIE) Jacob Bockstie, Nottingham, Md., and Sam Cooley, Australia, 4,954. 44, Tyler Cortez Schenck, Phoenix, Ariz., 4,950. 45, Brandon Runk, Milton, Pa., 4,938. 46, Traeten Henrichsmeyer, Eau Claire, Wis., 4,931. 47, Matt Russo, Ballwin, Mo., 4,928. 48, Tomas Kayhko, Finland, 4,914.

49, (TIE) BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., and Carter Street, Wichita, Kan., 4,911. 51, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,910. 52, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,895. 53, Ronnie Russell, Noblesville, Ind., 4,893. 54, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 4,886.

55, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 4,884. 56, (TIE) Christopher Sloan, Ireland, and Zach Wilkins, Canada, 4,878. 58, Ryan Speer, Indianapolis, Ind., 4,875. 59, Nick Pate, Conway, S.C., 4,873. 60, AJ Wolstenholme, Trevose, Pa., 4,863.

61, (TIE) Eric Jones, Edmond, Okla., and Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 4,851. 63, Matt Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 4,844. 64, Brandon Bohn, Jackson, N.J., 4,835. 65, Chris Barnes, Denton, Texas, 4,826. 66, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 4,818.

67, Dominic Barrett, England, 4,816. 68, Nate Purches, Marlborough, Mass., 4,807. 69, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 4,806. 70, Andrew Hall, Westborough, Mass., 4,803. 71, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4,783. 72, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 4,782.

73, Garrett Andrus, Austin, Texas, 4,773. 74, Ryan Burton, Los Altos, Calif., 4,769. 75, AJ Chapman, Double Oak, Texas, 4,768. 76, (TIE) Cristian Azcona, Orlando, Fla., and Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 4,764. 78, Richard Teece, England, 4,759.

79, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 4,757. 80, Deo Benard, Roanoke, Texas, 4,739. 81, DeeRonn Booker, Albuquerque, N.M., 4,735. 82, Zach Andresen, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 4,729. 83, Jon Rakoski, Estero, Fla., 4,722. 84, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 4,716.

85, Brad Miller, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,715. 86, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,714. 87, Josh Hammons, Topeka, Kan., 4,713. 88, Austin Grammar, Babson Park, Fla., 4,698. 89, Hayden Stippich, McKean, Pa., 4,684. 90, Timothy Gruendler, St Louis, Mo., 4,677.

91, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 4,676. 92, Darin Bloomquist, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 4,664. 93, Aidan Furukawa, Sunbury, Ohio, 4,658. 94, Justin Bohn, Jackson, N.J., 4,651. 95, Nathan Stubler, Peru, Ill., 4,637. 96, Chase Nadeau, Grand Junction, Colo., 4,629.

97, Keven Williams, Roseville, Calif., 4,618. 98, Benjamin Martinez, Mexico, 4,616. 99, Carlos Granados, Orlando, Fla., 4,615. 100, Wes Malott, Fort Wayne, Ind., 4,593. 101, Frank Snodgrass, Auburn Hills, Mich., 4,592. 102, Braden Mallasch, Waupaca, 4,575.

103, Christian Liquori, Merritt Island, Fla., 4,549. 104, Brendan Salo, Dayton, Ohio, 4,529. 105, DJ Archer, Louisville, Ky., 4,499. 106, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 4,497. 107, Jaysen Spanbauer, Fond du Lac, Wis., 4,408. 108, Michael Schlabach, Wakarusa, Ind., 4,250.

February 1, 2025

SIMONSEN WINS SATURDAY STEPLADDER, JOINS ANDERSON, TACKETT, VIA, LAVOIE IN SUNDAY'S 2025 U.S. OPEN FINALS

INDIANAPOLIS – The 2025 U.S. Open presented by Go Bowling began on Tuesday when a field of 108 of the world's best bowlers took to the lanes for their first round of qualifying at Royal Pin Woodland in Indianapolis.

When those first balls were thrown, each and every one of those athletes hoped the week would end with the green jacket on their back, the U.S. Open trophy in their hands and the $100,000 first-place check in their bank account.

Nevertheless, after Saturday's final eight-game block of head-to-head match play and the No. 5-9 seed stepladder competition on FS1, just five bowlers still have the opportunity to make those dreams come true.

Those five players will compete in Sunday's stepladder finals live on FOX beginning at 4 p.m. Eastern.

Anthony Simonsen of Las Vegas earned the No. 5 seed for that show by defeating Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida, by a score of 233-211 during the final match of Saturday night's No. 5-9 stepladder battle.

Daugherty earned his shot at Simonsen by topping No. 8 seed Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois, 214-177, after Prather kicked the evening off with wins over No. 9 seed Graham Fach of Canada (244-190) and No. 7 seed Landin Jordan of Sycamore, Illinois (218-170).

Daugherty started off strong during Saturday's final match, striking on his first three shots while Simonsen managed just two spares and a strike during that same stretch.

The momentum would shift shortly thereafter though as after sparing in the fourth frame, Daugherty left a 2-10 split and opened in the fifth.

Simonsen took full advantage of the opening, running off a five-bagger in frames three through seven to erase the early deficit and establish a 33-pin lead of his own.

Daugherty did his best to hang tough down the stretch, but the damage was done, which allowed Simonsen to cruise to the 22-pin victory and punch his ticket to Sunday's finals.

There, he'll square off with No. 4 seed Francois Lavoie of Wichita, Kansas, the 2016 and 2019 U.S. Open champion.

Lavoie secured the final automatic berth for Sunday's show by firing a 254 during the position round of Saturday morning's final block of head-to-head match play, which allowed him to go around Simonsen for the No. 4 seed.

The winner of the Simonsen-Lavoie opener will advance to Match 2 and face 2021 U.S. Open champion Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio. Via was the overall leader after Round 1 of qualifying at this year's U.S. Open.

In order for Via to once again reach the winner's circle at bowling's most prestigious major, he'll have to defeat either Simonsen or Lavoie and then get past No. 2 seed EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, in the semifinals.

At the end of Wednesday's second round of qualifying, Tackett appeared to be a longshot to even make the cut to match play let alone reach the stepladder finals as he sat in 78th place and was 185 pins behind the cut line.

But that's when the 2023 U.S. Open champion dug in and began doing his best work.

He averaged just under 234 during his final eight-game qualifying block on Thursday to make the cut in 22nd place – 24 players advanced.

His torrid pace continued during the three rounds of match play that followed as he authored a field-best 18-6 record and averaged just under 233 over the course of those 24 games to climb all the way up to the No. 2 spot in the standings.

The only person Tackett was unable to chase down was tournament leader Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan.

Anderson, who led this year's tournament at the end of each day after Round 1, earned the top seed for Sunday's stepladder thanks to a field-best 223.98 average and a 17-7 match-play record of his own, which was second only to Tackett's 18-6 mark.

Now, Anderson sits just one win away from capturing his first U.S. Open title and the second major of his PBA Tour career – he won the 2018 United States Bowling Congress Masters in Syracuse, New York.

Anderson has no way of knowing how Sunday's title match will go; nevertheless, whatever happens, he plans to have a good time taking the ride.

“It’s been seven years since I’ve been in this position, so, nowadays, I want to enjoy the experience a little bit more,” Anderson said. “I honestly don’t even remember what it was like leading up to my Masters victory. I remember winning, but I don’t remember much else about it. This is possibly the best I’ve ever bowled in my life, so I just want to enjoy it.”

When asked how he managed to put himself on the cusp of a U.S. Open title, Anderson wasn’t sure what to say.

“I have no clue how I did it,” Anderson said. “I guess it was just a lot of perseverance. I had a lot of games during match play when, through six frames, I could max out at 220, and I maxed at 220. I did that like eight or nine times, and a lot of those games turned into wins for me. Those wins were the difference between being the top seed and maybe being fifth or sixth.”

Simonsen will enter Sunday’s stepladder as the No. 5 seed, but he sees that as a good thing as it will mean having the opportunity to get his sore back warmed up right away as opposed to having to wait around to get out on the lanes like he had to on Saturday night.

“It’s definitely best that I get to start and continue to bowl tomorrow as opposed to having to sit around,” Simonsen said. “Tonight, it was hard to judge when I wanted to start getting loose because I didn’t want to bowl for two hours straight. At the same time, I knew I was going to need like 30-40 minutes to fully warm up."

While it may take Simonsen a little while to get his body loose on Sunday, his mind is likely to be at ease as Woodland is a center that he feels extremely comfortable in.

“I’ve had a lot of success in this building,” Simonsen said. “I won in here after my mom passed away, I won in here after my dad passed away and I met my girlfriend of five years here. So, Woodland will always hold a special place in my heart.”

Simonsen’s 2022 U.S. Open victory also came at Woodland.

Now, he is looking to add a second green jacket to his collection, and he may just try to channel the energy of one of the PBA Tour’s legends in order to claim it.

“I have to give a little shout out to Norm Duke,” Simonsen said. “When I was getting ready this morning, I was thinking ‘If Norm was bowling, what would he do?’ And I was thinking he’d stand as close to the dry as he could and just try to knuckle it, miss it or whatever. I tried to do my version of that for a couple games this morning, so I’ll probably do that tomorrow and see if I can get a couple games under my belt, really understand what the pair is doing and just go from there.”

If anyone has proven himself willing and able to win while using an outside-the-box approach, it’s Simonsen, so Sunday’s stepladder should be very entertaining for the capacity crowd expected at Woodland and the viewers taking in the action on FOX.

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Saturday's results

SEEDS NO. 5-9 FINAL STANDINGS
5, Anthony Simonsen, Las Vegas, 233 (one game), Advances to Sunday's stepladder finals.
6, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Florida, 425 (two games), $7,850.
7, Kristopher Prather, Romeoville, Illinois, 639 (three games), $6,700.
8, Landin Jordan, Sycamore, Illinois, 170 (one game), $6,200.
9, Graham Fach, Canada, 190 (one game), $5,800.

STEPLADDER RESULTS
Match No. 1 – Prather def. Fach, 244-190.
Match No. 2 – Prather def. Jordan, 218-170.
Match No. 3 – Daugherty def. Prather, 214-177.
Match No. 4 – Simonsen def. Daugherty, 233-211.

MATCH PLAY
(48 games – 30 bonus pins for a win, 15 bonus pins for a tie)

1, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 17-7-0, 11,261. 2, EJ Tackett, Ossian, Ind., 18-6-0, 11,168. 3, Chris Via, Blacklick, Ohio, 13-10-1, 10,975. 4, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 14-9-1, 10,967.

5, Anthony Simonsen, Las Vegas, Nev., 10-13-1, 10,961. 6, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 16-8-0, 10,916. 7, Landin Jordan, Sycamore, Ill., 11-13-0, 10,893. 8, Kristopher Prather, Romeoville, Ill., 14-10-0, 10,784. 9, Graham Fach, Canada, 14-10-0, 10,768.

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10, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 11-13-0, 10,743, $5,000. 11, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 13-10-1, 10,667, $4,550. 12, Zach Weidman, Indianapolis, Ind., 10-14-0, 10,665, $4,300. 13, Michael Martell, West Babylon, N.Y., 10-13-1, 10,617, $4,150. 14, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 11-13-0, 10,588, $4,000.

15, Timmy Tan, Malaysia, 12-12-0, 10,568, $3,850. 16, Cameron Crowe, Orland Park, Ill., 11-13-0, 10,556, $3,700. 17, Dallas Leong, Las Vegas, Nev., 10-14-0, 10,498, $3,550. 18, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 9-15-0, 10,492, $3,400. 19, John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 10-14-0, 10,442, $3,300.

20, Nathan Bohr, Round Rock, Texas, 12-12-0, 10,436, $3,200. 21, Spencer Robarge, Springfield, Mo., 10-13-1, 10,416, $3,100. 22, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 9-15-0, 10,314, $3,000. 23, Kevin McCune, Munster, Ind., 10-14-0, 10,313, $2,900. 24, Zac Tackett, Decatur, Ind., 10-14-0, 10,285, $2,800.

February 2, 2025

TACKETT TOPS ANDERSON, BECOMES 13TH PLAYER TO WIN MULTIPLE U.S. OPEN TITLES

INDIANAPOLIS – Two years ago, EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, dominated the field at Royal Pin Woodland in Indianapolis, leading qualifying, earning the top seed for the stepladder finals and topping Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina, 221-208, during the title match to win his first U.S. Open title.

This year's tournament may not have gone as smoothly, but the end result was the same as Tackett defeated No. 1 seed Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan, by a score of 238-184 during Sunday's live stepladder finals on FOX to win the 2025 U.S. Open presented by Go Bowling – also contested at Royal Pin Woodland – and become just the 13th player in history to record multiple U.S. Open victories.

For his efforts, Tackett was rewarded with his second green jacket, the iconic eagle trophy and the U.S. Open's $100,000 first-place prize.

Anderson, who led this year's tournament nearly wire to wire prior to the stepladder finals, took home $50,000 for finishing second.

The title match appeared to be trending in Anderson's favor early on as the 29-year-old right-hander started with strikes in three of his first four frames while Tackett managed just one strike and three spares during that same stretch.

The 2023 U.S. Open champion would turn up the heat from there, however, rattling off a four-bagger in frames five through eight.

Anderson, meanwhile, left the 1-5-7-8 in the fifth frame and the 3-4-6-7 split in the eighth, both of which resulted in open frames.

The top seed never gave in, but the deficit was simply too big to overcome, and when Tackett ran his string of strikes to five by getting all 10 pins to fall in the ninth frame, the match was over, and Tackett had officially become a two-time U.S. Open champion.

Even though the 32-year-old right-hander already knew what it felt like to don the green jacket and hoist the trophy after winning on the same pair of lanes in the same building just two years before, the magnitude of Sunday's achievement still hit Tackett hard after the title match.

“This is really emotional for me, just for different reasons,” Tackett said. “Two years ago, I was able to win here and complete that comeback after having a big lead and losing on the TV show the year before. This one, winning the U.S. Open as a dad now is a completely different emotion.

“I know I won the World Championships last year when Tripp was there, but this is the U.S. Open. It’s a grind. It’s hard physically, mentally and emotionally. To win two of them, it’s pretty special.”

Tackett experienced that grind firsthand at this year’s tournament.

At the end of Wednesday’s second round of qualifying, it seemed unlikely that he would even make the cut to match play as he was 185 pins behind the cut line in 78th place.

It would have been easy for Tackett to give up and accept the fact that it just wasn’t going to be his week; however, throughout his Professional Bowlers Association Tour career, the powerful right-hander has proven that once he figures it out, he can strike as much or more than anyone, and that’s precisely what he did from that point forward.

He averaged just under 234 during his final eight-game qualifying block on Thursday to make the cut in 22nd place – 24 players advanced.

He continued the dominant run during the three rounds of match play that followed as he authored a field-best 18-6 record and averaged just under 233 over the course of those 24 games to climb all the way up to the No. 2 spot in the standings.

The only person Tackett was unable to chase down prior to the stepladder finals was Anderson.

Tackett’s thrilling three-day run at the end of qualifying and throughout match play delighted the spectators in attendance at Royal Pin Woodland and those watching the livestream of the event on BowlTV, but it didn’t really surprise any of the 107 other bowlers competing in this year’s tournament, nor did it surprise Tackett himself.

Still, even Tackett had to concede that a comeback performance of that magnitude would have been unlikely in years past.

“I’ve never questioned my ability, and I’ve had blocks like that where I’ve done something cool, but I don’t think I could’ve made a run like this earlier in my career,” Tackett said. “But I talked to one of my sponsors prior to match play and told him that I was going to get to third, and I ended up having to say sorry for lying because I ended up qualifying second. The last couple of years has definitely given me that belief and that confidence that I can step up and do what I need to do to make a cut, win a match or win a title.”

That confidence has yielded tangible results as Tackett came to the 2023 U.S. Open with some people still questioning whether or not he could get the job done on bowling’s biggest stages.

Since that time, he's collected two U.S. Open titles, four total majors and two PBA Player of the Year awards, all of which renders that question asked and answered.

In addition to increased confidence, Tackett also credits his recent success to only focusing on the things he can control.

"All I can ask of myself is to do my best to perform well in these situations; whether I win or not really isn't in my control," Tackett said. "If I can perform well, I can always keep my head held high and know that I did everything I could regardless of the outcome."

Tackett certainly performed well during his two TV matches on Sunday.

One match prior to taking down Anderson for the title, Tackett looked poised to flirt with perfect as he started with seven strikes in a row during his semifinal match against No. 3 seed Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, the 2021 U.S. Open champion.

Tackett's run at 300 ended abruptly when he left a pocket 7-10 split in the eighth frame; however, it did nothing to put the outcome of the match in jeopardy as Tackett already held a sizable lead and would cruise to a 245-152 victory.

Via earned $25,000 for his third-place finish.

One match earlier, Via topped 2016 and 2019 U.S. Open champ Francois Lavoie of Wichita, Kansas, by a score of 238-226 to earn his shot at Tackett.

Lavoie kicked off the stepladder by using a late six-bagger to defeat 2022 U.S. Open winner Anthony Simonsen of Las Vegas, 246-206.

Lavoie finished in fourth place and earned $16,000 while Simonsen took home $10,000 for finishing fifth.

Action at the 2025 U.S. Open kicked off on Sunday, Jan. 26, when more than 100 bowlers competed in an eight-game pre-tournament qualifier to earn the final spots in this year's U.S. Open field of 108 bowlers.

The tournament's official practice sessions took place on Jan. 27 with three eight-game qualifying rounds and 24 games of head-to-head match play following from Jan. 28-Feb. 1.

After the completion of Saturday morning's final eight-game round of match play, the top nine bowlers advanced to this year's two U.S. Open stepladder finals broadcasts.

The first show featured seeds No. 5-9 battling it out on FS1 on Saturday and saw Simonsen defeat Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida, by a score of 233-211 to earn the No. 5 seed for Sunday's final stepladder.

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Sunday's results

FINAL STANDINGS
1, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Indiana, 483 (two games), $100,000
2, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Michigan, 184 (one game), $50,000.
3, Chris Via, Blacklick, Ohio, 390 (two games), $25,000.
4, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kansas, 472 (two games), $16,000.
5, Anthony Simonsen, Las Vegas, 206 (one game), $10,000.

STEPLADDER RESULTS
Match No. 1 – Lavoie def. Simonsen, 246-206.
Match No. 2 – Via def. Lavoie, 238-226.
Semifinals – Tackett def. Via, 245-152.
Championship – Tackett def. Anderson, 238-184.

February 3, 2025

NICK HOAGLAND RECEIVES JIM JARYSZAK LANEMAN AWARD

ARLINGTON, Texas – Nick Hoagland of Zionsville, Indiana, was presented with the 2024 Jim Jaryszak Laneman Award Sunday prior to the televised finals of the 2025 U.S. Open presented by Go Bowling.

Hoagland, 46, was previously notified by the United States Bowling Congress that he was the 2024 award recipient, and USBC Vice President Mike Cannington made the official presentation of the award to Hoagland before friends and family at Royal Pin Woodland in Indianapolis.

The Jim Jaryszak Laneman Award winner, which recognizes a person for their behind-the-scenes work as a laneman, is selected by the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications team from submitted nominations.

"For a lane guy, this is different because we're just trying to hide in the shadows, and we're not looking for any credit," Hoagland said. "But this is a big deal, and I appreciate that people get recognized for this work although that's not why I do it. And just to tie this to Jim Jaryszak, what I remember most about Jim is that he took chances and was not afraid to do something different because he understood that lane maintenance is always evolving, and you can't keep doing lanes the same way you did 10 years ago. That took courage to do that."

Hoagland serves in many roles these days, including the last nine years as USBC's Lane Pattern Development Team Leader in charge of the creation and implementation of lane patterns for all USBC events. He also is the Chief Revenue Officer for Backhaul Direct and

owner of H2M Management, which runs about a dozen college bowling tournaments per year, including the Hoosier Classic.

Hoagland is an accomplished bowler in his own right, starting at age four when he bowled a junior league on four lanes in the basement of an American Legion Hall in Canton, Ohio, where his grandfather (John Mrkvica) was a member.

Hoagland noted that his journey as a bowler was shaped heavily by watching the pros on TV when he was growing up, and his love for the sport continued into high school where he competed in a proprietor's travel league in the Canton area.

He bowled collegiately at Indiana University where he was a three-time All-American and collegiate player of the year (1997-1998).

Like his interest in the sport, Hoagland's interest in oiling lanes and lane maintenance also started at an early age.

"My grandfather, in his basement, had a miniature bowling machine," Hoagland said. "It was built in the 60s and had actual (miniature) bowling balls. When I was around 10 and I would watch the pros on TV, Bo Burton would draw the lines on the lanes for the lane pattern, and I would try to replicate the oil pattern. I would do that on this miniature lane that was about 13 feet long. I had towels, I had spray guns, I used Pledge, I used Ajax, just everything. Then, one day, the mechanic at the local center finally gave me some real oil. That was the start of it all."

Hoagland did some lane maintenance during college, before being hired by the Professional Bowlers Association in 1999 to do lane maintenance for the Midwest Region. He also did an internship at Kegel in 2000.

Following that, Hoagland was hired as an assistant tournament director for the PBA Tour, which quickly transitioned into a position developing oil patterns for the PBA. The first PBA event he provided lane maintenance for was the 2001 PBA Great Lakes Classic in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where Pete Weber shot 299.

It's always been Hoagland's love for the sport and his passion to learn more that has fueled his career in lane maintenance, but he's also quick to point out that he's had some great mentors along the way. Hoagland cites four in particular – Joe Petrick, Ed and Polly Limbach and John Janawicz.

Petrick was Hoagland's coach during his high school years, and Hoagland noted he had "an out-of-the-box way of looking at lane maintenance and passed that along to me."

The Limbachs, owners of North Canton (Ohio) Recreation Center, allowed Hoagland to bowl for free at their center for 10 years as part of their travel league team. That access, according to Hoagland, allowed him to "learn everything about ball reaction" and provided him with a foundation in lane maintenance.

Janawicz, a USBC Hall of Famer and 2023 recipient of this award, first mentored Hoagland during his internship at Kegel. Hoagland cited Janawicz's "professionalism, how he approached his craft, his seriousness and work ethic" as leaving lasting impressions on him.

Hoagland also admires Len Nicholson (2011 Jim Jaryszak Laneman Award winner) who Hoagland said has provided him with “all his lane patterns, his PBA Tour reports and all his concepts,” along with “everyone at Kegel, especially Chris Chartrand.”
Hoagland notes the job of a laneman certainly has its challenges. When asked what he felt was the most difficult part about it, Hoagland said, “Keeping up with the ever-changing environment. And that’s not just a ball discussion. It includes lane surfaces, oils, everything. All that stuff is constantly changing and evolving, and it’s a challenge to stay on top of it.”

Despite those challenges, there is no denying Hoagland loves what he does.

“I had a couple of experiences when I was a junior and senior in high school at some tournaments where things happened with the lane machine that affected the competition and it shouldn’t have happened,” Hoagland said. “From that point on, I wanted to make sure things were fair when it came to lane maintenance, and what I mean by fair is that the process is fair and consistent. That’s why I got into it, and I continue with it today because I think I’m contributing. I think I have a skill, and it’s part art and part science, and I like the accountability of it. With me, the effort and passion to always try to do it the right way is always going to be there.”

The Jim Jaryszak Laneman Award is named in honor of the USBC Research Manager who passed away in late 2010. Jaryszak was instrumental in setting up the USBC Sport Bowling program and served as the point person when the PBA was updating its animal patterns.

Past recipients include names such as Sam Baca, the first Director of Lane Maintenance for the PBA, and Kegel founder John Davis.

February 4, 2025

FOUR CANDIDATES SLATED FOR USBC BOARD ELECTION;
FOUR LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO BE DECIDED

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress Nominating Committee has slated four candidates for election to the USBC Board of Directors, and delegates also will vote on four legislative proposals at the 2025 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting.

The 2025 USBC Convention will take place May 5-8 at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas with the Annual Meeting legislative sessions taking place on the final day.

Delegates will vote to fill three open positions on the USBC Board of Directors. The USBC Nominating Committee, which may slate up to two candidates for each opening, set the following slate of four candidates:

- Cindy Akin, Placerville, California
- Zachary Boulanger, Green Bay, Wisconsin
- Chrissie Kent, Newark, New York
- Nathan Shock, Brighton, Colorado

Akin, who has been a USBC member for the last 17 years, notes that her passion for the sport has led her to assist with the oversight and development of ideas and programs, problem solving and fund raising for her local bowling association (Sierra Gold USBC) since 2015 and to joining the board for her state association (California State USBC) two years ago. With her husband, she runs approximately 20 small tournaments annually in different centers in

Northern California and Nevada. Akin also has served on various education boards including her local school board (president for four years). She also was elected to serve as a Delegate Assembly Member representing four counties to the California School Boards Association where she served on numerous committees. That experience led her to a staff position with that same organization as a Senior Policy Consultant Manager from 2006-2014.

Boulanger has been a USBC member for 28 years and has served as Association Manager for the Green Bay Area USBC since 2017 and as a director with the Wisconsin State USBC since 2018 where he is the chair of the Awards and Promotion Committee. Among other things, his duties as local association manager include ensuring compliance with national and state policies and planning and executing approximately 10 tournaments annually. He is currently Chief of Staff/Director of Operations for WOW Marketing/Bowling Business Builders International. Boulanger notes that he has been serving in some capacity on his local board since he was a junior in high school. His current roles have allowed him to work with stakeholders from across the bowling industry, and he is committed to using his marketing and communications skills to serve the interests of the sport and to help grow youth participation.

Kent, a USBC member for 30 years, is completing her first term on the board after joining the International Bowling Campus Youth Committee during the 2016-2017 season. She took over as the chair for the IBC Youth Committee in July 2020 and has served as a director on the BPAA and Lake Ontario USBC Boards. She and husband, USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Doug Kent, have owned Doug Kent's Rose Bowl Lanes since 1999, where she helps manage the day-to-day operations and has built the youth program as its director. Outside of bowling, Kent has served on the Newark Rotary Board and as President of the Newark Chamber of Commerce Board.

Shock has been a USBC member for the last 25 years and has served with Greater Denver USBC since 2013 where he is currently president. Shock also is a teacher in the Adams 12 Five Star School District in Thorton, Colorado, and has previous experience as a shift manager at Coal Creek Bowling Center in Lafayette, Colorado (2022-2024). His experience with the Greater Denver USBC has allowed him to work with a variety of vendors to create successful events through the creation and implementation of successful marketing campaigns. Shock has been supporting and representing bowlers in his local community for the past 20 years in multiple capacities including serving on the transition committee during the merger, being a delegate on the state and national level, running workshops, events and tournaments, and creating a summer outreach bowling program with the local police department.

The board positions became open as two current board members, Anthony Colangelo and Melissa McDaniel, have reached their term limit, and Bo Goergen chose not to seek another term.

Additional candidates for the USBC Board of Directors may run from the floor provided they give notice of their candidacy to the committee by April 7. Go to **BOWL.com/Convention** for Nomination from the Floor information.

Full biographies of all the candidates will be published in the coming weeks at **BOWL.com/Convention** and included in the USBC Convention program.

There are four proposed amendments to be voted upon by delegates at the USBC Annual Meeting. Each is a bylaws proposal (one national, two state and one local). The bylaws proposals require a two-thirds majority vote for adoption. The proposed amendments will be detailed **here** once updated.

The 2026 USBC Convention will remain in Nevada, but heads north to Reno at the Silver Legacy Resort and Casino, April 27-30.

Visit **BOWL.com/Convention** in the coming weeks for more information about the 2025 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting.

February 6, 2025

ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT MAKES BOWLING FREE TO JOIN FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

ARLINGTON, Texas – School bowling programs in the United States have always been popular, and one school district in Illinois has made it so that middle schoolers who want to join can do so for free.

Rockford Public Schools (RPS 205) has had a middle school bowling program for over 30 years where there are no cuts and everyone has an opportunity to compete, provided they pay a $90 fee for the whole season. This season saw a change. Those in RPS 205 now don't pay a cent after bowling was elevated to an official school sport from a club sport, meaning bowling is on the same level as other sports like football and baseball in the area.

Middle schools not in RPS 205 still pay $90 for the season, which includes all practices, matches, tournaments, bowling ball and shoe rental plus uniforms.

Brad Sommer leads the program for the district, where practices are twice a week until the first match of the season before going to one practice and one match per week thereafter. Brad is the son of John Sommer Jr., who helped build the Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour in 1980, which later became the Professional Women's Bowling Association, and created High School Bowling USA (now USBC High School). John was also most known for his involvement with Bowler's Ed – In School Bowling program.

"I think (being free to join) and having no cuts has been a driving force for a lot of parents to try and convince a student that's never done a school sport before," said Sommer. "It reduces a barrier of entry and helps participation knowing that a kid is going to make the team."

He says that for this upcoming season there has been about a 40% increase in sign-ups after having 357 middle schoolers participate last season. A majority of those that join the program continue into high school and even beyond after graduating, some even 30 years later.

"They're embedded in adult leagues now, their families bowl and they have kids now who are joining bumper and youth leagues," he said. "It's a great way to get families involved in the sport and see it carry on from generation to generation."

Prior to this year, bowling was classified as a club sport at the middle school level, meaning that those who joined had to pay the $90 fee to cover the costs.

"We just had to find that one person in the district or in the schools that's going to fight for you, and you can make magic happen," Sommer said.

That one person was Dawn Williamson, the Director of Athletics, Activities and Program Development in RPS 205, who helped lobby to make bowling an official school sport at the middle school level in the district this year.

"Supporting bowling at the middle and high school levels is a no-brainer in my opinion," said Williamson. "Our school district eliminated athletic fees years ago, so the district is committed to offsetting the costs for student participation. Brad is passionate about bowling and its positive impact on students, which made partnering with him an easy decision.

“It’s no small financial feat, that’s for sure (uniforms, equipment, coach stipends, transportation, etc.), but it’s well worth it!”

Sommer credits Williamson for getting other athletic directors on board with a fully funded middle school program.

“(Dawn) was able to sell it (to the athletic directors) in that bowling was the perfect sport because you don’t have to be the strongest, fastest or tallest in your class to achieve success; you just put in hard work and practice and can make something of it for yourself.”

Joining Williamson in this endeavor was Abigail Oleson, the Athletics Specialist for the district, who is “thrilled to see the level of interest in young bowlers grow” after partnering with Sommer.

“By eliminating the burden of costs for our families, we were hopeful that it would provide more opportunity for our students to explore the sport,” said Oleson. “I believe it’s done just that, and we are looking forward to seeing the positive impact this has on the bowling community and our families in years to come!”

Those who join the middle school program also get coaching from those who coach at the high school level and are paid by the district to help out the middle schoolers.

Again highlighting the backing they have, Sommer said, “The other schools in our area are all volunteers, but the Rockford schools really got behind it. They (RPS 205) let us suggest which coaches to hire at the middle school level; it’s the real deal for sure.”

Other school districts around the United States have also begun to offer bowling as a club sport at the middle school level, showing that bowling has room to grow and continues to bring a younger group into the sport. Those school districts can look to RPS 205 as a blueprint on how to elevate bowling into an official school sport.

Sommer said, “There’s some other hotbeds around the country that are doing similar things with middle school bowling, but if we could make this grow nationwide, who knows where it could take us.”

For more information, visit https://doncarterlanes.com/rps-205-student-registration.

If you're interested in starting a middle school bowling program, USBC Youth offers a guide to help you get started. This guide provides strategies for generating interest, steps for setting up a program, insights on how middle school bowling can feed into high school teams and ways to expand youth participation in local bowling centers. You can access the full guide here. Visit this resource today to bring bowling to your school and grow the sport at the grassroots level!

February 14, 2025

USBC SMART PROGRAM MAKES $7 MILLION EARNINGS ALLOCATION FOR 2025

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress Scholarship Management and Account Reporting for Tenpins (SMART) program is making an investment earnings allocation of $7 million to provide additional scholarships for youth bowlers. The $7 million allocation is consistent with funding provided since 2022 and matches the largest investment earnings allocation in SMART history.

In addition to the earnings allocation, SMART is allocating $500,000 in earnings to support USBC national scholarship programs. This funding will provide additional scholarships to the USA Bowling program as well as other USBC conducted national programs.

Due to policy adopted in 2021, a portion of annual investment earnings immediately goes to new scholarships for youth bowlers. SMART is progressively paying more benefits for students every year. In 2024, SMART processed the largest total disbursements in program history, reaching $13 million. This exceeds the previous record set in 2023 of $11.3 million.

Included in the 2024 allocation:

· $2.6 million in bonus scholarships to the 7,127 active SMART Recipients. These are students who used SMART funds in 2024. Each student will immediately receive a new $365 SMART scholarship.

· $1.8 million in new SMART deposited unassigned funds for Providers to allocate toward future scholarships. This is in addition to the new $3.3 million SMART deposited unassigned funds Providers received for allocation in January from expired Recipient accounts.

· $2.6 million is set aside for the SMART Pell Grant Match Program for the 2025-2026 academic year.

“The SMART program keeps growing every year and helping more kids than ever before pay for education,” USBC President Dennis Hacker said. “We are proud to announce another meaningful earnings allocation which will benefit our youth bowlers, SMART providers and the sport overall.”

New for 2025, SMART has adjusted requirements for the SMART Pell Grant Match program. To be eligible for the program, recipients must have four prior years of USBC membership history, with at least one of the four being a youth membership, and have a current SMART scholarship account balance less than $1,000. These changes are intended to ensure that engaged recipients with several years of youth bowling and immediate need receive funding priority. The new criteria will apply to all applicants in the 2025-2026 school year.

The federal Pell Grant is a national program that helps students and families with the greatest financial need pay for college. The SMART Pell Grant Match maximizes the power of this federal program for bowlers by matching it dollar for dollar. Students can request the SMART Pell Grant Match by visiting **BOWL.com/SMART**.

“Applications for the SMART Pell Grant Match program have increased every year,” said Frank Wilkinson, chair of the USBC SMART Committee. “We have a lot of youth bowlers in financial need who want to pursue education after high school. SMART helps make it happen and reduces the need to take out student loans.”

In 2021, the USBC Board of Directors approved a series of policy changes for SMART, designed to increase scholarship benefits for SMART Recipients. The new policy allocates a portion of investment gains to be awarded as new scholarships in SMART Recipient accounts.

RENO RESORTS BRING SAVINGS TO USBC OPEN AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS BOWLERS WITH LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress has reached an agreement with Reno's premier resort casinos – Eldorado, Silver Legacy and Circus Circus – to serve as the presenting sponsors for the USBC Open and Women's Championships when the tournaments visit Reno from 2026 to 2033.

As part of the agreement, the downtown properties also will serve as the hosting hotels for each event, giving bowlers the chance to save on expenses through special rates and benefits.

In addition, Silver Legacy will be the spot for bowlers to pick up all same-day brackets payouts for both the Open and Women's Championships.

The Open Championships is scheduled to head to Reno in 2026, 2029 and 2032. The Women's Championships will be making appearances in The Biggest Little City in the World in 2028 and 2033.

Each event will be contested at the famed National Bowling Stadium. The Taj Mahal of Tenpins also is located downtown and just a short walk from all three resorts.

"We are incredibly excited to be able to continue this wonderful partnership with the USBC for years to come," said General Manager Mark Huse. "At the Eldorado, Circus Circus and Silver Legacy, we are proud to offer family-style service that makes our guests feel at home. Our goal is for the USBC bowlers to find a home away from home with us, only one block away from the National Bowling Stadium. Reno is a city with something for everyone, and we hope that our bowlers enjoy everything from world-class food and entertainment to our beautiful outdoors."

With registration for the 2026 Open Championships – which currently is scheduled to run from March 14 to July 5 – set to open to the public on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 1 p.m. Eastern, the partnering resort casinos also will have several deals in place for those looking to secure their accommodations in Reno through MyBowlingVacation.com.

Eldorado and Silver Legacy will feature rates starting at $60 per night for bowlers at the 2026 Open Championships. Circus Circus will have rates starting at $49 per night.

Bowlers will be able to save on resort fees in 2026, too. The resort casinos will waive all resort fees for those who have booked their stay prior to Aug. 31, 2025. For reservations made after the deadline, bowlers will receive 50% off resort fees.

USBC members can take advantage of exclusive food and beverage discounts at all three resort casinos, as well as special deals at retail outlets and The Spa at Silver Legacy.

There also will be exclusive packages available for coordinators in the Captain's Club, based on the total number of room nights booked for their group.

“We’ve always had a great relationship with the teams at Eldorado, Silver Legacy and Circus Circus, and they are rolling out the red carpet for the bowlers with these great promotions,” USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said. “This partnership will allow us to continue to build for the future of our Championship Tournaments and give the bowlers an incredible experience on and off the lanes.”

Reno has hosted the Open Championships on 14 occasions, with the most recent appearance taking place in 2023. The Women’s Championships has been held in Washoe County a total of 13 times, including in 2024.

February 18, 2025

BOWLER’S ED PROGRAM AWARDS GRANTS AND EXPANDS RELATIONSHIPS, CONTINUES SUCCESS PROMOTING YOUTH BOWLING

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress Youth Development Team, through its Bowler’s Ed program, continues to provide new and exciting ways to connect with local communities and schools to promote all the positives associated with youth bowling.

Ten new schools and three school districts will have the opportunity to incorporate bowling into their educational plans during the 2025-2026 school year courtesy of the Bowler’s Ed Grant Program.

Thirteen recipients have been chosen by the United States Bowling Congress Youth Development team to receive Bowler’s Ed kits and curriculum information through the program. Through these 13 recipients, more than 20,000 students will be directly impacted by the program. USBC Youth is awarding 12 of the grants, with one grant sponsored by the New York State Bowling Proprietors’ Association.

Bowler’s Ed is a curriculum- and equipment-based physical education program designed to introduce students to the lifetime sport of bowling. Each Bowler’s Ed kit provides teachers and supporting staff with the equipment and tools needed to enjoy the sport in the most convenient way – bringing a bowling-center-like atmosphere into classrooms, gyms and recreational spaces.

Through the grant program, schools and organizations are able to teach students and young athletes about bowling in an educational and fun setting. Each kit provides six sets of the following: a carpeted mobile bowling lane, rubber bowling ball, plastic pins, step-by-step curriculum and an instructional video on the fundamentals of bowling, which includes etiquette, safety, scoring and fitness activities.

The schools and school districts selected to receive Bowler’s Ed kits for the 2025-2026 school year were determined based on applications submitted by the Dec. 31, 2024, deadline. The kits will be received by the following schools and districts:

- American Academy – Castle Pines, Colo.

- Belleview-Santos Elementary School – Belleview, Fla.
- Carthage R-9 School District – Carthage, Mo.
- Dorseyville Elementary School – White Castle, La.
- Eastern Suffolk BOCES – Bellport, N.Y.
- Hazel Valley Elementary School – Burien, Wash.
- Jack Harmon Elementary School – San Tan Valley, Ariz.
- Jerome School District – Jerome, Idaho
- Moreland Arts and Health Sciences Magnet School – West St. Paul, Minn.
- South Ridge Elementary School – Ridgefield, Wash.
- Thrive Center for Success – Magnolia, Texas
- Twin Echo Elementary School – Collinsville, Ill.
- Zeeland Public Schools – Zeeland, Mich.

The grant for Jerome School District is the first awarded in the state of Idaho.

The curriculum includes lessons that put a new twist on subjects that students are already learning about such as math, language arts, social studies, problem solving, computer skills and more. It also introduces the students to a sport that they can play for a lifetime while providing great exercise, building endurance and developing hand-eye coordination in a fun way.

“We are incredibly grateful for this opportunity,” said Adrienne Sodemann, Grant Coordinator for Thrive Center for Success. “Bowling is an accessible and engaging sport that will allow our students to develop coordination, social skills and teamwork in a fun and structured way. Bringing this program to Thrive Center for Success aligns perfectly with our mission to provide innovative, inclusive opportunities that empower our students to succeed.

“This grant will enrich student experiences and foster community engagement, promoting teamwork, coordination and confidence,” Sodemann added. “For students at Thrive, a charter school dedicated to serving children with autism, this program will provide a unique way to develop essential skills in a supportive environment. Winning this grant will not only enhance Thrive’s physical education program but also create new pathways for students to connect with their peers and the broader community.”

USBC Youth Development works with local associations, schools and bowling centers throughout the country to deliver the In-School Bowler’s Ed kits. Each kit is valued at $2,200.

The initiative is supported by the bowling industry and aims to bring bowling centers and associations together with schools and non-profit organizations in their communities, allowing physical education teachers and other instructors the opportunity to make bowling one of the sports they teach to their students.

Since 2010, the Bowler’s Ed Grant Program has awarded 367 grants valued at over

$775,000. More than 4.7 million students from 47 states and provinces across the United States and Canada have been impacted by the program.
USBC Youth Development also created another youth bowling initiative through a relationship with School Family Media in which a landing page was created on their website for PTA/PTO leaders to access information about Bowler's Ed. This includes information on curriculum distribution, grant applications and more. A link to that landing page can be found here: **https://marketing.bowl.com/bowlers-ed-teachers**.

Additionally, School Family Media sent an email to physical educators to inform them about the free Bowler's Ed curriculum. In turn, those educators visit the landing page to get the curriculum, which provides information on how bowling is a healthy activity and how to apply for a Bowler's Ed Grant.

Another promotional item included placement of a piece in the PTO Today marketplace – which is a place where PTOs and PTAs can get information, ads, deals, etc., on a variety of things. The piece encourages those PTO and PTA members to bring bowling to their schools as part of a bowling night fundraiser while also telling them about the free teacher curriculum and equipment grant opportunities.

All of this good work has come to fruition in a variety of ways and places, including at Wisconsin's West De Pere School District where the school district is taking full advantage of the Bowler's Ed program. The program has been so successful that it prompted a mention in a video address from the superintendent of the district, Dr. Jason Lau, which can be seen here: **Dr. Wow moment**.

For schools, facilities or organizations interested in applying for a Bowler's Ed grant, the application portal is open once again. The submission deadline for this round is June 30, 2025.

Information on the Bowler's Ed program can be found at **BOWL.com/BowlersEd**, and applications for the Bowler's Ed grant can be found at **ibc.smapply.net**.

February 19, 2025

SECTIONAL ASSIGNMENTS DETERMINED
FOR 2025 INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The nation's best collegiate bowling programs have their sights set on postseason play now that sectional assignments have been announced for the 2025 Intercollegiate Team Championships.

The sectional assignments were broadcast live on BowlTV on Wednesday night and introduced the 80 women's programs and 80 men's teams moving ahead in the 2024-2025 United States Bowling Congress Collegiate season with the opportunity to claim the coveted Helmer Cup.

The sectional qualifiers will be held across four locations March 8-9. The locations include Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois; Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Michigan; Cityview Lanes in Fort Worth, Texas; and Smyrna Bowling Center in Smyrna, Tennessee.

The top four teams in each division will advance from their sectional and head to South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas for the 2025 ITC from April 16-19.

The regular season concluded over the weekend, and both squads from Mount Mercy finished as the top-ranked teams heading into the sectional qualifiers. For the Mount Mercy women, this marks the third year in a row they've ended the regular season atop the rankings in their division.

The Mount Mercy women are looking to make their sixth consecutive appearance at the ITC and will compete at the Addison Sectional as will the men's team.

Webber International is the defending national champion on the men's side entering postseason play. The Warriors, who have captured three ITC titles, will be starting their title defense at the Smyrna Sectional.

There will be a new women's national champion in 2025 as Wichita State opted to compete exclusively in NCAA postseason competition this season.

The final Tier I event of the 2024-2025 regular season took place Feb. 15-16 at the Hoosier Classic in Indianapolis, and the bracket wins in the 56th edition of the tournament went to the Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah men and the Judson women.

Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah will be in Smyrna, and Judson will make its way to Addison.

Here is the complete men's and women's Intercollegiate Team Championships Sectional Qualifier field (teams listed in alphabetical order):

MEN
Addison Sectional
Calumet, Clarke, Indiana Tech, Iowa Western CC, Judson, Kansas Wesleyan, College of Lake County, Lakeland, Marian-Wisconsin, Midland, Morningside, Mount Mercy, Rock Valley, Siena Heights, Spring Arbor, St. Ambrose, St. Francis-Illinois, Viterbo, Wartburg, Wisconsin-La Crosse, Wisconsin-Platteville, Wisconsin-Whitewater

Allen Park Sectional
Aquinas, Cleary, Davenport, Erie CC, Lawrence Tech, Madonna, Marian-Indiana, Muskingum, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Northwestern Ohio, Ohio Northern, Olivet, Pikeville, Robert Morris-Pennsylvania, Rochester, Rochester Institute of Technology, Saint Xavier, Saint Vincent, SUNY-Stony Brook, William Paterson

Fort Worth Sectional
Arizona State, Avila, Baker, California State-Fresno, Coe, Cumberland, Grand Canyon, Hastings, Lindenwood, McKendree, Newman, Oklahoma Christian, Ottawa-Kansas, Purdue, San Jose State, Southern Nazarene, Texas A&M, Texas-San Antonio, Wichita State, William Penn

Smyrna Sectional
Belmont Abbey, Concordia, Emmanuel, Florida State, Huntington, Indiana Wesleyan, Milligan, Missouri Baptist, Ohio State, Quincy, Savannah College of Art and Design-Atlanta, Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, Shawnee State, Tennessee Wesleyan, Trine, University of the Cumberlands, Vincennes, Webber International

WOMEN
Addison Sectional
Alma, Calumet, Duquesne, Governors State, Grand View, Indiana Tech, Judson, Louisiana Tech, Marian-Wisconsin, Midland, Monmouth, Morningside, Mount Mercy, Rock Valley, Spring Arbor, St. Ambrose, St. Francis-Illinois, Viterbo, Waldorf, Wartburg, Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin-Whitewater

Allen Park Sectional
Aquinas, Cleary, Davenport, Goshen, Kutztown, Lawrence Tech, Madonna, Marian-Indiana, Midway, Mount St. Mary's, Muskingum, North Carolina A&T, Northwestern Ohio, Olivet, Pikeville, Robert Morris-Pennsylvania, Rochester, Saint Xavier, Saint Vincent, Walsh

Fort Worth Sectional
Alabama-Birmingham, Avila, Baker, Central Missouri, Coe, Columbia, Cumberland, Culver-Stockton, Hastings, Lindenwood, McKendree, McPherson, Newman, Oklahoma Christian, Ottawa-Kansas, Sacred Heart, Spring Hill, William Penn

Smyrna Sectional
Belmont Abbey, Concordia, Delaware State, Emmanuel, Huntington, Indiana Wesleyan, Jacksonville State, Maryland Eastern Shore, Maryville, Milligan, Missouri Baptist, Rio Grande, Savannah College of Art and Design-Atlanta, Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, Shawnee State, Stephen F. Austin, Tennessee Wesleyan, Trine, University of the Cumberlands, Wright State

Sectional assignments are based on Team Ranking System (TRS) points earned during the season. USBC Collegiate attempts to place no more than two of the top eight schools, and no more than four of the top 16 schools, in a sectional, based on the final TRS totals.

Final rankings can be found at CollegeBowling.Bowl.com.

All teams advancing to a sectional qualifier will bowl 64 Baker games over two days to

determine the four advancers from each location.

In addition to the excitement of team competition, the sectional qualifiers for the 2025 Intercollegiate Singles Championships also will be held at each of the four locations March 7.

Student-athletes at each host center will bowl six games with 24 men and 24 women – the top four men and top four women at each sectional, plus eight additional individuals based on field size – advancing to the ISC.

The 2025 ISC also will be held at South Point Bowling Plaza. Competition will begin in Las Vegas on April 14.

Registration for singles competition will open Feb. 21 at 11 a.m. Eastern for the Allen Park Sectional with Smyrna (1 p.m. Eastern), Addison (3 p.m. Eastern) and Fort Worth (5 p.m. Eastern) to follow. Registration will close for all sites on Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. Eastern. The registration portal will be available at BOWL.com/ISC.

Select pairs at each sectional qualifier will be broadcast live on BowlTV. The livestreaming platform also will cover all qualifying and match-play rounds at South Point Bowling Plaza for the ITC and ISC.

The finals of the ITC and ISC will be taped for broadcast on CBS Sports Network.

February 27, 2025

RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2025 USBC NATIONAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

ARLINGTON, Texas – Sherri Hoheisel of Pierz, Minnesota, Susie Minshew of Alvarado, Texas, and George Kontos of Joliet, Illinois, were selected by the United States Bowling Congress Board of Directors to receive USBC National Recognition Awards.

Hoheisel is this year's recipient of the Helen Baker Award for Outstanding Association Service, Minshew is the Joyce Deitch Unity Award winner and Kontos has been selected as the USBC Proprietor of the Year.

The annual awards honor outstanding bowling leaders for their contributions to the sport. Selections were made from submitted applications, and the recipients will receive their awards at the **2025 USBC Convention** in Las Vegas.

The USBC Helen Baker Award for Outstanding Association Service is named in honor of the fifth president of the Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC) and recognizes an outstanding bowling leader who has made invaluable contributions to local and state associations as an innovator, creator and mentor of adult programs.

Hoheisel has been involved in leagues and associations on the local and state level in Minnesota for more than 40 years. Her work in the sport started as a league officer and then progressed to her local USBC association (Little Falls-Pierz) where she served as association secretary (1993-2005) and president (2005-present).

From there, Hoheisel moved to the state level with the Minnesota State USBC where she was a director (2007-2011), vice president (2011-2012) and president (2012-2018). In 2018, she became the association manager for the organization and remains in that role today. She has been a national delegate to the USBC Convention since 2011.

Hoheisel also serves on the tournament side, serving as director for the Minnesota State USBC Women's Tournament since 2011, which she describes as a "source of great pride and joy." Hoheisel says her role with that event provides her with "the boots on the ground opportunity to meet and greet about 3,000 women bowlers from across the state" who participate.

For Hoheisel, the enjoyment she derives from being involved in the sport has always come from her relationship with the bowlers.

"For me, it's always been about working with the bowlers," Hoheisel said. "The excitement of bowing has always attracted me, and I've always wanted to be involved in that community because it was fun. It was something that I could do and, as I did more of the service part of it, realized it was something I could do well. I've just really enjoyed being able to help others grow in the sport, whether that was adults or youths."

In 2015, Hoheisel proposed the Youth Scholarship Program to the state board, and that program now awards approximately $20,000 a year in scholarships for Minnesota youth bowlers.

In addition to her league and association work, Hoheisel also is involved in publicity work for the sport. She manages bowling-related websites and social media for events like the state tournament, youth state tournament and women's state tournament in an effort to "get the buzz out there about these events and get people motivated to participate in them." Additionally, she was chairperson of the Minnesota State USBC's Publicity Committee from 2008-2017.

Hoheisel notes one her biggest publicity highlights was establishing an official "bowling week" in the state of Minnesota. In 2013, Hoheisel submitted a proclamation request to the governor's office to have the first week of August proclaimed "Minnesota State USBC Bowling Week." Governor Mark Dayton granted the request, and that tradition continued through 2018.

"I'm just so humbled to receive this award," Hoheisel said. "I've read and I know about Helen Baker's vast and outstanding service to bowlers. It just comes naturally to me to get others enthused about bowling, so to be recognized for something that you truly, truly enjoy and love to do is tremendous."

Hoheisel also wanted to give credit to her family.

"None of this happens for me without a really great support system that starts with my husband Rick," Hoheisel said. "My current bowling team is me, my daughter (Angie), my son (Rich) and my son-in-law (Jeremy), and my daughter-in-law (Jessica) subs for the team. As I've been involved in all these different roles in bowling, my family has been involved as well. They're my teammates on the lanes, and they're my go-to people whenever I need help with anything in the bowling world."

In addition to being honored as this year's USBC Helen Baker Award recipient, Hoheisel is a member of the Little Falls-Pierz and Minnesota State USBC Halls of Fame.

The USBC Joyce Deitch Unity Award is named in honor of the seventh president of the WIBC. It recognizes organizations and individuals who have made important contributions to the sport of bowling by being motivators, visionaries, leaders and/or innovators.

Minshew didn't get started in bowling until the age of 38 and only did so because a friend asked her to give it a try. Minshew said that, at the time, she thought, "Why not? How hard can it be to throw a big ball and knock down a bunch of sticks?"

Minshew admits that from that point on, her life would never be the same, and she is now one of the most highly recognized and respected coaches, authors and promoters in the sport of bowling.

Her deep dive into coaching started mostly from a frustration on her part that she was "averaging around 169 and not able to get any better," so she started asking around if there were any bowling coaches in her area. She was referred to Bill Harris, a proprietor and coach in the Fort Worth, Texas, area.

"I pursued him mercilessly and finally got hooked up with him," Minshew said. "I've always said my curiosity is my superpower, and that led me to seeing him a couple times a week and practicing relentlessly. Then, he asked me to help him with his learn to bowl classes. I knew that teaching was something I really wanted to do, and, my goodness, I just went crazy as soon as he asked me that. I said 'yes,' and off I went, and I haven't stopped since."

Not stopping led Minshew to achieving her USBC Bronze Level Coaching Certificate in 1992, her Silver Level in 1994 (the year she began coaching full-time) and her Gold Level in 2000.

"I was working in hospitals in management when I made the decision to take the plunge and do this (coaching) full-time," said Minshew. "The year after that was the only time I've been audited by the IRS because they couldn't believe how much my income went down, but that's how I built the business. I made the decision to make being a bowling coach my real job, and I just kept after it."

Her coaching stints have included head coach of the National Bowling Team for the Republic of Panama for the 1995 World Championships and as an assistant coach with Team USA in 1999.

Minshew was twice named United States Olympic Committee Bowling Coach of the Year (1998 and 2002), becoming the first coach to earn the honor more than once. She has been named a "Top 100 Coach" by Bowlers Journal International 10 times, and her work on various committees is extensive and includes numerous years on the National Selection Committee for Team USA, the Coaches Hall of Fame Committee and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America's Coaching Committee, where she was chairperson in 2008 and 2009.

Minshew also has been active with the International Bowling Pro Shop and Instructors Association, serving two terms on the IBPSIA Board. She served as the association's Secretary-Treasurer in 2000, Vice President in 2006 and became the first woman and coach to be elected IBPSIA's President in 2007.

And while all these accolades are impressive, it's really her grassroots work with the bowlers in a coaching environment that motivates Minshew.

Asked how she feels when someone she is coaching seems to "get" what she's teaching, Minshew said, "Your cheeks hurt from smiling so much. It's so gratifying. Bowling is just life; that's what it is. I get to go out and change people's lives through bowling. How fortunate am I? I feel like my gift is being able to meet people where they are. If you want to be the best bowler in your league, we can do that. We don't all have to be on tour."

Minshew has put in countless hours as an instructor at various bowling camps and clinics, as a featured speaker/presenter at an untold number of conferences and conventions and as a private instructor. She has authored books and instructional columns and been a bowling columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and a number of bowling magazines.

Minshew talked about what it means to win an award named after Deitch.

“Joyce Deitch was so quietly powerful and so well respected,” said Minshew. “Unity is the perfect word to describe her and the work she did, and I’m very honored to win this award that is named after her.”

Minshew also had praise for the person who got her started on her coaching journey.

“I’d really like to thank Bill Harris, my coach,” said Minshew. “He’s passed away, but that doesn’t change his influence at all, and I’m real proud to pass on the integrity and the knowledge he had. And, I’d like to say there is room for everyone in this sport, and there are plenty of people who want to learn to bowl, and I’m happy to be someone who helps them.”

In addition to this honor, Minshew was presented with the President’s Award from IBPSIA in 2016 and was inducted into the Fort Worth WIBC (now North Texas USBC) Hall of Fame in 1996.

The USBC Proprietor of the Year Award annually recognizes a bowling center proprietor for outstanding support of USBC local, state and/or national association programs.

Kontos’ parents, John and Sophie, and their partners, opened Town and Country Lanes in Joliet, Illinois, as a 26-lane center in 1958, and it has been solely owned by the Kontos family since 1976.

Starting at around age 11, Kontos began helping out at the center after school and has been an integral part of it ever since. After finishing college in 1976, Kontos made the decision to get involved in the management of the center and, from that point forward, slowly worked his way into the proprietorship role.

“Over the years, I’ve done everything there is to do in this center,” Kontos said. “I’ve worked the back, I’ve worked the front counter, I’ve tended bar, just everything. From the mid-80s, I’ve been involved in the day-to-day operations. It’s been my life for the last 40 years. I sometimes wonder what life would be without it, but I can’t figure that out, and I don’t think I want to.”

As expected with a center that has been around since 1958, Town and Country Lanes has seen its share of renovations and revisions, and Kontos has been around for basically all of them. The first major change came in 1976 when Kontos’ parents bought out their last partner and then added 18 more lanes to become a 44-lane center in January of 1977.

Since then, renovations have included the “normal” items such as a pair of lane replacements, scoring system upgrades, bathroom remodels, parking lot improvements, etc., but they’ve also included the creation of some “non-traditional” items like a game room/arcade and the addition of the Specto scoring/analysis system to six lanes for the more serious bowlers. A remodel of the bowler’s area is on tap as well. Kontos gives credit to building supervisor Rick Plunge for keeping him on track with all the renovations.

“You don’t ever want your thinking to get old,” said Kontos. “What was acceptable maybe 20 years ago isn’t acceptable today. You have to change and keep up with the times. I used to be the guy, the

young kid, with all the big ideas, and people would laugh at me. Now, I'm the old guy in the room, and my kids or my staff come up to me with those ideas. They keep me young, and it keeps me involved."

Town and Country Lanes has hosted, and continues to host, its share of tournaments and events, including the professional variety. It hosted national PBA Tour events in 1968 and 1969, three consecutive national professional women's tour events in the early 1980s and has hosted PBA regional and PBA50 regional tournaments.

Additionally, it is the home center for two high school bowling programs (Joliet West and Plainfield South) and one collegiate bowling program (University of St. Francis-Illinois). Kontos was instrumental in getting that college program off the ground, working with the athletic director of the university to create the program and serving on the selection committee to find its first coaches. Kontos served as an assistant coach with the program for six years, helping guide the women's team to an NAIA National Invitational championship in 2017.

Kontos noted the center's involvement with youth leagues and tournaments, many of which are spearheaded by Jeff Bailey, who is Kontos' day manager. One of those tournaments hosted by the center is the state tournament for the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA). According to Kontos, Bailey was "instrumental" in bringing that event for sixth, seventh and eighth graders to Town and Country Lanes.

Another program Kontos is proud of is the center's "Lousy Bowlers" program. It's a series of "short season" 14-week leagues where the participants aren't competing for prize money. Instead, the league has integrated the bowling with the food and beverage program at the center and created a league that is "less about the competition and more of a social or recreational event."

"It started kind of small but has grown now to a 16-team league," Kontos said. "They bowl 14 weeks, take a couple weeks off and then come back for another 14-week session. It attracts the bowler that doesn't want to commit to a long league season. It's attracted a different kind of customer, the kind of customer we were having trouble reaching, and it's grown every year. It's the kind of thing I might not have considered 10 or 15 years ago, but it's helped our business."

For Kontos, that business has always been a family business. His father, who passed away in 2016, continued to come to the center to check on things when he was 90. His mother had a presence at the center as well, and now Kontos' wife (Cindy), son (John) and daughter (DeAnna) are all involved.

That's why winning the award is even more special to Kontos.

"Winning this award gave me the opportunity to reflect," said Kontos. "I'm very lucky. I've got great employees and a great customer base, and I'm able to do this with my family involved. It's made me aware of what it's taken to get to this point. It's given me some perspective about how lucky I was to get to work with my father for so many years and to see my mom and dad every day for most of my adult life.

"I know it's a two-way street," Kontos concluded. "We treat our customers well, but they treat us well. I understand that, and so do my employees."

Kontos also is an accomplished bowler and was part of the winning team (Joliet Town and Country Lanes) at the 2001 USBC Open Championships in Reno, Nevada. His team's total of 3,273 tied KJ Excavating for the title in Regular Team.

In addition to this award, Kontos has been inducted into the Joliet Area and Illinois Bowling Halls of Fame (1991 and 2002, respectively) and the Joliet Sports Hall of Fame (2017). His wife Cindy also is a member of all three of those halls of fame and was inducted into the Joliet Sports Hall of Fame on the same night as George.

The National Recognition Awards will be presented during the 2025 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting from May 5-8 at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

February 28, 2025

BVL RECOGNIZES YOUTHS FOR FUNDRAISING AND AWARENESS EFFORTS

FAIRFAX, Va. – The **Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL)** is keenly aware of, and extremely grateful for, the effort it takes from numerous individuals to raise awareness and funds for BVL. It's especially noteworthy when that effort comes from today's youth, so today, BVL would like to recognize the efforts of three such youths.

Youth bowlers Jack Boylan of Three Rivers, Michigan, Alexander Eby of Van Wert, Ohio, and Justin Passaro of Vernon, New Jersey, have brought the BVL cause to the forefront in their communities and helped raise thousands of dollars for the organization. They have gone above and beyond to focus awareness on BVL and have provided an inspirational model for other youths who might want to follow in their footsteps.

"Bowlers to Veterans Link is more than just a charity," said Nancy Schenk, BVL Chairperson. "It's a way to honor and connect with our veterans, offering them the healing power of recreation. By involving youth, we create a bridge between generations, teaching empathy, respect and the importance of supporting those who have served. Together, we can bring joy, healing and lasting connections to both veterans and the next generation."

Boylan, 14, is an eighth grader at Howardsville Christian School and bowls at South Lanes in Three Rivers where he carries a 174 average. He has a high game of 256 and a high series of 701. Boylan combined with Eby to capture the U12 handicap doubles championship at the 2022 USBC Youth Open Championships in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

His motivation for doing volunteer work and fundraising for BVL is simple, but powerful.

"I enjoy raising money for BVL because I want to give back to the veterans who sacrificed for our freedom," Boylan said.

Eby, 13, is a seventh grader at Van Wert Middle School and calls Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, his home center. Eby, who started bowling in league when he was three years old, averages 185, has a high game of 266 and a high series of 701.

He's a five-time qualifier for the Junior Gold Championships, and, in addition to his aforementioned doubles win with Boylan, was a member of the winning team in the U12 division of the 2024 USBC Youth Open Championships in Sterling Heights, Michigan.

Eby has raised more than $9,100 for BVL since 2022.

"I like raising money for BVL because it allows me to use my talents to help others," said Eby. "I also think it's important to give back to those that sacrificed to serve our country."

Passaro, 14, is an eighth grader at Glen Meadow Middle School and lists Rockaway Lanes in Rockaway, New Jersey, as his home center. He is averaging 184 with a high game of 278 and a high series of 694.

Even though he is only an eighth grader, Passaro has already been accepted to the varsity bowling team for his high school and is set to compete at the Junior Gold Championships in Green Bay, Wisconsin, this summer.

For Passaro, who was recently invited to join the Junior Honor Society, the reasons for being involved with BVL strike a more personal chord.

"I wanted to help BVL because I have a lot of family currently in the military along with members that served in World War II and Vietnam," said Passaro. "I wanted to be able to help disabled veterans get the care and therapy they needed and to give back to those who fought for our country."

All three young men look forward to more competitive bowling and continuing to raise money and awareness for BVL as part of their future plans.

March 4, 2025

CBS SPORTS NETWORK RETURNS TO TELEVISE
13 PWBA, COLLEGIATE AND YOUTH EVENTS IN 2025

ARLINGTON, Texas – CBS Sports Network will return to air four live Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour events along with telecasts covering the premier events in collegiate and youth bowling as part of a 13-event broadcast schedule in 2025.

Highlighting the 2025 television schedule will be live coverage of the stepladder finals of the three most prestigious events on the PWBA Tour. The first of the season's three majors will be the United States Bowling Congress Queens from Suncoast Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, with live coverage of the stepladder finals on May 20.

The stepladder finals of the season's second major, the U.S. Women's Open, follows on June 17 from Sun Valley Lanes and Games in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The finals of a special PWBA event celebrating the Tour's 10th anniversary of its relaunch in 2015 will also feature a live telecast on CBS Sports Network. The finals of the PWBA Anniversary Open will take place in an arena setting at the Resch Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on July 13.

The stepladder finals of the season's final major – the PWBA Tour Championship – completes CBS Sports Network's season coverage on Aug. 12 from ABC Gates Bowl in Gates, New York.

Each of the four two-hour, live PWBA events is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Eastern. The telecasts of all three majors are on Tuesdays, while the telecast of the PWBA 10th Anniversary Open takes place on a Sunday.

In addition to live coverage of the four women's professional events, CBS Sports Network will once again feature four shows from the Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships, the finals of all three divisions of the Junior Gold Championships and the two title matches at the USA Bowling National Championships.

The finals of college bowling's premier events, the Intercollegiate Singles Championships and Intercollegiate Team Championships, will be held at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas and kick off CBS Sports Network's 2025 coverage with telecasts on four consecutive Tuesdays in April and May.

The ISC women's finals will air Tuesday, April 22, at 7 p.m. Eastern, followed by the ISC men's finals on April 29, at 8 p.m. Eastern. The ITC women's title match is set for May 6, and the ITC men's final is on May 13, both at 7 p.m. Eastern.

Rounding out CBS Sports Network's 2025 coverage are the finals of the USA Bowling Championships on consecutive Tuesdays in July and the boys' and girls' finals in each of

the three divisions of the Junior Gold Championships in late July and continuing into August. Both events will be contested in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The finals of both the U12 and U15 divisions of the USA Bowling National Championships also will be contested at the Resch Center and be taped on the same day as the live telecast of the PWBA 10th Anniversary Open (July 13).

The U12 division finals of the USA Bowling National Championships will air Tuesday, July 15, at 7 p.m. Eastern and be followed by the finals of the U15 division Tuesday, July 22, also at 7 p.m. Eastern.

The finals of the U12, U15 and U18 divisions at the Junior Gold Championships are slated to be televised beginning Tuesday, July 29 (U12), continuing Tuesday, Aug. 5 (U15) and concluding Tuesday, Aug. 12 (U18) from The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley.

The U12 and U15 Junior Gold Championships finals will air at 7 p.m. Eastern while the U18 finals are slated for 5 p.m. Eastern and will serve as a lead-in to the live telecast of the PWBA Tour Championship.

The 2025 CBS Sports Network bowling schedule is as follows (all times Eastern):

PWBA Finals (all live):

• Tuesday, May 20, 7 p.m., USBC Queens, Las Vegas
• Tuesday, June 17, 7 p.m., U.S. Women's Open, Lincoln, Neb.
• Sunday, July 13, 7 p.m., PWBA 10th Anniversary Open, Green Bay, Wis.
• Tuesday, Aug. 12, 7 p.m., PWBA Tour Championship, Gates, N.Y.

USBC Intercollegiate Championships (taped April 19):

• Tuesday, April 22, 7 p.m., Intercollegiate Singles Championships (Women), Las Vegas
• Tuesday, April 29, 8 p.m., Intercollegiate Singles Championships (Men), Las Vegas
• Tuesday, May 6, 7 p.m., Intercollegiate Team Championships (Women), Las Vegas
• Tuesday, May 13, 7 p.m., Intercollegiate Team Championships (Men), Las Vegas

USBC Youth Championships (taped July 13 and 19):

• Tuesday, July 15, 7 p.m., USA Bowling National Championships (U12 division), Green Bay, Wis.

• Tuesday, July 22, 7 p.m., USA Bowling National Championships (U15 division), Green Bay, Wis.
• Tuesday, July 29, 7 p.m., Junior Gold Championships (U12 division), Green Bay, Wis.
• Tuesday, Aug. 5, 7 p.m., Junior Gold Championships (U15 division), Green Bay, Wis.
• Tuesday, Aug. 12, 5 p.m., Junior Gold Championships (U18 division), Green Bay, Wis.

March 5, 2025

USBC COMPLETES INVESTIGATION OF WEBBER INTERNATIONAL

ARLINGTON, Texas – USBC has completed an investigation into allegations of ball tampering by Webber International athletes. Multiple athletes at Webber International acknowledged conducting an experiment to alter USBC approved bowling balls but denied using the balls in certified competition.

While there was no specific allegation of Webber International using an illegally altered ball in USBC Collegiate competition, as a matter of due diligence, USBC Rules requested that Webber International send all urethane bowling balls used in competition during the current season to USBC for testing.

USBC's equipment specifications staff tested all of the balls submitted by Webber International in USBC's lab. USBC found no indication of tampering with the balls submitted that were used in competition.

Additionally, USBC has tested and has confirmed all balls Webber International intends to use for the 2025 USBC Intercollegiate postseason meet the expected hardness of used urethane balls.

Therefore, USBC is confident in the integrity of the 2025 USBC Intercollegiate competitions.

USBC has determined that some of the individuals involved did violate USBC Collegiate Rules. Three Webber International athletes have been declared ineligible for the 2025 USBC Collegiate postseason, and a member of the coaching staff has been placed on probation.

USBC is moving forward with disciplinary actions for these individuals for a potential violation of USBC Playing rules. USBC has published a detailed investigation report, which can be found **HERE**.

March 7, 2025

NATIONAL QUALIFIERS DETERMINED AT 2025 INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The finalists have been determined for the 2025 Intercollegiate Singles Championships with the conclusion of four sectional qualifying events held throughout the United States on Friday.

The national singles competition will feature 24 female and 24 male student-athletes vying

for the title in their respective divisions April 14-19 at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas.

Friday's sectional qualifiers were contested at Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois; Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Michigan; Cityview Lanes in Fort Worth, Texas; and Smyrna Bowling Center in Smyrna, Tennessee.

Competitors at each location bowled six games with the top four women and top four men at each qualifier earning an automatic spot at the ISC. The remaining spots were determined based on field size at each location.

On the women's side, a total of seven student-athletes advanced from Addison, six from Allen Park and five each from Fort Worth and Smyrna. The men's division advanced eight from Addison, six from Fort Worth and five each from Allen Park and Smyrna.

The qualifiers in the men's division include (place, athlete, college, pinfall):

• **Addison** – 1, Luke Winter, Wisconsin-Whitewater, 1,534; 2, Cayleb Carey, Lawrence Tech, 1,483; 3, Blake Walsh, Mount Mercy, 1,478; 4, Tyler Meade, Marian-Wisconsin, 1,463; 5, Keaton Ostrowski, Mount Mercy, 1,444; 6, Lucas Hersrud, St. Ambrose, 1,437; 7, Bryce Massingill, Northwestern Ohio, 1,434; 8, Ardani Rodas, St. Francis-Illinois, 1,428

• **Allen Park** – 1, Andrew Allen, Pikeville, 1,431; 2, Colin Hunter, Bowling Green State, 1,380; 3, Isaiah Shannon, Wright State, 1,376; 4, Ethan VanderSlik, Davenport, 1,373; 5, Charlie Johnson, Davenport, 1,370

• **Fort Worth** – 1, Braden Mallasch, Wichita State, 1,420; 2, Connor Fleming, Oklahoma Christian, 1,416; 3, Brandon Bonta, Wichita State, 1,408; 4, Spencer Robarge, Wichita State, 1,400; 5, Bryce Keykal, Willian Penn, 1,394; 6, Nicholas Blagojevic, McKendree, 1,385 (Defeated Wichita State's Josh Hammons in a roll off, 279-181)

• **Smyrna** – 1, Edgar Burgos, Webber International, 1,536; 2, Gael Egana, Savannah College of Art and Design – Savannah, 1,484; 3, Conner Lackey, Concordia, 1,413; 4, Thomas McLaughlin, Florida State, 1,408; 5, Matthew Mesecher, Webber International, 1,406

The qualifiers in the women's division are (place, athlete, college, pinfall):

• **Addison** – 1, Kaitlyn Ruszczak, Arkansas State, 1,360; 2, Lorrie Decker, Elmhurst College, 1,351; 3, Jenna Lehrer, Monmouth, 1,347; 4, Kylee Trexler, Louisiana Tech, 1,335; 5, Jordyn Norvell, Wisconsin-Whitewater, 1,318; 6, Kaylee Back, Arkansas State, 1,314; 7, Nada Nawwarah Abdul Jalil, Mount Mercy, 1,310

• **Allen Park** – 1, Maya Avilez, North Carolina A&T, 1,399; 2, Piper Chalmers, Mount St. Mary's, 1,313; 3, Victorya White, North Carolina A&T, 1,298; 4, Leah Varela, Mount St. Mary's, 1,287; 5, Karli VanDuinen, Arkansas State, 1,286; 6, Amanda Granata, Youngstown State, 1,267

• **Fort Worth** – 1, Denise Blankenzee, Sam Houston State, 1,377; 2, Ramita Sarntong, Sam Houston State, 1,349; 3, Hailey Bozych, Lindenwood, 1,336; 4, Madilyn Yockel, Sacred Heart, 1,303; 5, Elizabeth Rittenour, Lindenwood, 1,294; Karleigh Lemond, Sacred Heart, 1,284

• **Smyrna** – 1, Melia Mitskavich, Jacksonville State, 1,394; 2, Erin Klemencic, Jacksonville State, 1,356; 3, Lara Kurt, Savannah College of Art and Design – Savannah, 1,326; 4, Sydney Reardon, Delaware State, 1,322; 5, Anna Warkel, Jacksonville State, 1,318 (Defeated Stephen F. Austin's Juliana Kerrigan in a roll off, 216-204)

Select pairs at each sectional location were broadcast live at BowlTV.com.

Team competition will follow at each location Saturday and Sunday for sectional qualifying for the Intercollegiate Team Championships.

Total pinfall for 64 Baker games will determine the four women's teams and four men's teams from each site to advance to the ITC, which also will be held at South Point Bowling Plaza from April 16-19.

March 9, 2025

FIELD SET FOR 2025 INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The teams that will compete for the Helmer Cup at the 2025 Intercollegiate Team Championships in April were determined Sunday after two days of sectional qualifying concluded at four locations across the country.

The top four performers in the men's and women's divisions at each location advanced to the national team competition, which will take place April 16-19 at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas.

The sectional qualifiers were held at Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois; Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Michigan; Cityview Lanes in Fort Worth, Texas; and Smyrna Bowling Center in Smyrna, Tennessee.

Teams bowled a total of 64 Baker games Saturday and Sunday at their respective locations with total pinfall determining the advancers.

The possibility of a repeat national champion remains alive in the men's division as Webber International advanced to nationals by winning the Smyrna Sectional.

There will be a new women's national champion in 2025 as Wichita State opted to compete exclusively in NCAA postseason competition this season.

While Webber International will be looking to repeat and add its fourth men's national title, the men's team from Milligan and the women's team from Judson will be making their ITC national finals debuts this year.

The qualifiers in the men's division include (place, college, pinfall):

· **Addison** – 1, St. Ambrose, 13,701; 2, Calumet, 13,481; 3, Mount Mercy, 13,313; 4, Wisconsin-Whitewater, 13,175

· **Allen Park** – 1, Muskingum, 13,224; 2, Pikeville, 13,023; Marian-Indiana, 12,776; 4, Lawrence Tech, 12,750

· **Fort Worth** – 1, Oklahoma Christian, 13,428; 2, Wichita State, 13,418; 3, McKendree, 13,050; 4, Newman, 12,918

· **Smyrna** – 1, Webber International, 13,607; 2, Savannah College of Art and Design – Savannah, 13,266; 3, Milligan, 13,221; 4, Trine, 12,894

The qualifiers in the women's division are (place, college, pinfall):

· **Addison** – 1, Mount Mercy, 13,191; 2, Louisiana Tech, 12,965; 3, Judson, 12,824; 4, Wisconsin-Whitewater, 12,445

· **Allen Park** – 1, North Carolina A&T, 12,719; 2, Pikeville, 12,691; 3, Mount St. Mary's, 12,369; 4, Saint Xavier, 12,315

· **Fort Worth** – 1, Sacred Heart, 12,428; 2, Newman, 12,180; 3, Central Missouri, 11,993; 4, Lindenwood, 11,900

· **Smyrna** – 1, Jacksonville State, 13,030; 2, Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, 12,596; 3, Maryville, 12,521; 4, Stephen F. Austin, 12,488

Select pairs at each sectional location were broadcast live at BowlTV.com.

The finalists for the 2025 Intercollegiate Singles Championships also were determined at the sectional qualifying locations Friday.

Student-athletes rolled six games to determine the advancers out of each location. A total of 24 men and 24 women moved on to the national singles event, which also will take place at South Point Bowling Plaza and run from April 14-19.

March 13, 2025

WINNERS SELECTED FOR 2025 USBC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP, ADULT YOUTH LEADER AWARDS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress Youth Advisory Group has determined the recipients for the 2025 USBC Youth Scholarship and Adult Youth Leader Awards.

USBC offers several scholarship opportunities for young bowlers to apply for each year.

The criteria for these awards can be found at **BOWL.com/ScholarshipAwards**.

USBC also recognizes youth leaders who have shown a continued effort and dedication to promote youth bowling within their community and help build the sport for the next generation of athletes.

The award winners were determined by the USBC Youth Advisory Group based on submitted applications.

The 2025 award winners are:

- **USBC Youth Volunteer of the Year:** Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio

- **Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow:** Gianna Brandolino, Channahon, Ill.

- **Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow:** Rylan Edwards, DeWitt, Iowa

- **Annual Zeb Scholarship:** Jack Weaver, Pella, Iowa

- **USBC Youth Ambassadors of the Year:** Christina Petty, Tullahoma, Tenn., and Mason Mullins, Washington Court House, Ohio

- **Earl Anthony Memorial Scholarship:** Chrislaina Anderson, Santa Maria, Calif.; Matthew Cutrell, Maryland Heights, Mo.; Aubrey Garton, Olivehill, Tenn.; Ethan Leicht, Florence, Ky.; Tamia Yeager, Tacoma, Wash.

- **Gift For Life Scholarship:** Natalee Alberts, Keokuk, Iowa; Brighton Boyce, Freehold, N.J.; Abigail Copperthite, Fairfield, Conn.; Zachary Dorner, Howell, N.J.; Alexander Hall, Chandler, Ind.; Cameron Lietch, Republic, Mo.; Mia Losee, Janesville, Wis.; Taylor Sparrow, Lakeland, Ga.; Ember Strausbaugh, Franklin, Pa.; Jade Walters, Longview, Wash,; Kylee Wahler, Brodhead, Wis.; Alyssa Wauchek, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Feature stories on each group of winners will be posted on BOWL.com throughout March and April leading up to the 2025 USBC Convention. The 2025 event will take place May 5-8 at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

The award winners for the Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow, Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow, Annual Zeb Scholarship, USBC Youth Ambassadors of the Year and USBC Youth Volunteer of the Year will be recognized on-site at the USBC Convention during the USBC Annual Meeting.

They will join the winners of the three USBC National Recognition Awards, which previously were announced.

Sherri Hoheisel of Pierz, Minnesota, is this year's recipient of the Helen Baker Award for Outstanding Association Service, Susie Minshew of Alvarado, Texas, is the Joyce Deitch Unity Award winner and George Kontos of Joliet, Illinois, has been selected as the USBC Proprietor of the Year.

March 18, 2025

USBC SELECTS FIVE YOUTH MEMBERS
FOR EARL ANTHONY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN 2025

ARLINGTON, Texas – Five United States Bowling Congress Youth members were selected to receive an Earl Anthony Memorial Scholarship in 2025 in recognition of their academic achievements and contributions to their communities.

Recipients were selected by the USBC Youth Advisory Group from submitted applications, and each will receive a $5,000 scholarship. The scholarship, which is part of USBC's Scholarship Management and Account Reporting for Tenpins (SMART) program, is named in honor of the legendary hall of famer who was dedicated to helping youth bowlers.

The five recipients of an Earl Anthony Memorial Scholarship are:

* Chrislaina Anderson, Santa Maria, California
* Matthew Cutrell, Maryland Heights, Missouri
* Aubrey Garton, Olivehill, Tennessee
* Ethan Leicht, Florence, Kentucky
* Tamia Yeager, Tacoma, Washington

Anderson is a senior at Orcutt Academy Charter High School where she's maintained a 4.79 weighted GPA; however, she's already earned associate's degrees in both math and science from Allan Hancock College as well, graduating in 2023 at age 15 to become the institution's youngest graduate to date.

When not in the classroom, Anderson dedicates her time and effort to several extracurricular activities, including the Orcutt Academy Marching Band – where she is a drum major – Jazz Band, Jazz Band Ensemble, Debate Club, Civic Leaders of America, Junior State of America, MEDLIFE, Aviation Club and many others.

Anderson is new to the sport of bowling as this season marks her first as a league competitor; nevertheless, she's already making significant strides, recording a high game of 179 and a high three-game series of 403 (a 134.3 average), which is well above her current average of 109.

Cuttrell is a 2024 graduate of Pattonville High School. There, he established a weighted GPA of greater than 4.5 while taking multiple honors and Advanced Placement courses and recorded a composite score of 34 on the ACT – 36 is the highest score possible.

In addition to his academic prowess, Cuttrell was impressive outside the classroom as well, taking part in dozens of clubs and extracurricular activities, including Pattonville National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society, Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, Physics Club, Robotics Club, cross country, tennis team and bowling club.

On the lanes, Cuttrell holds an average of just under 140, has a high game of 207 and a high three-game series of 518. Those contributions helped Cuttrell and his teammates win the Pattonville League during the 2023-2024 season.

Garton currently is completing her senior year at Hardin County High School, where she is ranked No. 1 in her class of 230 students thanks to having earned straight A's throughout her high school career.

Despite the considerable time and effort she has dedicated to perfecting her studies, Garton has been heavily involved outside the academic arena as well. She has participated in National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, National Art Honor Society and has achieved mastery level on the end-of-course exams multiple times in English, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and Biology.

Garton also has been active in student council, youth leadership, FFA and the Lady Tiger bowling team. Her talent on the lanes is considerable, as is evident by her 192 average, high game of 298 and high three-game series of 763.

Leicht, the 2024 recipient of USBC's Annual Zeb Scholarship, is a standout student at Randall K. Cooper High School, where he has achieved straight A's and established a 4.857 weighted GPA despite taking on a courseload featuring multiple honors and AP classes. Also, he is ranked in the top 10 in his graduating class of 350 students, and he scored a composite score of 30 on the ACT.

Equally impressive is Leicht's track record of involvement in clubs, extracurricular activities and community organizations. He received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award in 2022, was scouted and selected to be a member of Duke University's Talent Identification Program and has received academic and athletic bars and letters in multiple subjects and activities.

Leicht only began bowling during his sophomore year, but he quickly became a standout performer in that arena as well, progressing from scores under 100 in the early days to a high game of 205 by the end of that season. Leicht's efforts and those of his teammates allowed the Randall K. Cooper Varsity team to earn a runner-up finish at the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Boys' State Bowling Championship in 2023.

Yeager is a two-time Dexter High School All-American Award recipient, having earned the honor during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 seasons. She graduated from Spanaway Lake High School with a 3.89 GPA despite taking multiple honors and AP classes and now is enrolled at Pierce College.

Yeager's track record of volunteerism is long and distinguished as, over the years, she has dedicated her time and efforts to multiple organizations and causes in and around the Tacoma area, including arranging a Spanaway Lake High School Bowling Equipment Drive, raising money for youth bowling leagues in the area and helping her mother package food bags for homeless backpacks under the TwinStar Community Foundation.

Despite spending considerable time and effort helping others off the lanes, Yeager's bowling resume has continued to grow. She finished 23rd out of 545 bowlers in the U18 Girls Division at the 2024 Junior Gold Championships in Detroit. Also, she was the 2024 U18 Girls champion at the Storm Youth Championships Idaho, where she took gold on the short pattern and bronze on the medium pattern as well as the 2024 Washington State Queens Princess Division champion.

In addition to being a USBC Youth member, applicants for the Earl Anthony Memorial Scholarship must have been a senior in high school or a college student and have a record of strong community involvement and academic achievements as well as financial need. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent).

March 25, 2025

O'NEILL GRABS OVERALL LEAD HEADING INTO FINAL ROUND OF QUALIFYING AT 2025 USBC MASTERS

ALLEN PARK, Michigan – Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, has put together a very impressive Professional Bowlers Association Tour career.

Over the last two decades, the 43-year-old right-hander has racked up 15 PBA Tour titles, including three majors – the 2009-2010 U.S. Open and the 2020 and 2024 PBA Players Championship.

Nevertheless, one title that has eluded O'Neill thus far is a United States Bowling Congress Masters crown.

Although there is still lots of bowling left to be done, O'Neill is in as good a position as anyone to make a run at this year's title after he moved into first place in the overall standings at the conclusion of Tuesday's second round of qualifying at the 2025 USBC Masters, which is being contested at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Michigan.

O'Neill recorded games of 237, 225, 228, 233 and 211 during A Squad qualifying on Tuesday night, which gave him a total of 1,134 for the day and pushed his two-day, 10-game mark to 2,307 (a 230.70 average).

That was enough to put O'Neill's name atop the standings in the 390-player field with one final five-game qualifying block remaining on Wednesday before the field is cut to the top 63, plus, the defending champion, for match play.

Patrick Dombrowski of Parma, Ohio, who authored a runner-up finish at the 2024 Masters in Las Vegas, finished Round 2 in second place overall at 2,265.

Opening-round leader Sean Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, was third at 2,259 while Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Michigan (2,249) and Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington (2,227), secured fourth and fifth place, respectively.

Finland's Santtu Tahvanainen finished Tuesday's second round in 147th place at 1,984, but he thrilled the spectators at Thunderbowl Lanes by notching just the second 300 game of the 2025 Masters, which he rolled during Game 4 of B Squad qualifying.

Sweden's Rasmus Edvall, who is tied for 53rd place at 2,083, shot the first perfect game of this year's tournament during B Squad's third game in Round 1.

O'Neill has yet to reach perfection at this year's event, but he's broken 200 in nine out of the first 10 games he's bowled. It's that level of consistency that has the PBA Tour veteran in first place through two rounds and hoping to record a new personal-best finish at the Masters.

O'Neill's best results at the Masters to date are a pair of sixth-place finishes, one in 2010 and the other in 2017.

While he would certainly love to improve that record this week in Allen Park, he continues to keep his focus on the process as opposed to the outcome.

"The last month hasn't been really good for me, so I'm just focusing on my physical game," O'Neill said. "I went back home and worked with a guy I'm close with who used to work with my dad. He tried to help me out and tell me 'this is what your dad would tell you.' That's what we did, and it got me back together physically. That's all I'm thinking about right now."

That's not entirely true; after all, O'Neill has also had to do some thinking about how to attack the challenging 44-foot oil pattern being used at the 2025 Masters.

Due to the squad schedule, O'Neill's first two rounds have both been on the fresh; however, Wednesday's final qualifying round will have A Squad battling the burn, which will force O'Neill and his fellow competitors to employ a different approach in order to be successful.

"I'm going to use some different balls with cleaner covers tomorrow, but I'm still going to stay with it physically," O'Neill said. "I just want to keep throwing it well. You can't predict how match play is going to go regardless of where you get seeded for the bracket, so I just want to bowl well. Wherever I end up, I end up."

Even though he isn't thinking that far ahead, ultimately, O'Neill would like to end up holding the trophy and $100,000 first-place check at the conclusion of Sunday's stepladder finals.

"It would be great to make a deep run," O'Neill said. "It's a lot of fun when things go well for you at the Masters. It's been a while since I've done that, so I'm just looking forward to getting in there, starting up and hopefully making that good run."

John Furey of Howell, New Jersey, also hopes to make a run, but his will need to start on Wednesday if he is going to advance to match play. That's because Furey will enter the final five-game qualifying block holding the 63rd and final advancing spot in the bracket.

Furey earned that position thanks to a two-day, 10-game total of 2,072 (a 207.20 average). His position is far from safe, however, as there are 45 bowlers within 50 pins of Furey for the final spot heading into Round 3.

After three rounds and 15 games of qualifying, which includes two blocks on the fresh lane condition and one squad on the burn, the top 63 players will join defending champion DeeRonn Booker of Albuquerque, New Mexico, in the double-elimination bracket beginning Thursday.

Booker is guaranteed a spot in the bracket as the defending champion, but he can improve his seeding through qualifying. If he happens to finish qualifying outside of the top 63, he'll be the No. 64 seed.

With one round of qualifying remaining, Booker is tied for 133rd place with a 2,001 total.

Qualifying and match play will remain consistent with previous editions of the Masters prior to the introduction of TV on March 29. The double-elimination bracket will be retained, and all matches leading up to the final eight competitors will feature three-game total-pinfall contests.

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The two players who emerge victorious from the semifinals of the Winners Bracket will earn automatic spots on the March 30 broadcast with a three-game total-pinfall match determining the top seed. This match will be broadcast at BowlTV.com.

With only four players advancing to the stepladder, the top seed will need to be defeated twice on FOX to be denied the title.

The stepladder at the 2025 event will be March 30 at noon Eastern on FOX, with the champion taking home a spot in the tournament's storied history, a major title on the PBA Tour and the $100,000 top prize.

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Allen Park, Michigan

Tuesday's Results

QUALIFYING - ROUND 2
(Five games - top 100)

1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,307. 2, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2,265. 3, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,259. 4, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,249. 5, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,227. 6, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,225.

7, Jean Perez, Indianapolis, Ind., 2,220. 8, EJ Tackett, Ossian, Ind., 2,219. 9, Anthony Simonsen, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,217. 10, Eric Jones, Edmond, Okla., 2,214. 11, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,166. 12, Bailey Mavrick, Peru, Ind., 2,163.

13, (TIE) Dallas Leong, Las Vegas, Nev., and Brad Miller, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,157. 15, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 2,144. 16, Paul Smith, Madison, Conn., 2,142. 17, Charles Easton, Toledo, Ohio, 2,140.

18, (TIE) Steve Novak, Louisville, Ky., and Nate Purches, Marlborough, Mass., 2,139. 20, Nathan Ruest-Lajoie, Canada, 2,138. 21, Anthony Neuer, Milton, Pa., 2,136. 22, Nathan Stubler, Peru, Ill., 2,131. 23, (TIE) Zach Weidman, Indianapolis, Ind., and Matt Russo, Ballwin, Mo., 2,128.

25, Nick Pate, Conway, S.C., 2,127. 26, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,126. 27, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,125. 28, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,124. 29, Michael Martell, West Babylon, N.Y., 2,122. 30, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 2,120.

31, Manuel Otalora, Davie, Fla., 2,117. 32, Tyler Cortez Schenck, Phoenix, Ariz., 2,116. 33, Carlos Granados, Orlando, Fla., 2,114. 34, (TIE) Arnar Jonsson, Iceland, and Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,112. 36, Michael Ruben, Selden, N.Y., 2,111.

37, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 2,109. 38, Dominic Barrett, England, 2,108. 39, Landin Jordan, Sycamore, Ill., 2,104. 40, (TIE) Mitch Hupe, Canada, and Brent Boho, Collinsville, Ill., 2,100. 42, Michael Mirabile, Coram, N.Y., 2,099.

43, (TIE) Jesper Svensson, Sweden, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 2,095. 45, (TIE) Andru Blaney, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Alex Horton, Douglassville, Pa., 2,093. 47, Richard Allen, Chapin, S.C., 2,090. 48, Kevin Bienko, Kenmore, N.Y., 2,088.

49, Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, Ind., 2,087. 50, (TIE) Kenny Ryan, Maitland, Fla., and Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 2,086. 52, Ray Han Cheah, Singapore, 2,085. 53, (TIE) Hayden Stippich, McKean, Pa., and Rasmus Edvall, Sweden, 2,083.

55, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,082. 56, Johnny Quach, Houston, Texas, 2,080. 57, (TIE) Gary Haines, Babylon, N.Y., and C. J. Petrin, Chattanooga, Tenn., 2,079. 59, Shawn Naumann, Orlando, Fla., 2,078. 60, AJ Johnson, Kenosha, Wis., 2,077.

61, Timmy Tan, Malaysia, 2,075. 62, Chris Warren, Plano, Texas, 2,074. 63, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 2,072. 64, Jorge Rodriguez-Rosas, St Louis, Mo., 2,071. 65, Graham Fach, Canada, 2,070. 66, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,069.

67, Braden Mallasch, Waupaca, Wis., 2,068. 68, (TIE) Carter Milasinovich, Shelby Twp., Mich., and Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,066. 70, Brandon Kreyer, Mounds View, Minn., 2,065. 71, Andrew Lazarchick, Brick, N.J., 2,064.

72, (TIE) Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., and Zac Tackett, Decatur, Ind., 2,062. 74, (TIE) Seth Lehman, Crystal Lake, Ill., and Brandon Bohn, Jackson, N.J., 2,061. 76, Ryan Burton, Michigan City, Ind., 2,060. 77, Frank Testa, Massillon, Ohio, 2,058. 78, Jeremy Dixson, Warren, Mich., 2,057.

79, (TIE) Dan Higgins, Lewis Center, Ohio, and Arturo Quintero, South Portland, Maine, and Traeten Henrichsmeyer, Two Rivers, Wis., 2,054. 82, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,053. 83, Corey Knight, Pensacola, Fla., 2,051.

84, (TIE) Luukas Vaananen, Finland, and David Maycock, Bermuda, and Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 2,050. 87, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,049. 88, (TIE) Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Darin Bloomquist, Rhinelander, Wis., 2,046. 90, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp, Mich., 2,043.

91, Cory Hersha, Larwill, Ind., 2,042. 92, Kevin McCune, Munster, Ind., 2,040. 93, (TIE) Ronnie Fujita, Richmond, Calif., and Kristopher Prather, Romeoville, Ill., 2,038. 95, Michael Schlabach, Wakarusa, Ind., 2,037. 96, Tomas Kayhko, Finland, 2,035.

97, (TIE) Oscar Rodriguez, Colombia, and Gerald Marrs, Lake In the Hills, Ill., 2,034. 99, (TIE) Mykel Holliman, Denham Springs, La., and Matthew Zweig, Southdale, Ariz., 2,033.

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March 26, 2025

O'NEILL LEADS QUALIFYING AT 2025 USBC MASTERS; MATCH PLAY BEGINS THURSDAY

ALLEN PARK, Michigan – Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, earned the top seed for the 64-player double-elimination bracket at the 2025 United States Bowling

Congress Masters, which is being contested at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Michigan.

The 43-year-old right-hander rolled games of 195, 205, 239, 191 and 194 on Wednesday to finish atop the standings in the 390-player field with a three-day, 15-game qualifying total of 3,331 (a 222.07 average).

Three-time Masters champion Anthony Simonsen of Las Vegas, who won the event in 2016, 2022 and 2023, qualified second at 3,322.

The remaining spots in the top five were secured by Jean Perez of Indianapolis (3,311), Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington (3,303), and Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Michigan (3,290).

O'Neill didn't approach Wednesday's round with designs on maintaining the overall lead he'd captured the night before; instead, he was just looking to continue throwing quality shots.

"There weren't a lot of strikes out there for me today," O'Neill said. "I probably could have changed to some other balls and tried some more drastic options, but I really didn't need to do that due to the nature of this format. I knew I didn't have to be leading the tournament.

"I felt okay today. Whenever things get squirrely with ball reaction, you can start throwing bad shots while trying to get your ball to strike. That's the one thing I didn't want to do today. I just wanted to stay in my comfort zone and make sure my hand was in the spot it's going to need to be in starting tomorrow."

One bowler who had almost no difficulty getting his ball to strike during Round 3 was Alec Keplinger of Quincy, Michigan. The former Wichita State standout connected for 12 strikes in a row during Game 3 of A Squad qualifying Wednesday afternoon.

Not only did that earn Keplinger the distinction of becoming just the third competitor to roll a perfect game at the 2025 Masters – Sweden's Rasmus Edvall (Round 1) and Finland's Santtu Tahvanainen (Round 2) rolled the first two – but it also propelled him to a Round 3 score of 1,118, which vaulted him up the leaderboard and allowed him to make the cut in 43rd place with a three-game mark of 3,136.

The top 63 players, based on total pinfall, advanced to match play, which kicks off Thursday morning at 10 a.m. Eastern at Thunderbowl Lanes.

The 63rd spot from qualifying went to Chad Roberts of Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Roberts finished with a 3,096 total (a 206.40 average) and will face Simonsen in Thursday's opening round.

DeeRonn Booker of Albuquerque, New Mexico, didn't need to finish inside the top 64 as he had already locked up a spot in the bracket as the defending Masters champion.

Although Booker was guaranteed no worse than the 64th seed for match play, he had the opportunity to improve his position through qualifying.

That didn't end up being the case, however, as Booker finished in a tie for 96th place with a 3,032 total. As such, he will be the No. 64 seed and will draw O'Neill to start match play.

Despite the difference in their seeds, O'Neill definitely won't be taking Booker lightly during their opening-round battle.

"I have to keep bowling like I did the first two days on the fresh," O'Neill said. "If I keep physically bowling that way, the rest will take care of itself. In this tournament, the guy you're against can go out there and shoot 780, and then that's it. I just have to keep bowling like I have the first few days and hope to get some good draws."

There will be plenty of tough draws to be had during match play as this year's bracket features a plethora of PBA Tour superstars, accomplished international players and collegiate standouts.

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Wednesday's Results

QUALIFYING - ROUND 3
(After 15 games - top 100)

1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,331. 2, Anthony Simonsen, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,322. 3, Jean Perez, Indianapolis, Ind., 3,311. 4, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,303. 5, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,290. 6, Eric Jones, Edmond, Okla., 3,289.

7, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,265. 8, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 3,261. 9, Matt Russo, Ballwin, Mo., 3,257. 10, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,251. 11, EJ Tackett, Ossian, Ind., 3,244. 12, Charles Easton, Toledo, Ohio, 3,243.

13, Nathan Stubler, Peru, Ill., 3,236. 14, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 3,233. 15, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 3,230. 16, Graham Fach, Canada, 3,226. 17, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 3,215. 18, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 3,214.

19, Brad Miller, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,212. 20, Manuel Otalora, Davie, Fla., 3,210. 21, Michael Martell, West Babylon, N.Y., 3,206. 22, Luukas Vaananen, Finland, 3,198. 23, Anthony Neuer, Milton, Pa., 3,197. 24, Paul Smith, Madison, Conn., 3,193.

25, Mykel Holliman, Denham Springs, La., 3,192. 26, (TIE) Brandon Flora, Mt Washington, Ky., and Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 3,189. 28, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,175. 29, (TIE) Arturo Quintero, South Portland, Maine, and Dallas Leong, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,163.

31, Shawn Naumann, Orlando, Fla., 3,162. 32, Brent Boho, Collinsville, Ill., 3,160. 33, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,156. 34, Matt Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 3,150. 35, Nick Pate, Conway, S.C., 3,148. 36, Bailey Mavrick, Peru, Ind., 3,147.

37, Kevin McCune, Munster, Ind., 3,144. 38, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,141. 39, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 3,140. 40, (TIE) Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Mitch Hupe, Canada, and Dominic Barrett, England, 3,139.

43, Alec Keplinger, Quincy, Mich., 3,136. 44, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 3,134. 45, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,133. 46, Carlos Granados, Orlando, Fla., 3,130. 47, Rasmus Edvall, Sweden, 3,129. 48, Chris Via, Blacklick, Ohio, 3,127.

49, Nathan Ruest-Lajoie, Canada, 3,120. 50, Alex Horton, Douglassville, Pa., 3,118. 51, (TIE) Gary Haines, Babylon, N.Y., and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, and Tyler Cortez Schenck, Phoenix, Ariz., 3,117. 54, Nate Purches, Marlborough, Mass., 3,113.

55, Hayden Stippich, McKean, Pa., 3,111. 56, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 3,105. 57, Josh Hammons, Topeka, Kan., 3,103. 58, Brandon Bohn, Jackson, N.J., 3,102. 59, Jorge Rodriguez-Rosas, St Louis, Mo., 3,099. 60, (TIE) Brett Wolfe, Mesa, Ariz., and Tomas Kayhko, Finland, 3,098. 62, Steve Novak, Louisville, Ky., 3,097. 63, Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 3,096.

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64, Andrew Hall, Westborough, Mass., 3,095, $2,100. 65, Zach Weidman, Indianapolis, Ind., 3,092, $1,900. 66, Landin Jordan, Sycamore, Ill., 3,091, $1,800.

67, Chris Warren, Plano, Texas, 3,088, $1,775. 68, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,083, $1,750. 69, Carter Street, Dublin, Ohio, 3,081, $1,725. 70, (TIE) Chris Barnes, Denton, Texas, and Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, and AJ Johnson, Kenosha, Wis., 3,076, $1,675.

73, DJ Archer, Louisville, Ky., 3,073, $1,625. 74, Perry Crowell IV, St. Clair Shores, Mich., 3,070, $1,600. 75, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,069, $1,575. 76, (TIE) Terrance Rock III, Wichita, Kan., and Kenny Ryan, Maitland, Fla., 3,068, $1,538. 78, Brandon Kreyer, Mounds View, Minn., 3,067, $1,500.

79, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 3,064, $1,475. 80, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,060, $1,450. 81, Deo Benard, Roanoke, Texas, 3,059, $1,425. 82, Kevin Bienko, Kenmore, N.Y., 3,055, $1,400. 83, Casey Cohagan, Jefferson, Ohio, 3,054, $1,390. 84, Ryan Burton, Michigan City, Ind., 3,050, $1,380.

85, Michael Ruben, Selden, N.Y., 3,048, $1,370. 86, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 3,047, $1,360. 87, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp, Mich., 3,042, $1,350. 88, (TIE) Yannick Roos, Ogden, Utah, and Martin Larsen, Sweden, and Arnar Jonsson, Iceland, 3,041, $1,330.

91, C. J. Petrin, Chattanooga, Tenn., 3,040, $1,310. 92, Philip Drumm, Binghamton, N.Y., 3,039, $1,300. 93, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 3,038, $1,290. 94, Frank Testa, Massillon, Ohio, 3,035, $1,280. 95, Ronnie Fujita, Richmond, Calif., 3,034, $1,270.

96, (TIE) Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., and BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., and DeeRonn Booker, Albuquerque, N.M., and Darin Bloomquist, Rhinelander, Wis., 3,032, $837. 100, David Maycock, Bermuda, 3,031.

March 28, 2025

HANRAHAN JOINS TACKETT AS PBA TOUR ADVOCATES FOR BVL

FAIRFAX, Va. – The **Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL)** has announced that Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Tour champion Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas, will be the second PBA Tour Advocate for BVL.

Hanrahan, a two-time PBA Tour champion and member of Team USA, joins EJ Tackett as PBA Tour advocates for BVL. In January, BVL announced Tackett as the first person to fill the newly created position.

As a PBA Tour Advocate for BVL, Hanrahan will use his status as a PBA Tour champion and his position as one of bowling's top social media influencers to help raise awareness of BVL while competing on tour. BVL is the official charity of the PBA.

Since forming in 1942, the BVL has funded a variety of programs, particularly in recreation therapy, that benefit veterans and those in active duty.

Hanrahan looks forward to joining Tackett in an effort to help support this worthy cause.

"When I was asked to be a part of BVL, I was excited to partner up and help promote such an impactful organization," Hanrahan said. "I've had several family members and friends that have served in all branches of the military, and being able to help and show gratitude to those who have served was something that I didn't have to think twice about. I'm excited to start this new partnership with BVL and continue to grow and promote the Bowlers To Veterans Link!"

Hanrahan, a 29-year-old two-hander who throws the ball from the left side, collected both of his PBA Tour titles during the 2023 season. His first win came at the PBA Kokomo (Ind.) Classic, and he added to that later in the year by teaming with Mitch Hupe to win the PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship in Middletown, Delaware.

"We're excited for Packy to join BVL, using his passion for the sport and his influential social media platforms to connect with the next generation, ensuring the message of support and gratitude for veterans continues to inspire and grow," said Nancy Schenk, BVL Chairperson.

In addition to his success on the PBA Tour, Hanrahan was named to Team USA for the first time last year, and he has certainly been making the most of his opportunities to win medals thus far during his Team USA career.

Hanrahan got his first chance to compete at the PANAM Bowling Elite Championships in Reno, Nevada, in August of 2024 and, not wanting to let the opportunity go to waste, he responded by collecting four gold medals (singles, doubles, team and all-events) and one silver (trios) during his debut performance representing the red, white and blue.

He followed that effort up with a bronze medal in Men's Singles at the 2025 IBF World Cup in Hong Kong in January.

Hanrahan and the other players on the PBA Tour wrap up competition in the season's third major, the United States Bowling Congress Masters, with live telecasts on FS1 (Saturday) and FOX (Sunday), both scheduled for noon Eastern.

March 28, 2025

HAINES EARNS TOP SEED FOR SUNDAY STEPLADDER; 7 OTHERS PUNCH TICKETS TO TELECASTS AT 2025 USBC MASTERS

ALLEN PARK, Michigan – The 2025 United States Bowling Congress Masters began at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Michigan, on Monday with a sold-out field of 390 bowlers hoping to make good on their dreams of becoming this year's Masters champion.

At the conclusion of Friday's four rounds of matches, there are only eight athletes for whom that dream remains alive.

Two of those competitors, Gary Haines of Babylon, New York, and 2016, 2022 and 2023 Masters champion Anthony Simonsen of Las Vegas, have a much shorter path to the title than their counterparts as Haines and Simonsen have already earned berths in the 2025 Masters stepladder finals, which will be contested in the famed Thunderbowl Arena on Sunday starting at noon Eastern live on FOX.

The six remaining competitors – Justin Knowles of Okemos, Michigan; Canada's Graham Fach; Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania; Nathan Stubler of Peru, Illinois; Bailey Mavrick of Peru, Indiana, and England's Dom Barrett – will have to successfully fight through Saturday's Elimination Bracket finals in order to join Haines and Simonsen in Sunday's Stepladder.

Saturday's Elimination Bracket finals also will take place in the Thunderbowl Arena and will be broadcast live on FS1 starting at noon Eastern.

Because Haines (6-0) will enter Sunday's stepladder as the only undefeated bowler remaining at this year's tournament, he will have to be defeated twice in order to be denied the 2025 Masters title.

Shortly after he secured the No. 1 seed, Haines was asked what it would mean to add his name to the list of Masters champions. Not surprisingly, he was somewhat emotional when offering his response.

"It would mean everything. C'mon, this is what we're out here for," Haines said. "I'm 36, and this is the farthest I've gone. I made the cut twice before and went loss-loss both times.

"I'm rooming with Martell," Haines said, referring to 2023 Masters runner-up Michael Martell of West Babylon, New York. "On the first day of match play, Martell said 'if we both win, we bowl each other.' I looked at him and said 'if I'm bowling you, that means at least I finally had to have won a match.' After that first win, I was ready to go. I was just enjoying it."

Haines did win that first match, topping No. 12 seed Charles Easton of Toledo, Ohio, by a final score of 648-589 during their three-game, total-pinfall contest in Round 1 on Thursday.

But the aforementioned Round 2 matchup among roommates wasn't meant to be as Martell lost his opener to Team USA's Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas, by a score of 699-612.

Haines, however, had much better luck against Hanrahan, topping the talented two-handed lefty by a mark of 646-618 to run his record to 2-0 and become one of just 16 bowlers to get through Thursday's first two rounds of match play undefeated.

At that point, Haines was guaranteed no worse than a 2-2 final record at this year's Masters, which, based on his past history, he may have been happy to take.

But Haines wasn't done racking up wins; he was just getting started.

He kicked off action on Friday with a thrilling 642-639 Round 3 victory over area favorite Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Michigan.

Next, Haines drew Stubler, who qualified 13th and put up scores of 710, 726 and 711 during his first three matches.

However, Haines was the only one to break 700 during their Round 4 bout, which he won by a tally of 717-670 to officially secure a berth on one of this year's two Masters telecasts. The only question left to answer was which one it would be?

Haines answered that question one round later when he got past Fach by a final score of 606-605 to lock up a spot in Sunday's stepladder finals and earn a shot at Simonsen for the No. 1 seed.

Earlier in the week, Simonsen mentioned that when he and Martell bowled for the top seed at the 2023 Masters at Thunderbowl, Martell remarked before the match that he was just happy to have made it that far.

Simonsen took full advantage of the opening, shooting an incredible 845 during the battle with Martell to capture the top seed. Two days later, Simonsen would best Martell again during the finals to complete a successful title defense and collect his third Masters crown.

Haines admitted to having the same thought during his bout with Simonsen on Friday, but there were two distinct differences: he didn't share those feelings with Simonsen, and he found a way to use it to his advantage.

"In the beginning of our match, I felt a little pressure, and I probably shouldn't have because I felt like I had better ball reaction," Haines said. "Towards the end when he started making a run back at me, I kind of just told myself 'you're already here; just throw it.' I made a couple good shots at the end to make sure he couldn't go around me, and here we are."

Those shots allowed Haines to emerge with a hard-fought victory over Simonsen (599-574) and secure the No. 1 seed for the stepladder finals. Simonsen will be seeded No. 2.

Haines' ability to come through in the clutch and top one of the Professional Bowlers Association Tour's biggest superstars may have surprised the assembled masses taking in the action at Thunderbowl Lanes on Friday; however, had they been around just two days earlier and seen what Haines had to pull off just to reach match play in the first place, they would never have doubted him.

Haines outlined the drama that unfolded during Wednesday's final game of qualifying.

"I was just inside the match-play cut line after 14 games, and I was clean and doing okay during that last game," Haines said. "Then, we had a long lane breakdown. When we started again, I was amped up, shouldered the next shot and left the 2-4-7-8-10. Then, the lanes broke down before I could shoot the spare."

Had Haines failed to convert the difficult split, he would have been in jeopardy of finishing with a sub-200 game and missing the cut to match play.

But Haines did convert.

Still, the low pin count meant that unless he could manage a double during the 10th frame, he was still in danger of being left on the outside looking in.

But Haines doubled.

Thus far at this year's Masters, Haines has risen to the occasion every time his back has been against the wall, and that tenacity has earned him two opportunities to get the job done on Sunday to secure his first PBA Tour title and major. It's an advantage that Haines is very happy to have.

"Honestly, it might be a good thing for me to have that second game," Haines said. "The first game is practice to get my feet under me and get comfortable being on TV. If I come out hot, that's great, but if not, that second game might be just what I need to bring this thing home."

Despite the cushion, Haines' path to victory is still guaranteed to be blocked by a very formidable foe.

Barrett, Fach, O'Neill and Simonsen have won a combined 43 PBA Tour titles, including 12 majors.

Knowles, Mavrick and Stubler have yet to reach the winner's circle on the PBA Tour; however, all three have prior TV finals experience, so they are sure to be ready when the lights come on for the telecasts on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday's first match will pit O'Neill against Mavrick with the winner advancing to Match 3 to face Fach. Match 2 will be Stubler versus Barrett for the opportunity to square off against Knowles during the afternoon's fourth and final match on FS1.

The winners of Match 3 and Match 4 during Saturday's Elimination Bracket finals will be seeded third and fourth for Sunday's stepladder, where they will join Haines and Simonsen.

All qualifying and match-play rounds leading up to the two telecasts were broadcast live on BowlTV.

March 28, 2025

OHIO'S BILL HENSON NAMED 2025 USBC YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

ARLINGTON, Texas – Bill Henson of Westerville, Ohio, who has been volunteering and coaching in the sport of bowling for more than 35 years, has been selected as the 2025 United States Bowling Congress Youth Volunteer of the Year by the USBC Youth Advisory Group.

Henson, 72, is a USBC Silver level coach who has spent many years volunteering his coaching services to programs such as Ohio State University's men's bowling program, the high school bowling program at Westerville South and as Director of Youth Bowling for 15 years at Sequoia Pro Bowl in Columbus, Ohio, where he led a youth instructional program that grew to more than 125 youth bowlers.

All of those were volunteer positions, making Henson a worthy recipient of this award. Even so, Henson was more than a little surprised when he learned he'd been selected.

"When I got the call, my very first reaction was that I had tears in my eyes," Henson said. "I just couldn't believe it. Of all the thousands of people who volunteer their time for bowling and youth bowling, I'm just amazed that I was chosen. I appreciate it so much, and I'm so thankful. I'm truly humbled to receive this award."

Henson's volunteer work in bowling started innocently enough.

"Back in the 80s and 90s, both of my daughters were in youth programs at Sequoia (Pro Bowl)," Henson said. "I stepped up and volunteered to coach youth programs, and I was a league coach there for about 10 years. That's kind of how it all got started."

In 2005, Henson teamed with Sequoia Pro Bowl owner Tim Voss to help restore the bowling program at Ohio State University after a nine-year hiatus. Henson ended up serving as men's head coach for eight seasons.

"I wasn't exactly sure what I would be doing when I got into college coaching," Henson admitted. "I ended up being the men's head coach, which is a volunteer position because it's a club sport there and there is no salary. It was twice-a-week practices and 13-14 weekends on the road with the team. I did that for eight years and really enjoyed it."

No sooner than two weeks after he stepped away from the OSU program, his high school alma mater – Westerville South High School – contacted him about helping with their bowling program.

"My grandson (Adam Henson) was coming into his sophomore year there and was on the bowling team," Henson said. "Next thing I knew, I was on the coaching staff. I did that for seven years even after Adam graduated. That also was a volunteer position, so, 15 years with those two programs coaching as a volunteer – Ohio State and Westerville South."

In addition to his time spent at Ohio State and Westerville South, he also served as the Director of Youth Bowling at Sequoia Pro Bowl from 2007-2022, running a program that grew to be in the top 10% of the largest USBC Youth programs in the country.

"That was a great experience, and we produced a lot of good youth bowlers, some of whom went on to bowl collegiately," Henson said. "I have to give thanks to the 20-plus volunteer coaches I worked with over the 15 years I was at Sequoia. They all did it because they just wanted to share their knowledge with the younger players. I quickly became a coach of coaches with that program."

To the parents of youth bowlers, Henson, who served in the U.S. Air Force, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Ohio State University, an MBA from Ohio University and spent 34 years in the IT industry before retiring from IBM in 2007, has been a highly respected mentor.

All that volunteer experience led to another "career" after he retired from his IT job.

In 2017, Henson founded the Henson Bowling Academy. The program was unique in its structure, employing directors in five different departments – finance and accounting, marketing, admissions, physical fitness and nutrition, and instruction and academics (of which Henson was director, along with being CEO). The business has evolved into running camps and private instruction for youth and adults.

“I tell people I’m in my second retirement,” Henson said. “I’m 18 years into my quote/unquote retirement, and I’m just having the time of my life.”

Henson, who started bowling at the age of 10, is an accomplished bowler in his own right, having earned three regional Professional Bowlers Association titles and one national PBA60 title – the 2015 PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Open.

Having been in the sport for as long he has, Henson knows that being adaptable is a key component of successful coaching.

“I’ve coached people from age 6 to 83, and it’s always gratifying to be part of their improvement,” Henson said. “From when I started in 2007 until now, the two-handed style has become prominent, especially with youth bowlers, so I did a lot of research, did a lot of studying and watching YouTube videos and talked to other coaches. I got to the point where I feel comfortable coaching that style as well as the one-handed style. I’m always staying as current as I can.”

Henson was asked why volunteering and coaching is so attractive to him.

“I just love teaching people the sport that I’ve been in for 60 years of my life,” Henson said. “I just enjoy it so much, and I’m as busy as I want to be. That’s what volunteerism is about. You don’t do it for the acknowledgment and the recognition; you do it because you want to help.”

In addition to this award, Henson was chosen as “Volunteer of the Year” for the Central Ohio USBC (2017) and also received the Ohio State USBC Volunteer of the Year award (2023). In 2011, Henson was inducted into the Central Ohio USBC Hall of Fame, and in 2019 he was inducted into the Ohio State USBC Hall of Fame.

Henson will be recognized as USBC’s Youth Volunteer of the Year in May during the **2025 USBC Convention** at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

This year's award ceremony, which includes a variety of awards for youth and adult bowlers, will take place during the 2025 USBC Annual Meeting on May 7 and 8. The meeting will be broadcast live on **BowlTV**.

March 30, 2025

HAINES WINS 2025 USBC MASTERS FOR FIRST PBA TOUR TITLE

ALLEN PARK, Michigan – Going into a fight, everyone has a plan…until they get punched in the face.

Gary Haines of Babylon, New York, had a plan going into Sunday's stepladder finals at the 2025 United States Bowling Congress Masters, which was being contested in the famed Strobl Arena inside Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Michigan, and broadcast live on FOX.

Since, as the tournament's No. 1 seed and lone undefeated bowler, he would have to be beaten twice in order to be denied the title, Haines planned to use Game 1 to get comfortable so that he could be at his best during Game 2.

Although that plan was great in theory, the 36-year-old left-hander had a tough time putting it into practice; nevertheless, he rolled with the punches, countered as best he could and delivered his best shots of the day when he needed them most to defeat Anthony Simonsen of Las Vegas, 192-186, during the second game of the championship match to win the 2025 USBC Masters title.

In addition to the $100,000 first-place prize, Haines also collected his first Professional Bowlers Association Tour title and major championship.

Simonsen, who was thwarted in his bid to join Australia's Jason Belmonte as just the second player in history to win four Masters titles, took home $50,000 for the runner-up finish.

Although Haines conceded that the capacity crowd inside Strobl Arena and the thousands watching at home on national TV didn't get to see him at his best, he was still proud of the effort he put forth to reach the winner's circle.

"Clearly, this was just my week," Haines said. "I couldn't have thrown it any worse for 18 frames, but I threw two of the best shots of my life at the end there."

The shots Haines was referring to were a no-doubt strike in the ninth frame and a high-flush 10 pin on the first ball in the 10th.

From a scoring standpoint, the strike in the ninth was very meaningful as it gave Haines a double heading into the 10th frame. That meant that as long as he could pick up a mark and four pins in the last frame, he'd win the match and title.

But that ninth-frame strike will be remembered for something far bigger than its impact on the final score.

Right before Haines stepped up to bowl that frame, he called a time out, walked toward the back of the settee area and leaned over to kiss his wife, who was sitting in the front row alongside other members of their family.

Seemingly rejuvenated after the brief exchange of affection, Haines stepped up and delivered what was probably his best shot of the day.

Afterward, he explained that it was actually his ball rep who suggested he stop in midst of the chaos to share that moment with his wife.

“Dino Castillo was like ‘dude, we need to loosen you up; just call a time out and go over and kiss your wife,’” Haines said. “He wanted me to do it before the eighth frame, but I didn’t. After I threw it really bad in the eighth and got away with a Brooklyn, I figured I might as well give it a shot. What’s the worst that could happen? Clearly, it did something, and I know that’s going to mean a lot to us both because that’s something that’s going to be on TV for the rest of our lives.”

Another thing that will endure for the rest of his life is Haines’ status as a Masters champion. After several near misses at various tournaments throughout his bowling career, Haines was ecstatic to have notched his breakthrough victory at such a prestigious event.

“I’ve finished second so many times,” Haines said. “I have five runner-up finishes at PBA regionals, I have three second-place finishes at the Long Island Masters and I have a few NEBA (New England Bowlers Association) runner ups as well. I’m always there, and, this week, finally, someone was like ‘this guy finally needs a win.’ Hopefully, this rolls into more success and being more comfortable even in the small stuff.”

Haines still plans to bowl plenty of the small stuff as, despite Sunday’s Masters victory, he doesn’t have any immediate plans to take a run at bowling full time on the PBA Tour.

“I don’t think you’re going to see me out here any more than you already would have,” Haines said. “The guys that are out here do it for a living. It would make no sense for me to come out here and think, all of a sudden, I’m going to be the best in the world. I’m not, and you saw that for 18 frames today. I still have a long way to go to try to beat these guys week in and week out.”

Although Haines was probably selling himself a bit short, Simonsen definitely got the better of him for at least the first 10 frames.

Simonsen used an opening turkey and seven strikes in total to top Haines by a score of 207-172 during the opening game of the championship match.

One game earlier, Simonsen took advantage of two late opens to get past this year’s Masters qualifying leader, Bill O’Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, by a score of 189-176.

O’Neill started Sunday’s telecast by besting Justin Knowles of Okemos, Michigan, 202-195.

For their third- and fourth-place finishes, O’Neill and Knowles took home $25,000 and $15,000, respectively.

The duo advanced to the stepladder after surviving Saturday’s Elimination Bracket Finals, which was broadcast live on FS1.

The 2025 Masters began on March 24 with a sold-out field of 390 bowlers and was contested on a 44-foot lane pattern designed specifically for the event. All qualifying and match-play rounds leading up to the two telecasts were broadcast live on BowlTV.

For more information on the USBC Masters, visit BOWL.com/Masters.

2025 USBC MASTERS
At Strobl Arena (Thunderbowl Lanes)
Allen Park, Michigan

Sunday's Results

Final standings

1, Gary Haines, Babylon, N.Y., 364 (two games), $100,000.
2, Anthony Simonsen, Las Vegas, 582 (three games), $50,000.
3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 378 (two games), $25,000.
4, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 195 (one game), $15,000.

Stepladder results

Match 1 – O'Neill def. Knowles, 202-195.
Semifinal – Simonsen def. O'Neill, 189-176.
Championship – Haines def. Simonsen, 172-207; 192-186.

April 2, 2025

TEAM USA'S BRANDOLINO SELECTED AS
2025 ALBERTA E. CROWE STAR OF TOMORROW

ARLINGTON, Texas – Gianna Brandolino of Channahon, Illinois, has been chosen by the United States Bowling Congress Youth Advisory Group as the 2025 Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow.

The award recognizes the star qualities of a female high school senior or college student, including accomplishments on the lanes, academic achievement and community service. Along with the prestigious honor, Brandolino will receive a $6,000 scholarship as the 2025 recipient.

Brandolino, 18, is a senior at Minooka High School, where she has maintained a 3.90 GPA and remained on High Honor Roll all four years despite challenging herself with countless honors and Advanced Placement classes. She also is one of the nation's most accomplished young female bowlers, and that, combined with her academic performance and outstanding record of volunteer work, make her a worthy recipient of this award.

Although Brandolino was hopeful she'd be selected as this year's Alberta E. Crowe recipient, she wasn't sure how her resume would stack up against the other worthy

candidates under consideration. As such, she was very pleased, albeit a bit perplexed, when word finally came down.

“At first, I was a little confused because I was unsure of why I was getting a call from USBC,” Brandolino said. “I was with my parents at the time, so it was a happy feeling once I realized why they were calling. It makes me happy to win this scholarship because I look up to many of the past recipients of this award. I’m happy to have my name included on that list.”

Another list Brandolino’s name has frequently found its way upon is the list of standout students at Minooka High School.

Brandolino has been a straight-A student multiple times during her tenure at MHS, which is no small feat considering the fact that her schedule has consistently been chock full of honors and AP-level classes in English, science and math. Those efforts have allowed her to remain ranked in the top 25% of her graduating class of nearly 730 students.

Outside the classroom, Brandolino has made her mark at Minooka by helping work on the school yearbook and serving as a member of the American Sign Language Club.

When not competing or working on her own game, Brandolino has gotten involved in the bowling center operations and tournament management side of the sport, working as a porter and counter staff at her home center as well as helping run multiple tournaments conducted by the Joliet Area USBC.

Brandolino has very much enjoyed those opportunities as she draws a great deal of satisfaction from giving back to the sport that she loves so much.

“I’ve been fortunate enough to do some clinics with Diandra,” Brandolino said, referring to 1998 Alberta E. Crowe Scholarship winner Diandra Asbaty (née Hyman). “I’d really like to do more of those in the future because I’d like to continue helping the next generation of bowlers.”

If Brandolino is even close to as good an instructor as she is a competitor, then those young bowlers will find themselves in very capable hands. After all, Brandolino’s bowling resume is formidable to say the least.

She finished qualifying as the leader in the 137-player U.S. Amateur field in 2024 at the age of 17. She went on to finish second at the event that year and then followed that performance up with a third-place effort at the 2025 U.S. Amateur.

Her performance in January earned her a spot on Team USA’s elite team and Junior Team USA for 2025 after having competed solely as a member of Junior Team USA the previous two years.

Brandolino hasn't shied away from testing the waters at the professional level as well. She recorded a second-place finish at the 2023 Professional Women's Bowling Association Rockford Regional and attempted to qualify for the field at the 2025 U.S. Open via the event's pre-tournament qualifier.

It should come as no surprise that Brandolino frequently opts to challenge herself against tougher competition; after all, when she competes against young women her own age, the results tend to come out in her favor.

Brandolino's resume includes major wins at events such as the 2024 Professional Bowlers Association LBC National Championship Clash and the 2023 Junior Gold Championships (U18 Girls).

That's far from the end of her list of accomplishments, however, as Brandolino's title count also includes 20 Elite Youth Tour wins, a record 13 Storm Youth Championships victories, nine USBC Youth Open titles, six Illinois State Scholarship tournament triumphs, five consecutive Illinois State Pepsi titles, four Wisconsin Youth Bowlers Tour wins, a pair of victories at the Midwest Youth Main Event and a USA Bowling U15 Team national title.

Still, Brandolino claims to have taken away just as much, if not more, from her failures as she has from her many wins.

"Going out there and losing at the start of my bowling career was valuable because that's how you learn. If you win everything, you don't always learn," Brandolino said. "It's always fun and exciting to win, but having this scholarship shows that all of the failures and the hard work it took to overcome them has helped me on the lanes, in school and in life."

Next year, Brandolino will attend Jacksonville State University and compete as a member of the vaunted Gamecocks bowling team. Although the start of that adventure is still several months off, it's something she's already very much looking forward to.

"I'm really excited for the collegiate bowling journey," Brandolino said. "I graduated high school early, so I'm hoping to do some PWBA Tour events this season when I can, and then I plan on majoring in Sports Psychology at Jacksonville State.

"My mental coach, Matthew Farber, has helped me a lot, so I'm hoping that someday I can kind of do what he does. I'd like to be able to work remotely and help people like he's helped me while I'm out bowling on tour."

One thing that's certain is that any bowler who attempts to shoe up against Brandolino is bound to need all the help he or she can get.

Brandolino will be recognized in May during the 2025 USBC Convention at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

This year's award ceremony, which includes a variety of awards for youth and adult bowlers, will take place during the 2025 USBC Annual Meeting on May 5-8. The meeting will be broadcast live at BowlTV.com.

April 3, 2025

USBC HALL OF FAMER PETE TOUNTAS DIES AT AGE 86

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress recently learned of the death of USBC Hall of Famer Pete Tountas, of Tucson, Arizona, at the age of 86. According to the Arizona Daily Star, Tountas passed away on Feb. 27.

Tountas was born on Aug. 8, 1938, in a small mountain village in Greece. He immigrated to the United States at the age of 12 and lived with his uncle and their family in Hammond, Indiana.

Tountas would turn a passion for the sport of bowling into a hall of fame career. He started as a pin boy and ended up a multi-time titlist and major champion on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour. He also was an Eagle winner at the USBC Open Championships and was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in 1989 in the Veterans category.

Tountas' first title on the PBA Tour came at the 1964 Bertrand PBA Open in Waukegan, Illinois. He bested Jack Biondolillo by nine pins in the 40-game, total-pinfall event. His next tour victory would come in the televised stepladder finals of the 1967 Buckeye Open in Toledo, Ohio. Tountas knocked off Dave Davis, Bill Tucker and Gene Rhoda on the way to his second career title.

His final pro victory would be a major. After finishing fourth in both the 1963 and 1964 USBC Masters events and second in another major, the 1967 PBA National Championship, Tountas collected the title in the 1968 Masters in Cincinnati.

It was during Masters competition that Tountas earned a share of one of bowling's greatest records at the time when he put together a string of 21 four-game series above 800, ending with a 794 block in the 1968 finals.

Tountas also shined in Open Championships competition. He was a member of the Andy's Pro Shop team that took home the Eagle at the 1976 event in Oklahoma City. He also took great pride in a top-10 doubles finish (ninth place) with his son Michael at the 1988 USBC Open Championships in Jacksonville, Florida.

It was during his time on tour that he met and fell in love with his wife, Sandy. They settled in Tucson, where he became general manager of Golden Pin Lanes, which hosted numerous PBA Tour events. To many bowlers and fans of the PBA Tour, Tountas was just as well known for his work as a tournament host as he was for his days as a competitor on tour.

In addition to bowling, Tountas enjoyed golf and was an active member of the Greek Orthodox Church. He is survived by his two children, Michael and Michelle, and many grandchildren.

April 7, 2025

USBC TO MAKE DIVISION ADJUSTMENTS AND EVOLVE THE JUNIOR GOLD EXPERIENCE FOR 2025-2026 SEASON AND BEYOND

ARLINGTON, Texas – Over the past 27 years, the United States Bowling Congress Junior Gold program and season-ending Junior Gold Championships have provided thousands of USBC Youth members with the opportunity to compete in a national tournament while battling for scholarships, a youth national title and the opportunity to make Junior Team USA.

During that time, several modifications have been made to the tournament and to the program as a whole in order to enhance the overall member experience.

After careful consideration and based upon survey data, direct participant feedback and input from experienced Junior Gold tournament coordinators, USBC Youth Advisory Group members and individuals who volunteer at the Junior Gold championships national event, the decision has been made to implement several exciting modifications for the 2025-2026 season and national tournament.

These key changes include:

- An updated Junior Gold qualifying window.
- Updated age divisions.
- Practice session modifications.
- An equipment rule update.
- Membership and entry fee adjustments.

Starting in the 2025-2026 season, the Junior Gold qualifying period will run from July 1 to May 1, which was previously May 1 of the current year to May 15 of the following year. This update will impact only a small number of events while maintaining key competition opportunities and ensuring a smooth transition for all athletes. In addition, this will eliminate the confusion of two seasons overlapping.

Additionally, Junior Gold divisions will be adjusted to U12, U14, U16 and U18. This change is designed to create better peer-to-peer competition, allowing athletes to compete within more balanced age groups.

To optimize scheduling and enhance competition readiness, practice sessions will be modified as follows:

- Sessions will be reduced from 45 minutes to 30 minutes.
- Practice will be available on Saturday and Sunday, with Friday squads eliminated.
- Athletes will still bowl in all four practice sessions, ensuring ample preparation.

Equipment rules will change as athletes will now be permitted to alter the surface of their equipment during the warm-up session in the advancer rounds and match play. This adjustment provides players with greater flexibility to prepare equipment based on the lane conditions they did not see during practice sessions.

The final modification will impact the program's membership and national tournament entry fees, which have remained largely unchanged, with only minimal adjustments based on new age divisions. Starting in the 2025-2026 season, pricing will be updated as follows:

DIVISION	MEMBERSHIP	ENTRY FEE
U12	$25	$150
U14	$40	$200
U16	$50	$250
U18	$50	$250

The adjustments to membership and entry fees will directly support improvements aimed at enhancing the Junior Gold experience.

Over the past several years, USBC has expanded the event with additions like the Opening Ceremony, Party in the Park and upgraded venues for the Trade Show and Registration, creating a more memorable and engaging experience for athletes and families alike.

A portion of the tournament entry fee increase will help offset rising costs. Combined with the updated age division structure, this also opens the door to bringing the Junior Gold Championships to more cities and venues across the country.

In addition, since the 2022–2023 season, all Junior Gold members have received a subscription to Bowlers Journal as part of their membership, providing access to inspiring stories, coaching tips and a deeper connection to the sport. The cost of providing this benefit has been largely supported by membership revenue.

Looking ahead, beginning with the 2025-2026 season, USBC plans to reintroduce an additional Junior Gold membership gift, continuing to add value for our members alongside the ongoing Bowlers Journal subscription.

To learn more about these modifications and get answers to frequently asked questions, click here. For more information on the Junior Gold Championships, visit BOWL.com/JuniorGold.

April 10, 2025

IOWA'S RYLAN EDWARDS SELECTED AS CHUCK HALL STAR OF TOMORROW

ARLINGTON, Texas – Rylan Edwards of DeWitt, Iowa, has been chosen by the United States Bowling Congress Youth Advisory Group as the 2025 Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow.

The award recognizes star qualities in a male high school senior or college student who competes in the sport of bowling, as well as their achievements off the lanes in their community and in the classroom.

Edwards' work in the classroom, on the lanes and in his community have made him a worthy recipient of the award.

Edwards, 18, is finishing up his final year at Central DeWitt High School, where he ranks first in his class with a perfect 4.0 GPA while challenging himself with a number of AP and honors classes. He is a National Honor Society member, has made the Honor Roll every semester and was voted in as Senior Class Vice President. Across four sports, Edwards has earned Distinguished Academic Achievement in cross country, soccer, baseball and basketball throughout his high school career.

During his junior year, Edwards was named to the All-Conference All-Academic Team in bowling, cross country and soccer, and he earned All-District Academic Team honors during his senior year in football.

On the lanes, Edwards has made it to the state tournament as an individual from 2023-2025, with a high finish of fifth in 2024 after leading the field during qualifying. He also qualified for the Junior Gold Championships in 2023 and 2024 and locked up his spot for 2025 through the Survivor Tournament as he looks to continue to improve against some of the best youth bowlers in the country.

"My goal (in 2023) was to be in the top 50%, and I was not able to reach that," said Edwards. "It was a lot harder than I thought it would be, very mentally draining. I improved in 2024, and this year, my goal is to be in the top 50% but also just continue to see myself improve.

"I feel that's the most important thing, making sure that the work and practice I put in pays off a little bit."

Locally, he has been a member of the DeWitt USBC Association since May 2023, heading to the Iowa State Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, as a Youth Delegate and serving as a youth league volunteer.

Edwards got his start in the sport early in life, starting with friendly competition against his sister, Jena, a Dexter All-American in 2022-2023.

"I think I was about 4 when I started getting into the sport," said Edwards. "I joined our peewee league, and I thought it was fun, growing up with my sister and competing with her. It's my way of having fun in a competitive way because, even if she beats me, at the end of the day, I can have the opportunity to get back at her. She pushed me to get better."

Edwards mentioned that he almost quit the sport at one point.

"I was tired of (Jena) beating me, and I dropped a bowling ball on my toe. I was like 'I'm over this,'" he explained. "But I got back into bowling because I wanted to grow as a bowler and as a person."

He continued bowling and growing not only on the lanes but also in his community. Edwards has found the time for other extracurricular and community activities, including concert choir, Future Business Leaders of America and drama, where he has participated in school plays and musicals. He has been part of the Boy Scouts of America since 2014, volunteering for cleaning up ditches, helping conduct a Fourth of July pancake breakfast and serving as a canoe lifeguard for the DeWitt Triathlon.

Edwards earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the summer of 2022, where he helped continue a project that his bowling coach and former Eagle Scout, Seth Ketelsen, had started years prior.

"He tracked down all the veterans and marked out where they were in our local cemetery so we can place medallions and flags on Memorial Day," Edwards said. "My project was to go through and update it because it was approaching 30 years since then and more people were buried there now.

“I went in using his old data and updated it all. There were a couple blocks that he didn’t have, so I was doing his original method of going through every name and marking if they served in the military. Overall, it took me over 120 hours to update everything.”

Edwards is a member of his local church youth group and volunteers regularly, where he has helped their local referral center move locations, completed yard work for church members and is on the Missions Committee. When the Register’s Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) came through DeWitt in 2021, Edwards volunteered to help with the event. He also donates his time at the Grand Haven Retirement Center, where he helps residents with crafts and activities in addition to completing other jobs at the facility.

Edwards knows he couldn’t have done any of this without his support system.

“My parents have always supported me, taking me to practice and driving me to places,” he said. “They’re definitely the most important people that have supported me through losses, wins, bad scores, good scores, everything. My sister is another big one, as well as coach Ketelsen. He’s always there for me, going to all my events.”

The soon-to-be high school graduate will be attending the University of Northern Iowa in the fall, double-majoring in accounting and criminal justice, hoping to become a fraud investigator down the line.

Edwards will be recognized in May during the 2025 USBC Convention at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

For a list of past Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow winners, click **here**.

Learn more about awards for adult youth leaders and scholarship opportunities for youth bowlers at **BOWL.com/ScholarshipAwards**.

April 10, 2025

AUSEC LEADS AFTER DAY 1 AT 2025 USBC SENIOR QUEENS

LAS VEGAS – Dana Ausec of Colorado Springs, Colorado, is in a familiar spot after the first two rounds of qualifying at the 2025 United States Bowling Congress Senior Queens, which is being contested at Sam’s Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

The 2023 Senior Queens champion had a 10-game total of 2,250, good for an average of 225, and currently leads the field by a comfortable margin, with 128 pins between her and Liz Johnson of Niagara Falls, New York, in second place at 2,122.

Carol Norman of Houston is third at 2,120, Rino Sabo of Bennett, Colorado, holds fourth place with 2,109, while Stephanie Van Ness of Anchorage, Alaska, rounds out the top five with 2,105.

Jody Scheerer of Orlando, Florida (2,100), Lynda Barnes of Denton, Texas (2,070), Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio (2,069), Kathy Ledford of Boise, Idaho (2,030), and Genie Franklin of Frisco, Texas (2,028), hold spots six through ten. Ledford is guaranteed a spot in the double-elimination bracket as the defending champion and has so far improved her positioning for the bracket.

Holding the final spot for match play is Raelyn Hazen of Roy, Utah, who has a 1,906 total.

Ausec only had one game below 200 on the day, with qualifying going as well as it did due to being able to see the picture clearly. She had an extra pair of eyes with her as her husband was in attendance.

“In the past, the transition has been my downfall because I’ve sometimes missed it but today my husband and I did a really good job of catching it,” said Ausec. “We made the right moves and right ball changes to stay with it, the one pair that I caught where I shot 180 it was just one lane that got really tricky. Other than that game, it was a really good, solid day for me.”

Ausec is in good position to make the match-play bracket as well as her third consecutive stepladder finals, but is keeping her focus on the next qualifying block.

“Any time you bowl a tournament like this, (making the stepladder) is always the goal, but I don’t look that far ahead,” she said. “I’ve seen people come in and run away with it in qualifying and go 0-2 in the bracket, there’s a lot of bowling that has to happen before I get to that point.

“Again, the stepladder is the goal but there are a lot of boxes that have to be checked first.”

She was runner-up in the event last year and has been able to improve her bowling even further by absorbing as much knowledge as she can when selected for international competition the past two years, crediting Team USA coaches for her progress.

“To have the opportunity to work with Kelly Kulick, (Bryan) O’Keefe and Andy Diercks, I was like a sponge. I was able to learn a lot and they have a lot of good information for me to take and help me continue to work on some things, it’s made my game grow quite a bit.”

Ausec will lean on what’s she learned when competition continues tomorrow at noon Eastern for the final round of qualifying. Afterwards, the top 31 plus Ledford will advance to the double-elimination match-play bracket, beginning at 5 p.m. Eastern and into Saturday until the top five are determined for the stepladder finals.

All bracket matches leading up to the stepladder will be three games with total pinfall determining who advances.

BowlTV will provide coverage of each round of competition, with the stepladder finals set to start at 1 p.m. Eastern on Sunday.

For more information on the USBC Senior Queens, visit BOWL.com/SeniorQueens.

2025 Senior Queens
Sam’s Town Bowling Center
Las Vegas

Qualifying Results (through 10 games)

1, Dana Ausec, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,250. 2, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 2,122. 3, Carol Norman, Houston, Texas, 2,120. 4, Rina Sabo, Bennett, Colo., 2,109. 5, Stephanie Van Ness, Anchorage, Alaska, 2,105. 6, Jody Scheerer, Orlando, Fla., 2,100.

7, Lynda Barnes, Denton, Texas, 2,070. 8, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, 2,069. 9, Kathy Ledford, Boise, Idaho, 2,030. 10, Genie Franklin, Frisco, Texas, 2,028. 11, Shandy Simchen, Tacoma, Wash., 2,026. 12, Jill Friis, Canada, 2,001.

13, Kristin McEntee, Whiting, Ind., 1,999. 14, Beth Owen Cipielewski, Bradenton, Fla., 1,993. 15, Wanda Parker, Garland, Texas, 1,988. 16, Bianca Voelkl-Brandt, Germany, 1,987. 17, Char Hammel, Henderson, Nev., 1,969. 18, Mandy Wilson, Dayton, Ohio, 1,968.

19, Pamela Pancoast, Lomita, Calif., 1,966. 20, Linda Walbaum, Brighton, Colo., 1,961. 21, (TIE) Charita Crews, Bedford, Ohio, and Carol Long, Nampa, Idaho, 1,950. 23, Sandi Charles, Nolanville, Texas, 1,948. 24, April Lord-Wittig, Steilacoom, Wash., 1,947.

25, Cindy Mattingly, Puyallup, Wash., 1,938. 26, Edissa Andrade, Panama, 1,931. 27, Laurie Lanfier, Muscatine, Iowa, 1,929. 28, Samantha Matthews, Australia, 1,919. 29, Jessica Diso, Lake Forest, Calif., 1,916. 30, Kari Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 1,910.

31, Teresa Ross, Livingston, Texas, 1,907. 32, Raelyn Hazen, Roy, Utah, 1,906. 33, Penny Fentiman, Sweet Home, Ore., 1,905. 34, Lana Mink, Kapolei, Hawaii, 1,904. 35, Deb Lee, Canada, 1,895. 36, Lori Reasoner, Fairborn, Ohio, 1,888.

37, Paula Vidad, Sun City, Calif., 1,875. 38, Carmen Aguilar, Venezuela, 1,869. 39, (TIE) Debbie Ayers, La Mesa, Calif., and Laura Hardeman, Chula Vista, Calif., 1,863. 41, Roxanna Horton, Napa, Calif., 1,851. 42, (TIE) Barbara Batt, Jacksonville, Fla., and

Sharon Powers, Lakewood, Colo., and Ann Coleman, Fairborn, Ohio, 1,849. 45, (TIE) Anette Fineiss, Germany, and Wanda Elias, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,839. 47, Lori Yamasaki, Torrance, Calif., 1,834. 48, Cheryl Gould, Spokane, Wash., 1,829.

49, Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,828. 50, (TIE) Beth Comeaux, Youngsville, La., and Karen Miller, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,827. 52, Cheryl Keslar, Lawrence, Kan., 1,825. 53, Rose Hudson, Pasco, Wash., 1,824. 54, Lauri Cohrs, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,820.

55, Michele Carter, National City, Calif., 1,815. 56, Lizzette Abood, Panama, 1,811. 57, Karen Medalen, Monterey, Calif., 1,807. 58, Chris De Marco, Scottsdale, Ariz., 1,804. 59, Judith Leroux, Meraux, La., 1,800. 60, Tracy Calfee, Flat Rock, N.C., 1,799.

61, Shirley Stahl, Germantown, Wis., 1,798. 62, (TIE) Camille Kohner, Bloomington, Minn., and Beate Jaeger, Germany, 1,795. 64, Tracey Magnuson, Lakeville, Minn., 1,790. 65, Karen Barcal, Albuquerque, N.M., 1,783. 66, Patricia Purdum, Wyoming, Mich., 1,781.

67, Jennifer Parisi, Henderson, Nev., 1,770. 68, Donna Smith, Middleburg, Fla., 1,759. 69, Della Kallenback, Fairfield, Calif., 1,751. 70, (TIE) Martina Becker, Germany, and Karen Newman, Australia, 1,748. 72, MeiLing Billingsley, Lee's Summit, Mo., 1,745.

73, Colleen Laroe, Marshall, N.C., 1,742. 74, Angie Brown, England, 1,738. 75, Valerie Wilson, Beaverton, Ore., 1,731. 76, (TIE) Kim Morris, Fargo, N.D., and Denise Massey, Posen, Ill., 1,721. 78, Dwanna Touchet, Scott, La., 1,708.

79, Anita Boroff, Joshua, Texas, 1,707. 80, Rosemarie Buchert, Germany, 1,703. 81, Diana Cavins, Caldwell, Idaho, 1,698. 82, (TIE) Rowena De Mesa, Las Vegas, Nev., and Sabrina Duncan-Rose, Manvel, Texas, 1,672. 84, Cynthia Tringali, Charlotte, N.C., 1,657.

85, Hilda Arroyo, Puerto Rico, 1,656. 86, Kristi Blake, Joppa, Md., 1,653. 87, Jackie Selders, Middleton, Idaho, 1,636. 88, Ann Sperling, Byram Twp, N.J., 1,614. 89, Joelle Chu, Medford, Mass., 1,559. 90, Diane Johnson, England, 1,541.

91, Carol Lenz, Caldwell, Idaho, 1,499. 92, Cheryl Eng, Arlington, Mass., 1,294.

April 11, 2025

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL TITLES UP FOR GRABS AT 2025 USBC COLLEGIATE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS – Many of the nation's top collegiate bowlers and teams are making their way to Las Vegas to compete in the 2025 Intercollegiate Team Championships and Intercollegiate Singles Championships.

The journey to take home the top team and individual titles of the 2024-2025 United States Bowling Congress Collegiate season begins Monday at 9 p.m. Eastern at South Point Bowling Plaza with the official practice session for the 24 male and 24 female qualifiers for the ISC.

The week will wrap up on Saturday, April 19, with four taped televised finals, which will air on CBS Sports Network on four consecutive Tuesdays in April and May. The ISC women's finals will air at 7 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday, April 22, followed by the ISC men's finals at 8 p.m. Eastern on April 29, the ITC women's finals at 7 p.m. Eastern on May 6 and the ITC men's finals at 7 p.m. Eastern on May 13.

All qualifying and match-play rounds at the ISC and ITC will be streamed live on BowlTV.com.

Competition at the ISC kicks off Tuesday at noon Eastern with a six-game qualifying block to determine seeding for the single-elimination bracket. The top eight qualifiers in both the men's and women's divisions will receive first-round byes with the first three rounds of match play featuring a three-game total-pinfall format to determine which player advances.

The final four players in each division after three rounds will advance to the semifinals and finals on CBS Sports Network with one-game matches determining the 2025 singles champions.

Once the singles finalists have been determined on Wednesday morning, attention will shift to this year's team competition, which kicks off at 3 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday with the first of two ITC practice sessions.

Wednesday's festivities will conclude with the annual Night of Champions Banquet, which will be held inside South Point Hotel and Casino from 9:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Eastern.

The Night of Champions Banquet will begin with the recognition of teams and the announcement of this year's International Bowling Media Association and National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association award winners and will conclude with the induction of five members into the 2025 class of the USBC Collegiate Bowling Hall of Fame.

Once the festivities have concluded, it will be back to business as ITC qualifying begins Thursday morning at 11 a.m. Eastern.

Qualifying will consist of 24 Baker games to determine seeding for the double-elimination match-play bracket. All matches leading up to the title match will be contested in a best-of-seven Baker format.

CBS Sports Network's coverage of the championship round will feature a best-of-five Baker final in each division.

The Webber International men will have the opportunity to defend their ITC title from the 2024 event in the greater Louisville area; however, a new champion will emerge on the women's side since Wichita State opted to only compete in NCAA postseason play this season.

Teams and individuals qualified for the ITC and ISC through four sectional qualifiers held in March. The sectionals were contested in Addison, Illinois; Allen Park, Michigan; Fort Worth, Texas; and Smyrna, Tennessee.

On the women's side, a total of seven student-athletes advanced to the ISC from Addison, six each from Allen Park and Fort Worth and five from Smyrna. The men's division advanced eight ISC finalists from Addison, six from Fort Worth and five each from Allen Park and Smyrna.

Teams qualifying for the ITC had to finish in the top four of their sectionals based on 64-game Baker pinfall totals.

The Milligan men and Judson women managed to accomplish the feat for the first time in 2025. As such, both programs will be making their ITC national finals debuts next week in Las Vegas.

For more information on the Intercollegiate Team Championships, visit BOWL.com/ITC. To learn more about the Intercollegiate Singles Championships, visit BOWL.com/ISC.

April 11, 2025

ONLY 16 REMAIN IN CONTENTION AT THE 2025 USBC SENIOR QUEENS

LAS VEGAS – Qualifying at the 2025 United States Bowling Congress Senior Queens in Las Vegas ended Friday afternoon and match play started soon after, as only 16 competitors now remain for the title at Sam's Town Bowling Center.

Eight bowlers went 2-0 in the double-elimination match-play bracket: Liz Johnson of Niagara Falls, New York; Canada's Jill Friis; Rina Sabo of Bennett, Colorado; Lynda Barnes of Denton, Texas; Char Hammel of Henderson, Nevada; Germany's Anette Fineiss; Raelyn Hazen of Roy, Utah; and Jody Scheerer of Orlando, Florida.

Over in the Elimination Bracket, these eight bowlers have a longer road to make it to the stepladder finals but have as good of a chance as everyone else to win the event: Linda Walbaum of Brighton, Colorado; Kristin McEntee of Whiting, Indiana; Carol Norman of Houston; Shandy Simchen of Tacoma, Washington; Dana Ausec of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Beth Owen-Cipielewski of Bradenton, Florida; Lana Mink of Kapolei, Hawaii; and defending champion Kathy Ledford of Boise, Idaho.

Johnson, who qualified as the top overall seed into match play and is undefeated in the bracket thus far, her debut at the Senior Queens is going as well as she could have hoped for.

"It feels good to be at the top, no matter what the level," said the USBC Hall of Famer. "It's great being able to compete with some of the ladies that I used to bowl against and are familiar with, especially here bowling at Sam's Town and it gives me a little confidence for tomorrow."

For Johnson, the key to her success has been staying patient between blocks and letting the scores come to her while still staying on top of the transition. That mindset helped during the second match where she found herself down early but continued to grind it out until she came out a winner.

"I found a good look (in Round 1) and the next round I went to the pair next to me and it was totally different and a little bit of a struggle," she said. "Tried not to worry about breaks going either way and fortunately found a look after moving in. I kept my legs underneath me because when I get lost I tend to pop up, it helped me get through the match."

Being able to catch up with some of the bowlers that she used to compete against during the original Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour has been a highlight amid the competition.

"I crossed next to Jody Scheerer and we bowled together back on tour in the 90s and catching up with her," said Johnson. "It's really crazy because we used to do this 25 years ago, it's kind of déjà vu in a way. It's a lot of fun being out here competing with the other ladies."

If Johnson wins her first match on Saturday, she potentially has a matchup with Lynda Barnes, another competitor that Johnson crossed with during the original PWBA Tour. Barnes and Johnson could make Senior Queens history if either one wins, as they would join Sandra Postma and Anne Marie Duggen as the only bowlers to win USBC Queens and USBC Senior Queens titles.

If Char Hammel were to win it all, it would be her second win at the Senior Queens event, 15 years after her first and become the oldest to win the event at age 70.

All 16 bowlers will return at noon Eastern Saturday to continue match play and the stepladder finals for the final five

competitors is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. Eastern Sunday.

For more information on the Senior Queens, visit **BOWL.com/SeniorQueens**.

2025 USBC SENIOR QUEENS
Sam's Town Bowling Center
Las Vegas

Friday's Results

MATCH PLAY
Double-elimination, three-game matches decided by total pinfall

ROUND 1
(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

(1) Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., def. (32) Samantha Mathews, Australia, 742-651.
(17) Carol Long, Nampa, Idaho, def. (16) Linda Walbaum, Brighton, Colo., 596-540.
(9) Jill Friis, Canada, def. (24) Cari Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 583-571.
(25) Mandy Wilson, Dayton, Ohio, def. (8) Stephanie Van Ness, Anchorage, Alaska, 659-558.

(5) Rina Sabo, Bennett, Colo., def. (28) Shandy Simchen, Tacoma, Wash., 635-580.
(21) Lana Mink, Kapolei, Hawaii, def. (12) Wanda Parker, Garland, Texas, 558-530.
(13) Kathy Ledford, Boise, Idaho, def. (20) Kristen McEntee, Whiting, Ind., 607-597.
(4) Lynda Barnes, Denton, Texas, def. (29) Deb Lee, Canada, 637-590.

(30) Char Hammel, Henderson, Nevada, def. (3) Dana Ausec, Colorado Springs, Colo., 722-636.
(14) April Lord-Wittig, Steilacoom, Wash., def. (19) Jessica Diso, Lake Forest, Calif., 555-535.
(22) Anette Fineiss, Germany, def. (11) Sandi Charles, Nolanville, Texas, 578-566.
(27) Bianca Voelkl-Brandt, Germany, def. (6) Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, 606-585.

(7) Carol Norman, Houston, def. (26) Pamala Pancoast, Lomita, Calif., 694-502.
(23) Raelyn Hazen, Roy, Utah, def. (10) Genie Franklin, Frisco, Texas, 617-570.
(18) Cindy Mattingly, Puyallup, Wash., def. (15) Beth Owen-Cipielewski, Brandton, Fla, 609-551.
(2) Jodi Scheerer, Orlando, Fla., def. (31) Edissa Andrade, Panama, 659-542.

ROUND 2 – Winner's Bracket

Johnson def. Long, 615-577.
Friis def. Wilson, 586-563.
Sabo def. Mink, 590-536.
Barnes def. Ledford, 646-638.

Hammel def. Lord-Wittig, 623-513.
Fineiss def. Voelkl-Brandt, 670-537.
Hazen def. Norman, 631-594.
Scheerer def. Mattingly, 593-593. (Scheerer won roll-off, 10-8)

ROUND 2 – Elimination Bracket
(Loser is eliminated, receives $750)

Walbaum def. Matthews, 592-574.
McEntee def. Lee, 621-526.
Van Ness def. Graham, 644-534.
Simchen def. Parker, 582-525.

Ausec def. Diso, 631-506.
Owen-Cipielewski def. Andrade, 607-537.
Woessner def. Charles, 679-630.

Franklin def. Pancoast, 658-629.

ROUND 3 – Elimination Bracket
(Loser is eliminated, receives $850)

Walbaum def. Voelkl-Brandt, 609-564.
McEntee def. Lord- Wittig, 655-541.
Norman def. Van Ness, 617-572.
Simchen def. Mattingly, 638-556.

Ausec def. Wilson, 626-610.
Owen-Cipielewski def. Long, 606-477.
Mink def. Woessner, 615-599.
Ledford def. Franklin, 552-521.

April 12, 2025

STEPLADDER FINALISTS DETERMINED AFTER DAY 3
AT 2025 USBC SENIOR QUEENS

LAS VEGAS – Only five competitors remain in the hunt for the 2025 United States Bowling Congress Senior Queens title, contested at Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

Liz Johnson of Niagara Falls, New York, holds the No. 1 seed in Sunday's stepladder finals after going 5-0 in the double-elimination match-play bracket. Johnson needs to only win one game and must be defeated twice in the title match.

Holding the No. 2 seed is Jody Scheerer of Orlando, Florida, who fell to Johnson in the final match of the Winner's Bracket. Scheerer and Johnson were competitors during the later stages of the original Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour and the competitive spirit this week is strong as both are making their Senior Queens debut.

"It's been amazing because it's been so long since we've seen people we used to bowl against back in the 90s," said Scheerer. "Everybody is so friendly and happy, it's nice to also have that adrenaline in competition."

Joining Johnson and Scheerer in the stepladder from the final Elimination Bracket match are No. 3 seed Rina Sabo of Bennett, Colorado, No. 4 seed Jill Friis of Canada and defending champion Kathy Ledford of Boise, Idaho, as the No. 5 seed. Cher Hammel of Henderson, Nevada, was the low one out in that match and ended the week in sixth place for $2,500.

This is Friss' second straight year making the stepladder finals and will at least match her fifth-place finish from 2024 as the No. 4 seed. Sabo has improved upon her 13th place in 2024, while Hammel went from 64th in 2024 to sixth this year.

For Ledford, the prospect of being the first back-to-back winner since Robin Romeo's three-peat from 2014-2016 has been in the back of her head but her focus is set on the opening stepladder match.

"I took the long road this year and made every match interesting," said Ledford, who fell into the Elimination Bracket after a Round 2 loss to Lynda Barnes. "I'm okay being in the No. 5 spot, it keeps the ball in my hand the whole time and I won't have to wait.

"It would be amazing to go back-to-back, especially in such a strong field and with Liz as the top seed. Anybody can beat anybody in a one-game match, and I showed last year that anybody can be beaten in a two-game match."

In 2024, Ledford was the No. 3 seed in the stepladder and was able to defeat 2023 champion Dana Ausec twice as Ausec was the No. 1 seed. Now Ledford must fully climb the ladder to successfully defend her tiara. If Johnson were to win, she would be just the third bowler to hold USBC Queens and USBC Senior Queens titles, joining Sandra Postma and Anne Marie Duggan.

The stepladder finals are set to begin at 1 p.m. Eastern on Sunday and will be broadcast live on BowlTV.

For more information on the Senior Queens, visit **BOWL.com/SeniorQueens**.

2025 USBC SENIOR QUEENS
Sam's Town Bowling Center
Las Vegas

Saturday's Results

MATCH PLAY
Double-elimination, three-game matches decided by total pinfall

ROUND 3 – WINNERS BRACKET
(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

(1) Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., def. (9) Jill Friis, Canada, 690-644.
(5) Rina Sabo, Bennett, Colo., def. (4) Lynda Barnes, Denton, Texas, 688-670.
(30) Char Hammell, Henderson, Nev., def. (22) Anette Fineiss, Germany, 566-486.
(2) Jody Scheerer, Orlando, Fla., def. (23) Raelyn Hazen, Roy, Utah, 593-586.

ROUND 3 – CONTENDERS BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, earn $1,025)

(20) Kristin McEntee, Whiting, Ind., def. (16) Linda Walbaum, Brighton, Colo., 641-583.
(7) Carol Norman, Houston, def. (28) Shandy Simchen, Tacoma, Wash., 692-572.
(15) Beth Owen Cipielewski, Bradenton, Fla., def. (3) Dana Ausec, Colorado Springs, Colo., 643-593.
(13) Kathy Ledford, Boise, Idaho, def. (21) Lana Mink, Kapolei, Hawaii, 613-597.

ROUND 4 – WINNERS BRACKET

Johnson def. Sabo, 678-642.
Scheerer def. Hammel, 581-509.

ROUND 4 – CONTENDERS BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, earn $1,200)

McEntee def. Barnes, 642-616.
Friis def. Norman, 653-550.
Hazen def. Owen Cipielewski, 630-607.
Ledford def. Fineiss, 683-547.

ROUND 5 – WINNERS BRACKET
(Winner earns No. 1 seed for BowlTV finals; loser is No. 2 seed)

Johnson def. Scheerer, 763-650.

ROUND 5 – CONTENDERS BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, earn $1,900)

Friis def. McEntee, 615-613.
Ledford def. Hazen, 617-591

ROUND 6 – CONTENDERS BRACKET
(Three highest scores advance to BowlTV finals, high score is No. 3 seed, second high is No. 4, third high is No. 5, lowest score is eliminated, earns $2,500).

Sabo 585.

Friis 565.
Ledford 554.
Hammel 485.

April 13, 2025

JOHNSON CLAIMS 2025 USBC SENIOR QUEENS TITLE

LAS VEGAS – United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Liz Johnson of Niagara Falls, New York, defeated Rina Sabo of Bennett, Colorado, 243-185, to win the 2025 USBC Senior Queens title.

Johnson adds to her already extensive trophy case, winning the event in her Senior Queens debut and joins Sandra Postma and Anne Marie Duggan as the only bowlers to win USBC Queens and USBC Senior Queens titles.

“That’s just crazy to me,” said Johnson. “I remember growing up and dreaming of bowling this event, this was one of my dream tournaments.”

That dream became reality when qualifying began and she went into the double-elimination match-play bracket as the No. 1 seed, going undefeated and being the top seed in Sunday’s stepladder.

Johnson had to beaten twice in the title match but only needed the first match against No. 3 seed Sabo to take home the title. Sabo was looking to follow in the footsteps of last year’s champion, Kathy Ledford of Boise, Idaho, who was the No. 3 seed and took home the title in the 2024 event.

Ledford and Sabo faced off in the second match of the 2025 stepladder, with Ledford, the No. 5 seed, hoping to be the first back-to-back champion since Robin Romeo’s three straight wins from 2014-2016.

Unfortunately, the magic ran out for Ledford, who managed just a 148 to Sabo’s 247, guaranteeing a new champion would be crowned this year. Ledford earned $4,000 for her fourth-place finish.

Sabo’s opponent in the semifinals was Jody Scheerer of Orlando, Florida, also making her Senior Queens debut and loss to Johnson for the top seed, but was a consistent force all week as she qualified as the No. 2 seed in the bracket.

The semifinal match saw neither Sabo or Scheerer able to pull away until the last few frames, where Sabo rolled the 2 pin forward in the eighth frame and tripped the 4 pin out in the ninth. Scheerer threw her own great shot that saw the 4 pin stand, before a pocket 7 pin in the ninth saw her hopes fade fast.

A wrap 10 pin to start the final frame put the nail in the coffin for Scheerer, ending with 188 while Sabo advanced to the title match with a 213. Scheerer earned $5,000 for the third-place finish.

The title match was all Johnson, who threw seven strikes in the first eight frames while Sabo was unable to carry the corner pins and fell behind early. Johnson officially put her stamp on the event with all three strikes in the 10th frame for 243 against Sabo’s 185. Sabo earned $6,200 for her runner-up finish, improving upon the 2024 event where she finished in a tie for 13th place.

Johnson took home $8,000, the trophy and the tiara for her winning efforts, starting off her senior career with a bang and in a place that holds many memories not just for her, but the other competitors in the field.

“I’m so glad that the event was at Sam’s Town this year, it was special to win here,” said Johnson.

The stepladder finals begin with Ledford and Canada’s Jill Friis, where the low-scoring match was in favor of Ledford, 172-166. Friis earned $3,050 for the fifth-place finish, the same place she ended the 2024 event.

The 2025 event started April 9 with the first of three five-game qualifying rounds for the 92 competitors, with the top 31 bowlers after 15 games joining Ledford in the double-elimination match-play bracket.

BowlTV livestreamed the 2025 event from start to finish at Sam's Town, including the stepladder finals.

For more information on the USBC Senior Queens, visit **BOWL.com/seniorqueens**.

2025 USBC Senior Queens
Sam's Town Bowling Center
Las Vegas

Sunday's Results

Final standings

1, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 243 (one game), $8,000
2, Rina Sabo, Bennett, Colo., 645 (three games), $6,200
3, Jody Scheerer, Orlanda, Fla., 188 (one game), $5,000
4, Kathy Ledford, Boise, Idaho, 320 (two games), $4,000
5, Jill Friis, Canada, 166 (one game), $3,050.

Stepladder results

Match 1 – Ledford def. Friis, 172-166.
Match 2 - Sabo def. Ledford, 247-148.
Semifinal – Sabo def. Scheerer, 213-188.
Championship – Johnson def. Sabo, 243-185.

April 14, 2025

BOWLING ICON AND USBC HALL OF FAMER RAY BLUTH DIES AT AGE 97

ARLINGTON, Texas – United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer and 1959 USBC Masters champion Ray Bluth died Friday, April 11, at the age of 97 in St. Louis.

Bluth, who won two USBC Open Championships Eagles and earned three wins on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour, is a member of five halls of fame, including the USBC and PBA.

In addition to being a great champion, Bluth was known as a longtime bowling center proprietor in the St. Louis area and as one of the sport's greatest ambassadors.

Bluth also was the last surviving member of the famed Budweiser team that consisted of fellow hall of famers Don Carter, Tom Hennessey, Pat Patterson and Dick Weber.

On March 12, 1958, the Budweisers rolled an American Bowling Congress record 3,858 three-game series in league play in north St. Louis. The mark was 61 pins better than the previous record of 3,797, which was shot in 1937 by another St. Louis team, the Hermann Undertakers.

The 3,858 total averaged out to more than 771 pins per man, or 257 per game for 15 games. Bluth, rolling 33 of a possible 36 strikes, shot games of 267, 267 and 300 to lead the way with an 834 series. It was a record that stood for 35 years and 11 months before it was broken.

Bluth's two Eagles at the Open Championships were both Classic Team titles. The first came during the 1962 Open Championships in Des Moines, Iowa, and the second was at the 1974 event in Indianapolis.

After a second-place finish in 1956, Bluth won the 1959 Masters in his hometown of St. Louis. Bowling at the 138th Infantry Armory, Bluth bested Billy Golembiewski for the title. It would be the lone major championship of his career.

His Masters prowess extended to the 1962 event where he rolled the first 300 game in the history of the Masters finals. His 806 for the first three games of that series was a Masters record for 24 years.

Bluth, a charter member of the PBA, would go on to collect two more PBA titles. He won the 1964 Spokane (Wash.) Open when he finished the event by rolling 1,983 over this final eight-game block (247.87 average) to set a PBA record (since broken). That same year, Bluth won the tour's George Young High Average award, posting a 210.51 mark.

His lone televised PBA Tour victory came at the 1969 Buckeye Open in Toledo, Ohio, where he defeated a pair of future PBA Hall of Famers on the way to the title. Bluth knocked off Teata Semiz in the semifinal match, 247-236, before defeating Nelson "Bo" Burton Jr., in the title match, 236-205.

Bluth was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in the Superior Performance category in 1973 and was honored in 1975 as part of the PBA's inaugural hall of fame class in a Performance category that included legendary names such as Don Carter, Carmen Salvino, Harry Smith, Dick Weber and Billy Welu.

There is currently no information regarding memorial services. This story will be updated with that information once it becomes available.

April 16, 2025

USBC COLLEGIATE HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2025 INDUCTED, MVPS AND ALL-AMERICANS NAMED DURING ANNUAL NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS BANQUET

LAS VEGAS – The United States Bowling Congress Collegiate Hall of Fame Class of 2025 was inducted and the Most Valuable Players of the 2024-2025 collegiate season were named by the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association (NCBCA) and the Storm/International Bowling Media Association (IBMA) during the annual Night of Champions banquet at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas on Wednesday night.

Roger Dalkin of Greendale, Wisconsin; Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania; and Vicki Vallie (née Parker) of Nashua, New Hampshire, earned induction for their on-lane performances as Student-Athletes. Bill Straub of Lincoln, Nebraska, joined this year's class in the Coach category. Gordon Teigen of Onalaska, Wisconsin, completed the Class of 2025 for his dedication to collegiate bowling as a Contributor.

Speaking of contributions, Mount Mercy's Zach Andresen and Brooke Salzman and Wichita State's Sara Duque all delivered standout performances for their respective teams this season, which led to each one being awarded some extra hardware during the Night of Champions celebration.

For the men, Andresen was named NCBCA Most Valuable Player and IBMA Bowler of the Year for the 2024-2025 USBC Collegiate season. On the women's side, Duque took home NCBCA MVP honors while Salzman was named the women's IBMA Bowler of the Year.

The inductions took place and honors were bestowed during the annual Night of Champions banquet, which was broadcast live at BowlTV.com and served as the kickoff to the Intercollegiate Team Championships.

Andresen, who was named NCBCA Rookie of the Year last season, averaged just under 230 over 10 events and posted an average differential of 42.49 to lead the nation in both categories as a sophomore. He also led in Tier I average (231.82) and was second in Tier I differential (41.92), which helped the Mustangs to the top of the team rankings for the regular season.

He collected one individual victory and three top-five finishes during the year. That victory came at the Collegiate Shoot-Out (Tier 1 event) in December, where Andresen led the men's field after authoring a five-game total of 1,232 (a 246.4 average).

Andresen was joined on this year's NCBCA All-America first team by Brandon Bohn of Webber International, Pikeville's Bryce Oliver, 2023 and 2024 NCBCA Player of the Year Spencer Robarge of Wichita State and fellow Mount Mercy bowler Blake Walsh.

Walsh was named the NCBCA Rookie of the Year after securing one win, three top-five finishes, four top-10 finishes and averaging 221 this season.

During her sophomore year at Mount Mercy, Salzman finished the regular season fifth in average (209.47) and fourth in average differential (37.25) over 10 total events; however, she was second in both statistics across five Tier I events (210.79 and 34.88).

Also, the 2024 NCBCA Rookie of the Year posted two individual wins and six top-five finishes to help the Mustangs secure first place in the women's regular season team rankings.

Meanwhile, Duque, the 2024 ISC women's national champion, finished the regular season third in overall average (210.14) while recording two top-five finishes and five top-10 finishes for Wichita State.

Duque and Salzman were joined on the 2025 NCBCA All-American first team by Brystal Beyer of Stephen F. Austin, Denise Blankenzee of Sam Houston State and Mount Mercy's Jaelle Hamman.

This year's women's NCBCA Rookie of the Year honors went to Mareana Pilyih of Saint Vincent, who posted five top-five finishes and six top 10s in 11 events while finishing the year with an average of 189.13.

The NCBCA Gordon Vadakin and Kerm Helmer Coach of the Year awards were presented to Mount Mercy's Cassidy Courey and Judson's Vince Biondo, respectively.

Both Courey and Biondo were first-time winners. Courey helped the Mount Mercy men to the No. 1 overall ranking in this year's final poll while Biondo led the Judson women to their first ITC national finals appearance.

The Gordon Vadakin Coach of the Year award recognizes the top coach in the men's division, and the Kerm Helmer Coach of the Year award is given to the top coach in the women's division.

Newman's Billy Murphy was recognized as the Gordon Teigen Meritorious Service Award winner for 2025.

Murphy, who served two terms as NCBCA President, including during COVID, has created many new processes and procedures to help grow the NCBCA. He also has been a tournament director of the Mid States Championships for over 15 years and was a major contributor to and driver for the creation of the USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame.

The Gordon Teigen Meritorious Service Award is an annual award presented to an individual for outstanding service to collegiate bowling.

Wednesday night's five hall of fame inductees certainly made their own contributions to the world of collegiate bowling.

Dalkin was a standout at Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) from 1969-1972, during which time he won a combined 15 Association of College Unions International (ACUI) titles, five at the national level and 10 during regional competition.

He was crowned ACUI Region VI champion in team, singles and all-events in 1969, team in 1970, doubles and all-events in 1971 and team, doubles, singles and all-events in 1972.

That gave Dalkin an incredible 10 regional titles in 16 events against the best collegiate bowlers in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi over that stretch, during which he qualified for the national tournament three times.

Dalkin's ACUI National Championship record is equally impressive as he won national titles in five different events over the course of his four years at Georgia Tech, winning the doubles championship with Joseph Hill of Oklahoma State in 1969, singles and all-events in 1971 and doubles (with Kenneth Knowles of Florida State) and all-events in 1972.

Those five titles tie Dalkin with Jack Connaughton of Wisconsin-La Crosse – who was inducted into the inaugural USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame class in 2024 – for the most national championship victories in collegiate bowling history.

Dalkin's collegiate successes earned him the right to represent Team USA at the 1971 AMF World Cup in Hong Kong, where he emerged as champion. The following year, Dalkin finished fourth while attempting to successfully defend his title at the 1972 event in Hamburg, Germany.

Once his competitive bowling days were behind him, Dalkin went on to serve the sport of bowling in multiple administrative positions, including USBC CEO. Those contributions led to Dalkin's induction into the USBC Hall of Fame in the Meritorious Service category in 2008.

"Being in the USBC Hall of Fame for meritorious service, I love it, but I call it doing a job. I did my job," Dalkin said. "But being inducted into the USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame as an athlete, that's what I did on the lanes, actually performing. That's what the game is, what you do on the lanes. Anybody can run an organization; not everybody can bowl. I'm proud to go in as a bowler, as an athlete."

O'Neill was certainly a star athlete in his own right while at Saginaw Valley State University from 2001-2004.

The talented right-hander wasted no time making a name for himself upon joining the Cardinals' program as he earned NCBCA All-American honors as a freshman during the 2000-2001 season.

O'Neill would repeat the feat during each of his final three seasons at SVSU, adding his name to the short but impressive list of collegiate bowlers to reach four-time First-Team All-American status.

That wasn't the only honor bestowed upon O'Neill, however, as he was named NCBCA Men's Player of the Year for both the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 seasons.

O'Neill's efforts helped the Cardinals to a runner-up finish at the 2004 Intercollegiate Team Championships.

After leaving Saginaw Valley State, O'Neill went on to enjoy success as a seven-time member of Team USA, where he was a four-time world championship gold medalist, and as a standout performer on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour, where he is a 15-time titlist and three-time major champion.

O'Neill considered jumping directly to the professional ranks in lieu of bowling in college; however, as he reflects upon all that he's accomplished throughout his career, O'Neill is quick to acknowledge the role that collegiate bowling played in his many successes.

"I wouldn't be where I am today without collegiate bowling," O'Neill said. "I grew so much as a player and a human being because of that experience. I owe everything that I am today to college bowling. To be honored like this, to go in to the second class of the USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame, is just insane. I never would have thought I would be in this position. It's a crazy thing to even think about."

Vallie enjoyed a crazy amount of success while competing for Indiana State University from 1983-1986.

Big things were expected of Vallie from her very first days competing on the lanes for the Sycamores. That's because she came to Indiana State after having won the Alberta E. Crowe Award – given to one of the nation's top female high school bowlers – in 1982.

Vallie didn't buckle under the weight of the expectations though; instead, she thrived.

She earned NCBCA First-Team All-American honors and was the women's Rookie of the Year during her freshman season in 1983, helping the Indiana State team to a runner-up finish at the national tournament in the process.

The Sycamores got over the hump and secured the women's national title in 1984 with Vallie contributing heavily during another First-Team All-American season.

During her final two seasons at Indiana State, Vallie brought home a singles national championship (1985), recorded another runner-up team performance at the national tournament (1985) and earned two more First-Team All-American awards.

At the time, that made Vallie the first four-time First-Team All-American in collegiate bowling history.

She would go on to record a sixth-place finish while competing for Team USA at the 1986 World Cup.

All of those accomplishments led to Vallie's induction into the Indiana State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007.

When asked how it felt to now be enshrined in the USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame, Vallie expressed a bit of surprise.

"I never even dreamed of this," Vallie said. "I knew I had a very successful career in college, but I didn't realize how successful it was compared to other people. This is a dream come true. It's hard to explain because it's more of a feeling. I'm just so proud, and I made my family proud."

Straub certainly had plenty to be proud of as well as he was at the helm of the University of Nebraska men's bowling program from 1984-2003 and the women's squad from 1988-2019, helping the Cornhuskers claim 12 national titles between both teams over that stretch.

During Straub's tenure, the Nebraska women's program qualified for the national tournament for 32 consecutive years between 1988 and 2019, bringing home 10 national titles (1991, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2009, 2013 and 2015).

The men's squad was equally impressive under Straub's direction, reaching the national finals in 15 out of 16 seasons between 1988 and 2003 and emerging as national champions twice (1990 and 1996).

Straub-led teams were a permanent fixture in the top five in the end-of-year rankings throughout his coaching career with the Nebraska men's team finishing no worse than ranked fifth every year from 1988-2003 – when Straub stopped coaching the men's team – and the Cornhuskers' women's team landing in the top five in the final poll each season from 1988-2019.

From 1997-2019, Straub led the Nebraska women to an overall record of 2,370 wins against just 467 losses, a winning percentage of nearly 84%.

Those accolades and many others led to Straub being named National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA) National Coach of the Year four times (2005, 2013, 2017 and 2018).

Straub's accomplishments are impressive enough on their own, but they're even more remarkable considering how he got into coaching in the first place.

“When I was hired at Nebraska in 1984, at the time, I couldn’t spell coach,” Straub said. “I could talk it okay, and I had some scores that were okay, but as far as coaching capabilities, I didn’t have any. Dick Ritger was doing a camp in Minnesota, and I signed up as a student.

“I needed to learn how to coach, and to learn to coach, I went to basketball. Bob Knight said it very succinctly ‘the sport really doesn’t matter; give me a book on the fundamentals, and I can make you a team.’ I tried to apply that to the teaching, and I looked at John Wooden from a standpoint of how to handle myself. I figured if I could study those two, it could help me out some, and I owe a debt of gratitude to each of them for getting me to understand a little bit about how you handle athletes.”

Handle athletes he did, and as Straub’s coaching prowess grew, his teams found more and more success, which, in turn, prompted even more talented athletes to bowl collegiately for Nebraska.

Straub was grateful that the Cornhuskers’ program basically sold itself because he didn’t fancy himself a particularly strong recruiter.

“I’ve been blessed; I’ve been blessed my whole life,” Straub said. “I was unbelievably lucky that people saw the success we had and wanted to come here because I’m a lousy recruiter; I couldn’t sell space heaters to Eskimos. Recruiting is a sales pitch, and I don’t have that. I can tell you what I think I can do for you, and if you believe me, terrific. If not, you’re going to go someplace else, and I wish you the best.”

But many of collegiate bowling’s star athletes did bowl for Straub and Nebraska, and the combination of his coaching skills and their on-lane abilities are a big reason why Straub was enshrined in the 2025 class of the USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame.

Teigen, who passed away in March of 2011 at the age of 88, was inducted posthumously in the Contributor Category and was represented at the Night of Champions Banquet by his son, Tom Teigen of Fort Worth, Texas.

Teigen dedicated his life to bowling, serving as a successful collegiate coach, mentor and administrative leader at the local, state and national levels.

He worked for the American Bowling Congress (ABC) from 1964-1967, during which time he was tasked with organizing the collegiate division of the ABC and Women’s International Bowling Congress. Teigen’s work there led to him being

considered one of the founders of the ABC/WIBC Collegiate Division – now USBC Collegiate.

From 1969-1971, Teigen worked for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), serving as chairman of the bowling sports section.

All the while, he molded some of the best collegiate bowlers of the day while serving as a collegiate coach, first at North Dakota State – then North Dakota Agricultural University – and then at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Teigen founded the North Dakota State University bowling program in 1954.

During his 11 seasons as head coach, Teigen's Bison amassed a dual-match record of 118 wins and 50 losses and won three state titles (1960, 1961 and 1963).

Teigen also was responsible for helping establish the Tri-State Collegiate Bowling Conference, the North Dakota State Bowling Conference and the North Dakota Bowling Proprietors Association, an organization he served as executive secretary for three years.

After transitioning to UW-La Crosse, Teigen's men's team won nine conference championships while his women's squads brought home eight.

His team won an NAIA title in 1968 and NAIA and National Intercollegiate Bowling Association (NIBA) crowns in 1969.

For his contributions to collegiate bowling both on and off the lanes, Teigen was inducted into the NAIA, North Dakota Bowling and North Dakota Sports Halls of Fame.

In 1980, he was awarded the National Bowling Coaches Service Award, which has since been renamed the Gordon Teigen Service Award.

The bowling lanes at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Cartwright Center also were renamed Teigen Lanes in his honor.

Speaking on behalf of his father, Tom Teigen believes that Gordon would be very pleased with the current collegiate bowling landscape as it reflects what he worked so hard to help create.

"I think what you see today in college bowling would very well match what he hoped it would become, the quality of bowling you see and the widespread nature of it throughout the major colleges," Tom Teigen said. "That's the type of thing he was looking for within the bowling community."

Tom Teigen was similarly straightforward when addressing how he thinks his father would have responded to earning enshrinement in the USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame.

“He was a very thankful man, and I think he’d be very humble and thankful for this award,” Tom Teigen said. “My dad would say thank you to the USBC for giving him this honor, he’d say thank you to his wife, my mother, for the sacrifices on her side when he was on the road, he’d say thank you to all the people who worked with him and helped him accomplish what he accomplished and he’d say thank you to all of his bowlers for their hard work and dedication.”

The formation of the USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame was announced in November 2022.

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NATIONAL COLLEGIATE BOWLING COACHES ASSOCIATION
2024-2025 ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

MEN
First Team – Zach Andresen, Mount Mercy; Brandon Bohn, Webber International; Bryce Oliver, Pikeville; Spencer Robarge, Wichita State; Blake Walsh, Mount Mercy

Second Team – Brandon Bonta, Wichita State; Costa Gastouniotis, Lawrence Tech; Bobby Habetler, Saint Xavier; Carter Street, Wichita State; Evan Thro, Muskingum

Honorable Mention – Mason Doan, Calumet; Alexander Evans, Milligan; Hayden Hale, Trine; Liam Hardman, Newman; Christian Liquori, Savannah College of Art and Design – Savannah; Brett Lloyd, Webber International; Elijah Mayberry, Pikeville; Connor Nowak, Lawrence Tech; C.J. Petrin, Oklahoma Christian; Michael Weber, Lawrence Tech

All Rookie Team – Aidan Furukawa, Savannah College of Art and Design – Savannah; Liam Hardman, Newman; Christian Liquori, Savannah College of Art and Design – Savannah; Andrew Robitaille, Pikeville; Blake Walsh, Mount Mercy

Most Valuable Player – Zach Andresen, Mount Mercy

Rookie of the Year – Blake Walsh, Mount Mercy

Gordon Vadakin Coach of the Year – Cassidy Courey, Mount Mercy

WOMEN

First Team – Brystal Beyer, Stephen F. Austin; Denise Blankenzee, Sam Houston State; Sara Duque, Wichita State; Jaelle Hamman, Mount Mercy; Brooke Salzman, Mount Mercy

Second Team – Katie Paris, Sam Houston State; Brianna Rogers, Pikeville; Shannon Small, Duquesne; Paige Wagner, Wichita State; Ashtyn Woods, Wichita State

Honorable Mention – Nada Nawwarah Abdul Jalil, Mount Mercy; Hope Bunk, Sacred Heart; Kristina Catoe, Pikeville; Breana Chewens, Sam Houston State; Paige Donovan, Sacred Heart; Juliana Kerrigan, Stephen F. Austin; Rachel Moore, Culver-Stockton; Emily Newbauer, Viterbo; Mary Orf, Wichita State; Madilyn Yockel, Sacred Heart

All Rookie Team – Kayla Cameron, Indiana Tech; Amber Lymenstull, Missouri Baptist; Mareana Pilyih, Saint Vincent; Jenna Ritchie, Governors State; Ashley Soto, Newman

Most Valuable Player – Sara Duque, Wichita State

Rookie of the Year – Mareana Pilyih, Saint Vincent

Kerm Helmer Coach of the Year – Vince Biondo, Judson

Gordon Teigen Meritorious Service Award – Billy Murphy, Newman

STORM/INTERNATIONAL BOWLING MEDIA ASSOCIATION
2024-2025 COLLEGIATE AWARDS

MEN
Bowler of the Year – Zach Andresen, Mount Mercy

Runners-Up – Brandon Bohn, Webber International; Brandon Bonta, Wichita State; Joshua Hammons, Wichita State; Spencer Robarge, Wichita State

Honorable Mention – Gabe Castro, Purdue; Bryce Oliver, Pikeville; Kyle Perillo, SUNY – Stony Brook; Evan Thro, Muskingum; Blake Walsh, Mount Mercy

WOMEN
Bowler of the Year – Brooke Salzman, Mount Mercy

Runners-Up – Rachel Moore, Culver-Stockton; Emily Newbauer, Viterbo; Chloe Siezega, Judson; Ashtyn Woods, Wichita State

Honorable Mention – Kristina Catoe, Pikeville; Jaelle Hamman, Mount Mercy;

Katie Paris, Sam Houston State; Brianna Rogers, Pikeville; Shannon Small, Duquesne; Paige Wagner, Wichita State

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IOWA'S JACK WEAVER NAMED RECIPIENT OF ANNUAL ZEB SCHOLARSHIP

ARLINGTON, Texas – Jack Weaver of Pella, Iowa, has been chosen by the United States Bowling Congress Youth Advisory Group as the Annual Zeb Scholarship recipient for 2025.

The Annual Zeb Scholarship recognizes a USBC Youth member who has achieved academic success and gives back to their community through service. The recipient, who must be a junior or senior in high school, receives a $2,500 scholarship.

Weaver, 18, is the first person from Iowa to earn the scholarship since it was first awarded in 2005.

When asked what his initial reaction was when he was informed he had won the scholarship, Weaver said, "I was very surprised. I had just got done telling my mom that I was starting to think I might not get any scholarships, and then we got the call from USBC. So, getting that call was very surprising and exciting."

The scholarship will be put to good use as Weaver plans on attending Iowa State University to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.

Weaver is completing his senior year at Pella Community High School in Pella, Iowa, where he carries a 3.85 GPA while also taking dual-credit college courses.

His courses include honors and Advanced Placement classes in addition to the aforementioned dual-credit classes. He also has been a member of the school's Bionic Dutch Robotics Team for the last three seasons and was selected team captain this year.

Weaver explained why being a member of the robotics team has been such a source of pride and enjoyment during his high school career.

"I like the challenge of continuing to change stuff and always having something to work on," Weaver said. "There is never an offseason where I'm not working on something. We're either continuously improving the robot's design or doing outreach in the community to promote the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) program. It's also been good preparation for what I intend to study in college."

Weaver has received many awards for his academic achievements, including National Honor Society (2023-2024 and 2024-2025), Dean's List (2022), President's List (2023) and Honor Roll (2021-2025). Weaver was a FIRST (For Inspiration of Science and Technology) Dean's List Award semifinalist in 2024.

In addition to his courseload and time spent with the robotics team, Weaver also currently works at Pella Corporation as a Manufacturing Technologies Apprentice where he is learning about modern industrial manufacturing processes.

“I started at Pella the summer after my junior year and worked a normal job in the factory,” Weaver said. “Once my senior year started, I was a quality tech for some of the metal we make for our windows, and now I work in architectural solutions, which is about making sure all the windows are properly constructed and sized and such. I work with a bunch of other engineers and sometimes get to make CAD models for them. It’s given me a lot of real-life work experience.”

Weaver’s extracurricular activities include being a member of the high school bowling team all four years, including being elected a senior leader for this year’s team. Weaver has also played the violin in the school orchestra since fifth grade and was an integral part of starting several Esports games for the school’s newly formed Esports team.

Weaver didn’t get started in bowling until just prior to high school.

“When I was in eighth grade, I joined a local bowling league because my mom (Tiffany) asked if I wanted to do it,” Weaver said. “I decided to try it, and I really enjoyed it. Once I got to high school, I found out we actually had a bowling team and I happened to know the coach, so that made it an easier decision for me to join.”

Once he started in the sport, his interest continued to grow throughout high school.

“I like how much the hand and feet movements are so involved and how those movements have to be repetitive and refined,” Weaver said. “There is also a lot of technology involved with the balls. Just the fundamentals of the sport helped keep me interested, and it’s a fun sport.”

As a volunteer, he has participated in the Thursday Nights in Pella STEM Night, the Springs and Sprouts Community Supported Agriculture program and Vacation Bible School, where he has served as a youth leader. Weaver’s longest-standing involvement has been with Pella’s annual Tulip Time festival where he has been a participant and volunteer from preschool through high school.

“The Thursday nights in Pella STEM nights were probably my favorite because I got to spend time in the community to promote the robotics team,” Weaver said. “I got to show, especially kids, how much fun it is to do STEM activities and robotics and things like that. It’s great to be able to inspire young kids and the community to invest more in STEM and robotic activities.”

Weaver is grateful for his parents, his high school bowling coaches (Mike Mathewson and Bryan Smith) and his high school robotics coach (Brent Ewell) for all the support and guidance they have provided over the years that helped him achieve this scholarship.

“This is obviously a big honor,” Weaver said. “But what it means to me is that all the hard work I’ve put in during high school and all the extracurricular activities have paid off.”

He looks forward to attending college and “learning a lot more about engineering . . . being able to see more complex math and other engineering applications.” He also looks forward to investigating what activities college life has to offer, including hopefully being able to continue bowling in a league or club.

Weaver will be presented with his scholarship next month at the **2025 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting** at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

For a list of past Annual Zeb Scholarship recipients, click **here**.

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FIRST-TIME NATIONAL FINALIST MILLIGAN AMONG EIGHT UNDEFEATED TEAMS REMAINING AT 2025 INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

LAS VEGAS – The 2025 Intercollegiate Team Championships got underway Thursday morning at South Point Bowling Plaza inside the South Point Hotel Casino & Spa in Las Vegas, and eight teams, including first-time men's national finalist Milligan University, went undefeated to put themselves in ideal position to make a run at this year's titles.

The ITC is the culminating event of the 2025 United States Bowling Congress Collegiate season and features the top 16 men's and top 16 women's bowling programs from across the country.

All teams bowled 24 Baker games Thursday morning to determine seeding for the double-elimination bracket, which features best-of-seven Baker matches leading into the finals.

The finals, which will be taped Saturday, will air on CBS Sports Network on Tuesdays in May. The women's ITC show is scheduled to air on May 6 at 7 p.m. Eastern with the men's ITC final slated to follow on May 13 at 7 p.m. Eastern.

Leading the men's division in qualifying was Savanah College of Art and Design – Savannah, which shot 300 during Game 24 to finish with a 5,268 total (a 219.5 average), the third-highest 24-game qualifying score in men's ITC history.

The Bees were joined in the top five by Mount Mercy (5,247), Pikeville (5,152), defending champion Webber International (5,121) and Milligan (5,004).

Nevertheless, of those five, only Milligan was able to go 2-0 and end Day 1 among the ranks of the undefeated.

The Buffaloes earned that mark by defeating No. 12 Trine by a score of 4-2 in Round 1 and then surviving a six-game thriller to beat No. 4 Webber International, 4-2, during Round 2, sending the defending men's national champions into the Elimination Bracket.

Milligan Head Coach Michael Hall was certainly excited after his team's thrilling victory, but he wasn't exactly surprised.

"We just did what we were doing all year," Hall said. "We started the season strong and said we're going to do what the 10 of us do. We don't hold it against anyone when they miss; we just say 'we're a family, we're a team, we've got it.' We took that mentality into today, and here we are."

Where the Buffaloes are is in the Winners Bracket and just two wins away from punching their ticket to Saturday's ITC men's TV finals.

Even though Hall and his troops are excited about the position they're in, they aren't looking that far ahead just yet.

"We know what we can do, and we know that we can compete with some of the best in the country. I think we proved that today," Hall said. "We're riding high now, but we're going to enjoy tonight, get some rest and take it one game at a time every match again tomorrow."

Milligan's first match will be at 4 p.m. Eastern against No. 8 seed Wisconsin-Whitewater.

The Warhawks went 2-0 on Thursday and earned their place in the Round 3 Winners Bracket battle by making it through two seven-game affairs as they beat No. 9 seed St. Ambrose, 4-3, during Round 1 and then held off a furious rally by top-seeded Savannah College of Art and Design – Savannah to win by a 4-3 margin again during Round 2.

On the other side of the men's bracket, No. 6 seed Wichita State, the winningest program in ITC history with 13 national titles, ended Thursday's first two rounds of match play unbeaten.

The Shockers started their run with a 4-2 win over 11th seed McKendree before closing out the night with a hard-fought 4-3 victory against No. 3 Pikeville.

Wichita State's next match will be at 4 p.m. Eastern on Friday against No. 7 seed Marian-Indiana, which went 2-0 on Thursday thanks to 4-2 wins over 10th seed Calumet and No. 2 Mount Mercy.

In women's action on Thursday, the qualifying field was paced by 2024 ITC runner-up Jacksonville State, which posted the third-highest 24-game qualifying mark in women's ITC history at 5,178 (a 215.75 average).

The remaining positions in the women's qualifying top five were secured by North Carolina A&T (5,144), Pikeville (5,024), Sacred Heart (4,987) and Stephen F. Austin (4,951).

Just as they did on the men's side, the seeds pretty much went out the window once bracket play began as Jacksonville State was the only team in the women's qualifying top five to get through match play 2-0 on Thursday.

The Gamecocks met very little resistance while establishing that mark as they went 7-1 over the course of their first two rounds of matches, shutting out No. 16 Lindenwood, 4-0, during Round 1 and then breezing past No. 8 seed Savannah College of Art and Design – Savannah, 4-1, in Round 2.

Jacksonville State's Round 3 opponent will be No. 12 Saint Xavier, which posted a 7-1 mark of its own during victories over No. 5 Stephen F. Austin, 4-1, and No. 13 Mount St. Mary's, 4-0.

The two undefeated teams on the other side of the women's bracket are No. 6 Maryville and seventh-seeded Mount Mercy.

Maryville ended Thursday's action at 2-0 thanks to a 4-1 opening-round victory over No. 11 Judson and a 4-0 shutout of third-seeded Pikeville.

Mount Mercy, which ended the regular season No. 1 in the USBC Collegiate rankings, punched its ticket to Round 3 by besting No. 10 Wisconsin-Whitewater, 4-2, in Round 1 and then breezing past No. 15 Newman by a final score of 4-1 during Round 2.

Both women's Winners Bracket matches are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. Eastern on Friday afternoon.

That's because Elimination Bracket matches will kick off competition at South Point on Friday. The opening round is scheduled to begin at 10:45 a.m. Eastern with a second round of win-or-go-home bouts following at 12:45 p.m. Eastern.

Match play will continue Friday until the teams for Saturday's title matches are determined.

Teams earned their way into the ITC field in March by finishing in the top four at one of four sectional events held throughout the country.

BowlTV.com has live coverage of all qualifying and match-play rounds of the Intercollegiate Team Championships leading up to the televised finals.

Visit BOWL.com/ITC for more information on the Intercollegiate Team Championships.

INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
At South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas
Thursday's Results

MEN'S DIVISION

QUALIFYING
(24 Baker games)
1. Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, 5,268.
2. Mount Mercy, 5,247.
3. Pikeville, 5,152.
4. Webber International, 5,121.
5. Milligan, 5,004.
6. Wichita State, 4,998.
7. Marian-Indiana, 4,974.
8. St. Ambrose, 4,952.
8. Wisconsin-Whitewater, 4,952.
10. Calumet, 4,910.
11. McKendree, 4,894.
12. Trine, 4,892.
13. Oklahoma Christian, 4,882.
14. Lawrence Tech, 4,848.
15. Newman, 4,729.
16. Muskingum, 4,622.

MATCH PLAY
Double-elimination, best-of-seven Baker format

ROUND 1
(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).
Savannah College of Art and Design – Savannah def. Muskingum, 4-1.
Wisconsin-Whitewater def. St. Ambrose, 4-3.
Milligan def. Trine, 4-2.
Webber International def. Oklahoma Christian, 4.5-3.5.

Mount Mercy def. Newman, 4-2.
Marian-Indiana def. Calumet, 4-2.
Wichita State def. McKendree, 4-2.
Pikeville def. Lawrence Tech, 4-2.

ROUND 2 – WINNERS BRACKET
Wisconsin-Whitewater def. Savannah College of Art and Design – Savannah, 4-3.
Milligan def. Webber International, 4-2.
Marian-Indiana def. Mount Mercy, 4-2.
Wichita State def. Pikeville, 4-3.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

QUALIFYING
(24 Baker games)
1. Jacksonville State, 5,178.
2. North Carolina A&T, 5,144.
3. Pikeville, 5,024.
4. Sacred Heart, 4,987.
5. Stephen F. Austin, 4,951.
6. Maryville, 4,939.
7. Mount Mercy, 4,779.
8. Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, 4,694.
9. Central Missouri, 4,671.
10. Wisconsin-Whitewater, 4,666.
11. Judson, 4,650.
12. Saint Xavier, 4,637.
13. Mount St. Mary's, 4,591.
14. Louisiana Tech, 4,549.
15. Newman, 4,529.
16. Lindenwood, 4,504.

MATCH PLAY
Double-elimination, best-of-seven Baker format

ROUND 1
(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).
Jacksonville State def. Lindenwood, 4-0.
Savannah College of Art and Design - Savannah def. Central Missouri, 4-0.
Saint Xavier def. Stephen F. Austin, 4-1.
Mount St. Mary's def. Sacred Heart, 4-3.

Newman def. North Carolina A&T, 4.5-1.5.
Mount Mercy def. Wisconsin-Whitewater, 4-2.
Maryville def. Judson, 4-1.
Pikeville def. Louisiana Tech, 4-3.

ROUND 2 – WINNERS BRACKET
Jacksonville State def. Savannah College of Art & Design-Savannah, 4-1.
Saint Xavier def. Mount St. Mary's, 4-0.
Mount Mercy def. Newman, 4-1.
Maryville def. Pikeville, 4-0.

April 18, 2025

FINALISTS DETERMINED AT 2025 INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

LAS VEGAS – The capacity crowd that packed South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas on Friday to watch the final rounds of match play at the 2025 Intercollegiate Team Championships were treated to six rounds of heart-stopping action over the course of 14 hours with several matches being decided not just during the last frame, but on the final shot.

Nevertheless, after the final balls had been thrown and the last pins had fallen, just two men's teams and two women's teams remained, and those squads will be the ones battling it out for national titles on Saturday.

On the women's side, Jacksonville State (4-0), the 2024 ITC women's runner-up, will take on Mount Mercy (4-0), which will be making its debut appearance in the national finals title match.

The men's championship bout will see perennial powerhouse Wichita State (4-0) squaring off against Wisconsin-Whitewater (4-1).

Wichita State will be seeking to extend its own record by securing the 14th national title in program history while Wisconsin-Whitewater will be looking for ITC title No. 2 – The Warhawks won their first ITC men's national championship in 2022.

The finals, which will be taped Saturday, will air on CBS Sports Network on Tuesdays in May. The women's ITC show is scheduled to air on May 6 with the men's finals slated to follow on May 13. Both shows are scheduled to start at 7 p.m. Eastern.

Both the men's and women's title contests will be best-of-five Baker matches.

It's possible that some of Saturday's championship-round contenders are a bit disappointed that the finals use a shorter format than that which was employed during the two days of bracket match play.

It's unlikely that the men from Wisconsin-Whitewater share that opinion, however; after all, they've done more than their fair share of bowling already.

That's because over the course of Thursday and Friday's qualifying and match-play rounds, the Warhawks logged a grand total of 58 Baker games. No other team reaching Saturday's finals bowled more than 47.

Thankfully for Whitewater, it put all that time on the lanes to good use.

The Warhawks began their trek to the men's title match with a pair of 4-3 victories during Rounds 1 and 2 on Thursday, the first over St. Ambrose and the second over Savannah College of Art and Design – Savannah.

Whitewater picked up where it left off when action resumed on Friday as it took down first-time ITC national finals participant Milligan. That match also ended with a final score of 4-3.

The Buffaloes turned the tables just two rounds later, however, rallying from an 0-2 deficit to defeat Whitewater 4-3 in the first match of the bracket finals. That gave each team one loss and forced a rematch to determine who would advance to Saturday's men's title match.

As expected, the third match of the tournament between the Warhawks and Buffaloes was just as entertaining as the first two.

The upstarts from Milligan took Game 1 by a final score of 218-162, but Whitewater quickly fought back, squaring the match 1-1 thanks to a 227-162 win during Game 2.

Game 3 went the way of the Buffaloes, this time by a final margin of 217-188, but, not surprisingly, the Warhawks battled back to win Game 4 (237-219) and tie the match back up at two wins apiece.

The raucous fans packed into South Point Bowling Plaza had to be expecting Milligan to come back and win Game 5. After all, that's the pattern the two teams had been following up to that point this week.

Whitewater, on the other hand, had other ideas.

Rather than surrendering the lead back to Milligan, the Warhawks established one of their own, their first of the match, thanks to a 232-166 Game 5 victory.

The sixth game was close from start to finish with Milligan holding a one-pin advantage as both teams approached the 10th frame.

The Buffaloes' anchor bowler stepped up with a chance to throw three strikes in the 10th to shut Whitewater out and send the two teams to yet another winner-take-all seventh game.

Milligan's anchor delivered a terrific shot to start the final frame, but the high-flush hit resulted not in strike, but in a solid 9-pin.

That meant the Whitewater anchor could secure the game and match with just a mark and some count. That mark came in the form of a solid strike, which sent the Warhawks through to the title match while forcing Milligan to settle for a third-place finish.

While battling six or seven games every round wasn't the game plan going in, Wisconsin-Whitewater Head Coach Brandon Mooney had a fairly straightforward explanation for why his Warhawks seemed to enjoy going the distance in every match.

"We paid so much for our flights out here that we wanted to maximize our bowling time," Mooney said.

All joking aside, Mooney acknowledged that having to bowl the maximum number of games, or close to it, has its drawbacks; nevertheless, he expects his team to be at its best when the TV lights come on Saturday evening.

"It definitely takes a lot of mental toughness to ward off fatigue, stay in it and have the fortitude to keep making quality shots," Mooney said. "Still, I think we're ready for tomorrow. Obviously, Wichita has the experience and is a very talented team. Still, we've had a good look on the fresh, so I think we're ready to roll."

Mooney's troops will need to be ready if they hope to get past Wichita State, which enjoyed a much smoother and shorter path to the title match.

The Shockers started their run with a pair of victories on Thursday, the first a 4-2 decision over McKendree and the second a 4-3 win versus Pikeville.

The path was even smoother for Wichita State on Friday as it began its day with a 4-2 win over Marian-Indiana during Round 3 and then capped the evening off with a 4-0 shutout of that same Knights squad during the bracket finals to put itself in position to compete for yet another men's national title.

Even though his teams have found themselves in this position many times over the years, Wichita State Head Coach Rick Steelsmith doesn't take these opportunities for granted.

"This tournament is so hard to win that any time you get an opportunity, you want to take advantage of it," Steelsmith said. "Also, we have a couple of great seniors that we'd love to send off with a title, so we're going to go out there tomorrow and just try to keep doing what we've been doing."

While Steelsmith and the Shockers will attempt to keep doing what they've been doing, Saturday's ITC women's finalists will both be attempting to do something they've never done before.

There will definitely be a first-time ITC women's national champion crowned at South Point Bowling Plaza on Saturday as neither Jacksonville State nor Mount Mercy have ever brought home the United States Bowling Congress Collegiate season's top prize.

However, both teams are far from underdogs.

After all, Jacksonville State has been one of the top-ranked teams in NCAA bowling since the program's inception in 2024. The Gamecocks won the 2024 NCAA national title, were runners up at the 2024 ITCs and narrowly missed successfully defending their NCAA crown this season, falling 4-3 to Youngstown State at the 2025 NCAA Bowling Championship on April 12.

The Mount Mercy women, meanwhile, finished the regular season ranked No. 1 in the USBC Collegiate rankings for the third year in a row and have been considered one of the strongest programs in collegiate bowling for several seasons now.

As such, no matter which squad emerges victorious on Saturday, the result will hardly be deemed surprising.

Jacksonville State has looked virtually unstoppable thus far at this year's national finals.

The Gamecocks started things off by dominating the 24-team women's field during qualifying on Thursday, finishing with a 24-game Baker total of 5,178 (a 215.75 average), which was the third-highest 24-game mark in ITC women's history.

For an encore, Jacksonville State ran roughshod through bracket match play, losing a total of three games over the course of four best-of-seven matches.

The onslaught began with victories over Lindenwood and Savannah College of Art and Design – Savannah on Thursday. The winning margin in those matches was 4-0 and 4-1, respectively.

The Gamecocks then scored a pair of victories over Saint Xavier on Friday, the first a 4-2 win during Round 3 in the Winners Bracket and the second a 4-0 sweep during the bracket finals to punch their ticket to the ITC women's title match for the second year in a row.

Jacksonville State Head Coach Shannon O'Keefe knew that her team would be extra motivated coming into ITCs after narrowly missing out on another NCAA title less than a week ago.

"Going into this week, I told my husband that I wouldn't want to bowl my girls only because they were mad, hungry and determined," O'Keefe said. "That's exactly what we've seen. When things have gone a little sideways, they've bounced back really quickly. They're determined and gritty, which is exciting to see out of a team this young."

While her team is all grit, O'Keefe actually acknowledged having a bit of a soft spot for Mount Mercy Head Coach Andy Diercks as she and husband Bryan O'Keefe have been close friends with the Mustangs' head man for several years.

"We love Andy (Diercks); he is a very dear friend of ours," O'Keefe said. "Obviously, we want to win, but we're thrilled for Andy and his team. If it doesn't happen for us, we'll be some of the first people to hug and congratulate him. That's pretty awesome when it's someone you love and adore so much."

Diercks was equally complimentary of the O'Keefes.

"Brian and Shannon are two of my best friends in the whole world, so it's surreal and a dream come true to have this matchup," Diercks said. "Regardless of the outcome, I wouldn't want to face anyone else during our first TV show."

If the Mustangs are able to perform as effectively on Saturday's show as they did during match play on Thursday and Friday, then that outcome could certainly end in their favor.

Mount Mercy was rarely pushed during bracket play.

The Mustangs kicked things off with a pair of wins on Thursday, 4-2 over Wisconsin-Whitewater and 4-1 against Newman.

That was just the beginning, however, as Mount Mercy was even more stout on Friday, topping a very talented Maryville team 4-2 in Round 3 and 4-0 during the bracket finals to secure the first championship-match appearance in program history.

Understandably, Diercks was very impressed with his team's performance.

"We made some really good adjustments after qualifying because things didn't go particularly well during the early stages," Diercks said. "We bowled incredible after that though. We came in with a new game plan and stuck to it, and the girls executed wonderfully. My hat is off to them."

Diercks knows that his team will have to be at its best to take down Jacksonville State, but he isn't likely to go digging into his bag of tricks during the title match; instead, he plans to stick with what's gotten them here.

"We have to continue to do what we've been doing the whole time throughout match play and not get intimidated by the situation," Diercks said. "We can't let the moment get bigger than it is. It's still bowling, 60 feet foul line to head pin. We just need to stay present and focused."

The 2025 ITC kicked off Thursday with a 24-game Baker block determining seeding for the bracket for the top 16 men's and 16 women's teams in the country. The

opening rounds of match play took place Thursday with all teams returning to South Point Bowling Plaza on Friday.

Teams qualified for the ITC through four sectional qualifiers held throughout the country in March. Teams had to place in the top four in their respective sectionals to advance.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
At South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas
Friday's Results

MEN'S DIVISION

MATCH PLAY
Double-elimination, best-of-seven Baker format

ROUND 3 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated)

St. Ambrose def. Muskingum, 4-1.
Trine def. Oklahoma Christian, 4-1.
Calumet def. Newman, 4-3.
Lawrence Tech def. McKendree, 4-2.

ROUND 4 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated)

St. Ambrose def. Webber International, 4-1.
Trine def. Savannah College of Art and Design - Savannah, 4.5-0.5.
Pikeville def. Calumet, 4-2.
Mount Mercy def. Lawrence Tech, 4-3.

ROUND 5 - WINNERS BRACKET
(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

Wisconsin-Whitewater def. Milligan, 4-3.
Wichita State def. Marian-Indiana, 4-2.

ROUND 5 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated)

Trine def. St. Ambrose, 4-1.
Mount Mercy def. Pikeville, 4-3.

ROUND 6 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated)

Milligan def. Trine, 4-3.
Marian-Indiana def. Mount Mercy, 4-3.

ROUND 7 - BRACKET FINALS
(If undefeated team wins, they advance to finals and loser is eliminated. If undefeated team loses, both teams move to Round 8).

Milligan def. Wisconsin-Whitewater, 4-3.
Wichita State def. Marian-Indiana, 4-0 (Marian-Indiana eliminated).

ROUND 8
(Winner advances to finals. Loser is eliminated).

Wisconsin-Whitewater def. Milligan, 4-2.

TITLE MATCH

Wichita State vs. Wisconsin-Whitewater

WOMEN'S DIVISION

MATCH PLAY
Double-elimination, best-of-seven Baker format

ROUND 3 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated)

Central Missouri def. Lindenwood, 4-3.
Stephen F. Austin def. Sacred Heart, 4-2.
Wisconsin-Whitewater def. North Carolina A&T, 4-1.
Louisiana Tech def. Judson, 4-1.

ROUND 4 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated)

Mount St. Mary's def. Central Missouri, 4-1.
Savannah College of Art and Design – Savannah def. Stephen F. Austin, 4-0.
Pikeville def. Wisconsin-Whitewater, 4-2.
Newman def. Louisiana Tech, 4-3.

ROUND 5 - WINNERS BRACKET
(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

Jacksonville State def. Saint Xavier, 4-2.
Mount Mercy def. Maryville, 4-2.

ROUND 5 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated)

Mount St. Mary's def. Savannah College of Art and Design - Savannah, 4-3.
Pikeville def. Newman, 4-2.

ROUND 6 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated)

Saint Xavier def. Mount St. Mary's, 4-2.
Maryville def. Pikeville, 4-1.

ROUND 7 - BRACKET FINALS
(If undefeated team wins, they advance to finals and loser is eliminated. If undefeated team loses, both teams move to Round 8).

Jacksonville State def. Saint Xavier, 4-0 (Saint Xavier eliminated).
Mount Mercy def. Maryville, 4-0 (Maryville eliminated).

TITLE MATCH

Jacksonville State vs. Mount Mercy

April 19, 2025

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS CROWNED AT 2025 INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM AND SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS – The Wisconsin-Whitewater men and Jacksonville State women captured team championships, and freshmen Blake Walsh of Mount Mercy and Erin

Klemencic of Jacksonville State claimed singles titles during Saturday's final day of competition at the 2025 Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships, which were contested at South Point Bowling Plaza inside the South Point Hotel Casino & Spa in Las Vegas.

The championship rounds in the men's and women's divisions in each event were taped for broadcast and will air on Tuesdays in April and May on CBS Sports Network.

The ISC women's finals will air Tuesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. Eastern, followed by the ISC men's finals on April 29 at 8 p.m. Eastern, the ITC women's title match on May 6 at 7 p.m. Eastern and the ITC men's final on May 13 at 7 p.m. Eastern.

Many memorable moments have taken place during ITC and ISC championship rounds over the years, and Saturday's title matches only bolstered that legacy.

The ITC men's championship bout wrapped up the evening's program at South Point Bowling Plaza and saw Wisconsin-Whitewater defeat Wichita state 3-0 in the best-of-five Baker final to give the Warhawks their second ITC men's title in program history while denying the Shockers' bid to extend their own record by collecting their 14th.

It took both teams a moment to get comfortable under the TV lights on Saturday, as was exemplified by the fact that Wichita State suffered three opens during the first seven frames while Wisconsin-Whitewater incurred two over that same stretch.

Nevertheless, the game was still close with the Warhawks leading the Shockers by just 10 pins heading into the final three frames.

Wichita shook off the sting of back-to-back single-pin misses in the sixth and seventh by striking out in the eighth, ninth and 10th frames thanks to single strikes from Carter Street and Brandon Bonta and a finishing turkey from senior anchor bowler Spencer Robarge.

Whitewater answered back with a double of its own in the eighth and ninth, however, with those strikes coming courtesy of Hunter Pomije and Dawson Peterson.

That meant that if Warhawks' anchor Garrett Meadows could post a double during the 10th frame, Wisconsin-Whitewater would hold off the Wichita State charge and win Game 1.

And post a double Meadows did, delivering a picturesque strike on the first shot in the 10th and then taking advantage of a Brooklyn on shot No. 2. to give the Warhawks a 213-205 opening-game victory.

Unbeknownst to the capacity crowd in attendance at South Point Bowling Plaza, that was as close as things would get.

Wisconsin-Whitewater used a five-bagger and six strikes during the first eight frames to breeze past Wichita State by a final score of 236-158 during Game 2.

Despite a lineup change by the Shockers, Game 3 brought more of the same as Wichita State managed just three strikes while recording three opens during the first nine frames.

Whitewater, meanwhile, stayed clean during the early stages and then came up with a clutch four-bagger in frames five through eight to secure the game, the match and the 2025 ITC men's national title.

Although Wisconsin-Whitewater Head Coach Brandon Mooney enjoyed hoisting the Helmer Cup during the post-match celebration, his joy was derived from the happiness of his players more than for himself.

"I'm so happy for my guys because they're the ones who put in the work all year," Mooney said. "I try my best to provide them with the best college experience I can, so to see them do it for the program and for themselves is just an awesome feeling. I don't think it's sunk in yet."

While a certain segment of the capacity crowd inside South Point Bowling Plaza may have been surprised by the way the men's title match played out, Mooney knew going in that you have to expect the unexpected once the TV lights come on.

"You never know how the pattern is going to play on the TV pair," Mooney said. "Because of the lights and everything, it's a totally different scenario. In the end, today's match was a little bit lower scoring than I thought it was going to be, but at the end of the day we made the adjustments we needed to, made some good shots and came away with the win."

The 2025 Wisconsin-Whitewater championship team included Meadows, Kyle Muth, Peterson, Pomije, James Stewart, Nate VanderBeek, Leo Voss and Luke Winter.

In addition to a first-place medal and his share of the Helmer Cup, Meadows also walked away with a spot on the 2025 ITC Men's All-Tournament Team. He was joined on the squad by Pikeville's Bryce Oliver, Hayden Hale of Trine, Mount Mercy's Keaton Ostrowski and Robarge, who was named the ITC Men's Most Valuable Player.

The Chris Stoehr Sportsmanship award in the men's division went to C.J. Petrin of Oklahoma Christian.

During the women's ITC final earlier in the day, Jacksonville State was stellar, sweeping Mount Mercy 3-0 in best-of-five Baker action to cap off a dominant week of bowling at South Point by capturing the first USBC Collegiate national title in program history.

After her team punched its ticket to the women's title match on Friday evening, Jacksonville State Head Coach Shannon O'Keefe said that she wouldn't have wanted to bowl her girls this week as they were clearly fueled by some additional motivation after having fallen just short of capturing the 2025 NCAA Bowling Championship one week earlier – The Gamecocks lost a hard-fought battle for the NCAA national title to Youngstown State by a final score of 4-3 on April 12.

Once the TV lights came on for Saturday's ITC women's title match, however, it was clear that Jacksonville State was not about to come up short again.

The Gamecocks came out swinging from the start of Game 1, opening with a four-bagger to immediately put Mount Mercy on the defensive and open up a 44-pin lead through five frames.

The Mustangs kept battling and struck three times during the second half of the game, but two early opens were all the opening Jacksonville State needed to take Game 1 by a final score of 218-192.

The early stages of Game 2 played out in a similar fashion with the Gamecocks recording three strikes through the first five frames while Mount Mercy was saddled with two opens over that same stretch.

At that point, it looked like Jacksonville State would win the game going away, but back-to-back opens in the seventh and eighth frames suddenly narrowed the gap and gave Mount Mercy hopes of completing a rally to square the match.

However, after Klemencic converted the tricky 8-9 baby split in the ninth frame, anchor bowler Annalise OBryant stepped up and delivered a spare and strike during the 10th to hold the Mustangs off, 183-180, and give Jacksonville State a 2-0 lead, which put the Gamecocks just one win away from bringing home the national title.

For a moment, it looked as if the Jacksonville State celebration would be put on hold as Mount Mercy stayed clean and used a pair of strikes to take a 12-pin lead at the halfway mark in Game 3; however, opens by the Mustangs in the sixth and ninth frames combined with strikes in the sixth, eighth and ninth for Jacksonville State quickly turned the tide back in the Gamecocks' favor.

National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association First Team All-American and Women's Player of the Year Brooke Salzman struck out in the 10th frame to help Mount Mercy put up as much resistance as possible; nevertheless, OBryant only

needed nine pins on her first ball in the 10th to officially lock up the win for Jacksonville State.

The talented right-hander delivered a pocket shot that left a 10-pin, which was enough to give the Gamecocks a 194-182 victory, the sweep and the 2025 ITC women's national title.

Even though O'Keefe-led teams have reached the winner's circle multiple times over the years, Saturday's win was very special for the Jacksonville State Head Coach.

"I don't care what tournament it is, it always feels good to win," O'Keefe said. "To be able to cap off this season with a national championship and send these seniors out with another title is very special. Those ladies have won two NCAA Championships and two ITC titles, so they've won a national championship all four years they've been in school."

One of those seniors, Anna Warkel, was named to the 2025 ITC Women's All-Tournament Team as was Gamecocks' sophomore Dannielle Henderson, who was honored as the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Henderson and Warkel were joined on the ITC Women's All-Tournament team by Aliza Shirk from Mount St. Mary's, Mount Mercy's Salzman and Kristina Catoe of Pikeville.

The Chris Stoehr Sportsmanship award in the women's division went to Lara Kurt of Savannah College of Art and Design – Savannah.

With all that Jacksonville State bowlers accomplished during the week at South Point, the question had to be asked: Could anything have stopped the Gamecocks from emerging with this year's national title?

O'Keefe isn't so sure.

"Sometimes I think destiny is destiny, and I think any of the hardships that we faced throughout the season, we just kept reminding ourselves that nobody is exempt from that," O'Keefe said. "You have to learn how to fight and battle back from that in order to achieve your dreams. Our players really held onto that. They wanted this, so I'm not sure anything could've stopped them."

Jacksonville State's 2025 championship team featured Keyla Covarrubias, Henderson, Klemencic, Keira Magsam, Melia Mitskavich, OBryant, Warkel and Emma Yoder.

Roughly three hours after Jacksonville State won the first ITC national title in program history, Klemencic secured its first ISC women's crown thanks to a thrilling 245-236 victory over Kylee Trexler of Louisiana Tech.

Both players started strong during the title match with Trexler opening with a six-bagger and Klemencic starting with a turkey and three consecutive spares.

Everything changed in the seventh and eighth frames, however, as after Trexler converted a tricky 9-10 baby split in the seventh, she was unable to run down the 4-pin in the eighth.

Klemencic, meanwhile, made a savvy ball change in the seventh frame, and that allowed her to break her string of spares by recording strikes in the seventh, eighth and ninth.

Undaunted by the open frame, Trexler rebounded with a spare in the ninth frame before going strike-spare in the 10th to post a final score of 236.

That meant that Klemencic would have to extend her string of strikes by at least one more to start the 10th frame or else she would lose the match and title.

But just as she had during the ITC championship match earlier in the day and for most of the week, Klemencic delivered the shot she needed when she needed it.

Her first ball in the 10th frame finished flush in the 1-3 pocket and struck, securing the win and the Jacksonville State freshman's second national title in a little more than three hours.

According to Klemencic, she knew the clinching shot had a chance the moment she let it go.

"I knew it was good out of my hand, so I was just waiting and hoping for it to hook," Klemencic said. "I actually thought I needed to strike out in the 10th, so I was trying to stay calm to throw two more. Then, I caught sight of the score, and I realized I'd won."

Klemencic did win, and even though the championship match against Trexler went down to the wire, Klemencic's performance would still have to be categorized as dominant.

That's because one match before putting up seven strikes against Trexler, Klemencic started with the front six and finished with 10 strikes overall during a 274-202 semifinal victory over Monmouth's Jenna Lehrer.

During her two games on the TV pair on Saturday, Klemencic struck 17 times in 23 attempts and averaged just under 260.

That sort of performance is impressive no matter who authors it, but it's even more noteworthy when you consider the fact that Klemencic is only a freshman.

When asked how it felt to become the 2025 ISC women's national champion, Klemencic offered a simple response.

"It was really fun out there today" Klemencic said. "I wasn't sure what to expect, so this is beyond what I expected. I was just grateful to have had this opportunity.

And she certainly made the most of it.

Trexler earned her place in the title by taking down Youngstown State's Amanda Granata by a final score of 235-213 during the first ISC women's semifinal.

The first trophy of the day was given out on Saturday morning, and it went to Mount Mercy super freshman Walsh.

The NCBCA First Team All-American and Rookie of the Year capped off a remarkable debut season by defeating McKendree's Nicholas Blagojevic by a final score of 235-190 to become the 2025 ISC men's national champion.

Despite admittedly waking up with nerves Saturday morning, Walsh was all business once the TV lights came on at South Point.

He peppered the pocket throughout his two matches on the TV pair, striking on all 12 shots on the left lane and 17 times overall during two clean games.

He started the day with a 237-180 win over Concordia's Conner Lackey before taking down Blagojevic for the title.

Blagojevic earned his place in the championship match thanks to a 222-187 victory over Savannah College of Art and Design – Savannah's Gael Egana during Semifinal No. 2.

According to Walsh, the key to Saturday's stellar performance was the support of his teammates and simply sticking to his process.

"Waking up this morning, I definitely felt the wave of nerves come on as it sank in that I was bowling on the TV show," Walsh said. "That feeling stayed with me on the warmup lanes, but, funny enough, once I got on the set for TV, the nerves sort of went away and it just turned into bowling."

Walsh certainly proved just how much bowling skill he has throughout his first season at Mount Mercy, a place that has come to feel like home despite being halfway around the world from his true home in Australia.

“It’s been such an incredible year, and this team is so good,” Walsh said. “I feel so connected and close to these guys that I genuinely consider them my family, and that’s made all these feats easier because I feel like I’m trusted and believed in.”

Walsh also knows how much his family back home in Australia believes in him, so, understandably, he was looking forward to celebrating Saturday’s triumph with them later in the day via video chat.

“I’m definitely looking forward to that call even though it’s really early in the morning back there,” Walsh said. “As much as this is for my teammates with me today, it’s also for my family back home who I know is going to be so proud.”

Teams and individuals competing at South Point Bowling Plaza this week earned their spots at the ITC and ISC through four sectional qualifiers held throughout the country in March.

BowlTV.com provided live coverage of all qualifying and match-play rounds of the Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships leading up to the televised finals.

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Saturday’s Results

Men’s Championship
Wisconsin-Whitewater def. Wichita State, 3-0 (213-205; 236-158; 238-171).

Women’s Championship
Jacksonville State def. Mount Mercy, 3-0 (218-192; 183-180; 194-182).

2025 INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS
At South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas
Saturday’s Results

Men’s Semifinals
Blake Walsh, Mount Mercy def. Conner Lackey, Concordia, 237-180.
Nicholas Blagojevic, McKendree def. Gael Egana, Savannah College of Art and Design – Savannah, 222-187.

Men’s Final
Walsh def. Blagojevic, 235-190.

Women’s Semifinals
Kylee Trexler, Louisiana Tech def. Amanda Granata, Youngstown State, 235-213.

Erin Klemencic, Jacksonville State def. Jenna Lehrer, Monmouth, 274-202.

Women's Final
Klemencic def. Trexler, 245-236.

April 24, 2025

PETTY, MULLINS NAMED 2025 USBC YOUTH AMBASSADORS OF THE YEAR

ARLINGTON, Texas – Christina Petty of Tullahoma, Tennessee, and Mason Mullins of Washington Court House, Ohio, have been chosen by the United Stated Bowling Congress Youth Advisory Group as the 2025 USBC Youth Ambassadors of the Year.

The annual award recognizes one female and one male USBC Youth bowler for exemplary academic accomplishments, community involvement and contributions to the sport of bowling outside of league or tournament play.

Winners are chosen on submitted applications, and each will receive a $1,500 scholarship.

Petty, 17, is a young woman who is truly representative of a USBC Youth Ambassador of the Year winner as she has been a shining light in the classroom, out in the community and on the lanes.

"I was very shocked to receive the award," Petty said. "Being selected for this award was something I've wanted for years. Bowling has been a huge part of my life for the last seven years, and I'm very humbled and grateful to be accepting this award."

Petty is completing her senior year at Tullahoma High School where her academic prowess has earned her a 4.092 GPA and acceptance into the National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society.

"I'm very proud of my GPA, which I've earned while taking dual-enrollment and AP classes," Petty said. "I've also been taking a writing class for college that has helped me with an essay contest through my church (also sponsored by the Knights of Columbus), and my submission earned first place locally, first in the district, first in the state, first nationally and is currently competing internationally."

Petty also is a Hobbs Scholarship recipient and a 2024 participant in the Distinguished Young Women program, an organization that seeks "to empower young women to develop their full, individual potential by providing scholarships, personal development opportunities and a positive peer network."

However, Petty's hard work and dedication have not been limited solely to the classroom as she has been highly involved and influential in community service activities as well.

Petty has frequently volunteered at Bel-Aire Elementary School in Tullahoma, fulfilling various roles to assist both students and staff. Additionally, she has helped put together holiday care packages for nursing home residents for several years and has co-hosted The Bowling Give Back Fundraiser for local oncology patients, where she's created the event flyer, developed its shirt design, procured donations and assisted with all facets of the event's operation.

"The Bowling Give Back Fundraiser was important to me," Petty said. "I worked with our youth league president, and we put together a fundraiser for local oncology patients who were in need over the holidays. We had a bake sale, sold raffle tickets, did an auction, just anything you could imagine, and we were able to raise more than $7,000 for this cause. It just felt so good to be able to help other people and their families."

On the lanes, Petty helped the Tullahoma High School Girls' Bowling Team to a second-place finish at the 2024 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) State Tournament. In 2025, she secured a seventh-place individual finish at state. It was during that event that Petty rolled the high game of her career, 288, that was also the highest of the event in both the girls and boys divisions.

Petty talked about her bowling journey.

"I started in sixth grade, and I wasn't very good at it at first," Petty admitted. "But I kept going because the friendships that I was making were just so strong, and I had so much fun being able to connect with new people, not just locally, but around the state as well."

Petty also has authored strong performances outside of high school bowling, recording multiple top-20 finishes in various events at the annual Tennessee USBC Youth State Tournament.

Petty credits her high school bowling coach (Derek Swiger) and her parents (Brett and Stephanie) for the improvements in her bowling game and for keeping her motivated.

Wanting to give back to bowling just as she frequently gives back to her community, Petty has fulfilled various volunteer roles within the sport, including assisting with the Tullahoma Middle School TSSAA bowling teams for the past several years. She also works part-time at her local bowling center – Tullahoma Lanes – where she works the front desk, runs the register and assists with leagues.

Petty's talents aren't limited to bowling, however; she is an accomplished dancer as well.

"I've been dancing for 15 years, and I've been to two different studios," Petty said. "I started with tap and ballet, but recently I moved to the Tullahoma Dance Company where I've taken jazz, tap, ballet, point and musical theater. That opportunity has really improved my dancing, and I believe it's part of the reason why I was able to get my college dance opportunity. Also, I got to teach dance classes there to the pre-school kids, which is exciting for me because I want to be a dance teacher in the future."

Petty signed a letter of intent with Campbellsville University in Kentucky. There, she plans to pursue a major in computer science with a minor in dance. She also will continue both her bowling and dancing careers at Campbellsville.

She was asked what she looks forward to most about college.

“Probably being a part of a college sports team,” Petty replied. “That’s always been a dream of mine, so I’m just looking forward to being able to bowl and dance and enjoy the things I love.”

Mullins, 18, is finishing his senior year at Washington Court House High School and exemplifies the USBC Youth Ambassador of the Year award with his accomplishments on and off the lanes.

He was excited to be named USBC Youth Ambassador of Year but for reasons beyond just the scholarship money.

“It was actually pretty cool when I learned I’d won the award,” Mullins said. “I was with one of my friends at my house, and we were playing ping pong. My dad actually got the call, and he came in and was telling me about it. It’s just an amazing thing, not only for the scholarship money and the recognition, but also because we get to take a trip to Vegas!”

Vegas trip aside, the magnitude of the award was not lost on Mullins.

“Of course, you’re really surprised when you get any of these scholarships,” Mullins continued. “I don’t know how many people are filling out the application for this, but I assume there are a lot. So, we were all really happy that I got it.”

Mullins was a Dexter All-American in 2024 and has continued to hold a 4.0 GPA during his senior year while also spending time as a teaching assistant during his study hall period. His outstanding performance in the classroom earned him placement in the National Merit Scholarship Program, earning scholarships for his future college endeavors. He also serves on the school’s Athletics Advisory Council and is a part of the student-run Credit Union.

Washington Court House High School sent Mullins to represent them at Buckeyes Boys State, a week-long experience where students learn about government and ethics before running a mock government.

“Earning a place on the Dexter High School All-American Team last year is probably the thing I’m most proud of academically,” Mullins said. “That award, like this one, is not just about bowling. It’s also about community involvement and academic performance, so, without strong academics, there’s no way I get selected for that honor.”

On the bowling front, Mullins is a USBC Bronze-level coach and shares his knowledge of the sport with not only his high school teammates, but also with other youth bowlers in the area, offering lessons to those who want to become better bowlers at the center where he regularly practices.

He competed all four years for the school’s bowling team, closing out his high school bowling career as a four-time district qualifier and three-time All-Conference member. Mullins led his team to a district title this year and a spot in the state championships, where the team finished in the top eight.

“My favorite accomplishment in bowling is not a personal achievement; it’s a team achievement,” Mullins said. “This year, we became the first boys’ bowling team in school history to make it to the state tournament. The Southwest District that we compete in is super-competitive. With this being my senior year, along with the other seniors, we just wanted that so badly, and we just enjoyed every single moment and every single shot during that tournament.”

Since beginning his bowling career in 2018, Mullins has continued to show improvement in average and consistency, and he has already recorded a perfect game, which he bowled in 2022 during his youth league.

“I bowled Saturday morning youth leagues growing up, but I also played baseball,” Mullins said. “I decided to pursue bowling around my eighth-grade year and into high school. That’s when I started getting more serious about it. I started taking lessons and attending camps from area pros like Tom Carter and Bill Henson, and I just got more competitive with it.”

In addition to Carter and Henson, Mullins gives credit to his high school bowling coach (Buck Caulley) for helping him with his bowling, and, of course, his parents are a large part of his success on and off the lanes.

“Without a doubt, my family and my coaches deserve all the thanks,” said Mullins. “My parents were the ones that paid for everything with my activities and drove me everywhere. They believed in me and supported me at every step, so, certainly, this award is not possible without them.”

And while Mullins has thrived as a competitor in the sport, there’s something else about it that makes it enjoyable for him.

“The biggest part for me is the friendships,” Mullins said. “I played a lot of sports, and I’ve never found one that creates the same kind of bonds like bowling. I’ve made a lot of friends through bowling. Even with our rival schools, we’re all just super-connected and only want to see the best for each other. So, you grow with these people, and I feel I’ll be lifelong friends with a lot of them.”

His dedication to helping others is not limited to the lanes, however, as Mullins volunteered for the Big Blue Bus Summer Food Program. The federally funded program, established in 2019, sends a bus around during the summer to bring meals to students who otherwise might not have access to hot, healthy food. The blue bus also offers a book check-out program and provides free Wi-Fi on the bus.

“The bus goes across the county serving meals to underprivileged kids,” Mullins explained. “I helped package the meals, and on some of the days when I wasn’t volunteering, I’d see the bus go by and stop, and then I’d see these lines and lines of kids getting these meals. I realized I played a part in helping those kids. It gave me a real sense of leadership and fulfillment. That experience led me into other volunteer work, but it all started with that program.”

In addition to bowling, Mullins also is an accomplished tennis player. He didn’t pick up that sport until just before his freshman year of high school but has advanced to become the No. 1 singles player on his high school team this year.

Mullins has applied and been accepted to numerous colleges and universities but hasn’t made a final decision yet. He is leaning toward attending Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana. Mullins notes that he was thinking about a course of study in mechanical engineering, but lately he is thinking more about pursuing a degree in computer science with a minor in cyber security.

He hopes to continue bowling while in college, perhaps in a league or during his free time, or possibly trying to help build a program at Rose-Hulman.

Petty and Mullins will be recognized next month at the **2025 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting** at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

May 2, 2025

CHRIS VIA COMPLETES TRIO OF PBA TOUR ADVOCATES FOR BVL

FAIRFAX, Va. – The Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL) has announced that Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Tour champion Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, will become the third PBA Tour Advocate for BVL.

Via, who won the 2021 U.S. Open, joins two-time PBA Tour champion and fellow Team USA member Packy Hanrahan and three-time PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett as PBA Tour advocates for BVL. In January, BVL announced Tackett as the first person to fill the newly created position, and Hanrahan joined the BVL team in March.

Since forming in 1942, the BVL has funded a variety of programs, particularly in recreation therapy, that benefit veterans and those in active duty.

Via looks forward to joining Tackett and Hanrahan to help promote all the worthwhile projects and good works BVL provides for veterans.

“It’s truly an honor to be able to represent the BVL,” Via said. “I’m thrilled to be able to help raise money for those who put their lives on the line in order for us to have the freedoms that we do. I can’t wait to get started!”

Via, a 33-year-old two-hander who throws the ball from the right side, collected his lone (thus far) PBA Tour title in major fashion when he took home the trophy at the 2021 U.S. Open in Reno, Nevada. Via qualified as the top seed for the stepladder finals and edged Jakob Butturff, 214-213, in the title match.

Via’s 2021 season was historic for another reason as he became the first person to roll multiple 300 games on TV in the same season. Via’s perfect games came at the PBA Players Championship East Region Finals in Jupiter, Florida, and the PBA Tour Finals in Allen Park, Michigan.

Via’s notoriety and position among the ranks of PBA Tour players makes him a logical choice as a PBA Tour Advocate to help raise awareness and bring attention to the BVL cause. BVL is the official charity of the PBA.

"BVL is proud to welcome Chris Via, standout talent on the PBA Tour and member of Storm Bowling, as our newest ambassador and partner in service,” said Nancy Schenk, BVL Chairperson. “With Storm joining the ranks alongside Brunswick and Motiv, BVL is now honored to have the support of all three major bowling ball manufacturers. Together, we’re united in our mission to uplift and give back to those who have bravely served. Chris Via’s commitment to excellence and community makes him a perfect fit to help us share the good deeds of BVL with veterans across the country."

May 7, 2025

FIVE NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED INTO USBC HALL OF FAME

LAS VEGAS – The five members of the 2025 United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame class were celebrated during their induction ceremony Wednesday evening at the South Point Hotel and Casino.

Shannon O'Keefe of Jacksonville, Alabama, Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kansas, and Randy Pedersen of Orlando, Florida, were inducted in the Superior Performance category, and Tom Clark of Muskego, Wisconsin, and Keith Hamilton of Park Ridge, Illinois, were inducted in the Meritorious Service category.

All five inductees were in attendance for the ceremony on Wednesday night.

O'Keefe, a 46-year-old right-hander, was elected in her inaugural year on the ballot following an impressive international (Team USA) and professional career.

The right-hander has amassed 15 titles on the **Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour**, including three major championships, and is a three-time PWBA Player of the Year.

Her competitive fire was stoked at an early age as a result of being the only girl among her siblings.

"I grew up with five brothers, and I'm the only girl," O'Keefe said. "Sports was always a part of our lives, whether it was on TV or they were playing something. I was always the little sister running around with them, so, from a very early age, I was always trying to prove to them that it didn't matter that I was small or that I was a girl; I could still do it."

Eventually, that competitive spirit would lead her to achievements on the PWBA Tour few have equaled.

Her first win was a doubles title with **Professional Bowlers Association** Hall of Famer Bill O'Neill at the 2015 PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles in Houston. The pair successfully defended that title in 2016, and O'Keefe broke through with a pair of PWBA singles titles that same year.

In 2017, O'Keefe started a string of three consecutive years of winning a major championship by capturing the Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship in Richmond, Virginia. She collected the 2018 USBC Queens in Reno, Nevada, and completed the trifecta with another PWBA Tour Championship in 2019, again in Richmond, Virginia.

She garnered PWBA Player of the Year honors in 2018 (two wins, including one major), 2019 (five wins, including one major) and 2022 (one win). Twice she led the PWBA Tour in single-season earnings (2018 and 2019) and average (2021 and 2022).

In addition to her PWBA accolades, O'Keefe had a stellar career with Team USA where she spent 18 consecutive seasons from 2005-2022, earning nearly 50 medals in international competition. She also is a two-time USBC Team USA Trials champion (2018 and 2008).

Originally, O'Keefe's dream of playing for Team USA centered around softball, but she suffered an injury after her freshman year at Portland State University that ended her softball career and shifted her focus to bowling.

"I always wanted to make Team USA, but I thought it was going to be for softball," O'Keefe said. "That dream was in my heart when I was 15, and so for it to evolve the way that it did, for it to go from softball to bowling and then to be on the team – I just remember the first year I was on the team I was like, 'Oh my gosh, this is so amazing; I want to do this again.' For it to then feel that same way for 18 straight years was incredible."

O'Keefe has left her mark at the **USBC Women's Championships**, too. She owns four titles at the event (three team championships and the 2016 Diamond All-Events title).

Not only a great competitor, O'Keefe also excels as a coach. She's currently the head coach of the women's team at Jacksonville State University, where she guided the team to victory in the 2025 **Intercollegiate Team Championships** and 2024 NCAA Championships. Previously, as head coach of the women's team at McKendree University, O'Keefe won the 2023 and 2017 Intercollegiate Team Championships and the 2022 and 2017 NCAA Championships.

O'Keefe's impact on the sport is something that isn't lost on her.

"I feel like I've helped pave the way for the next generation," O'Keefe said. "To know that I've hopefully played a role in bringing awareness to the PWBA and hopefully igniting a dream in somebody else to want to chase that, that is very cool and at times is very humbling. I get some really sweet messages from people telling me how much I inspire them, and that is just very, very cool to get those messages and to know that I was a part of that. It's pretty sweet."

Goebel, 63, is a PBA Hall of Famer who won 10 times on the PBA Tour, including one major victory.

The right-hander bagged his first title in 1990 at the Miller Lite Challenge in Tucson, Arizona. Goebel defeated four competitors to take home the win at Golden Pin Lanes.

Goebel posted another win in 1991 then went winless in 1992 and 1993. He made up for his brief dry spell by having the best year of his career in 1994, collecting four titles, including a memorable title in Peoria, Illinois, and the season-ending Merit Mixed Doubles Championship with partner and PWBA champion Aleta Sill.

For many bowling fans, Goebel's win in Peoria at the True Value Open is the one they remember most. In an epic battle, Goebel defeated Norm Duke, 296-280, narrowly missing out on a $200,000 perfect-game bonus.

While many people remember the near-miss of the 300 game, the win was memorable to Goebel for a different reason.

"The week I won in Peoria was two years after my dad had passed away," Goebel said. "February 21 was the day my dad died, and that Monday, February 21 of '94, was the start of Peoria, and I remembered my dad a lot that week. It was 20-below zero in Peoria that week; it was so cold, but when I won that week, I was thinking about my dad."

In many years, winning four titles would be enough to garner PBA Player of the Year honors, but it was Duke who won the award in 1994 with five titles that included the PBA Tournament of Champions.

Golden Pin Lanes in Tucson proved to be truly golden for Goebel as he would add victories in that center in 1995 and 1996 to add to his 1990 title there.

His crowning achievement came at the 1998 Brunswick World Tournament of Champions in Overland Park, Kansas, where, bowling as the "hometown" favorite, he defeated Steve Hoskins to claim the lone major title of his career.

His final PBA Tour win came in 2003 in Medford, Oregon, and he also added a PBA50 title in 2016. A three-time Bowlers Journal and USBC First Team All-American, Goebel was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 2017, but his induction into the USBC Hall of Fame carries special meaning.

"I certainly think that getting into the USBC (Hall of Fame) is icing on top of the cake," Goebel said. "The bowling world is the USBC. They have their hands in college, high school, kids, pros and everything else, and to have them recognize me by putting me in this hall of fame means a lot. It means I'm part of the bowling world outside of the PBA as well, and that means a lot to me because I've given my heart and soul to the game of bowling in a lot of different ways. It means a lot to be recognized for that."

Pedersen, 62, put together a PBA Hall of Fame career that featured 13 wins, including one major championship.

The right-hander broke into the win column in 1986 when he defeated four opponents to claim the title at the AC-Delco Classic in Union City, California.

A pair of wins the following year would include his lone major championship, the 1987 PBA National Championship in Toledo, Ohio. Pedersen would defeat three future hall of famers in David Ozio, Marshall Holman and, in the title match, Amleto Monacelli, to earn the victory.

It was that victory that highlighted some of the qualities that made Pedersen a great champion. He was noted for his dominance on TV that was fueled by a singular focus and drive.

“I didn’t even think about it being a major,” said Pedersen. “I didn’t think about my opponents. I was just so focused on my motion and what I was doing. I was just thinking about bowling – throwing the ball, where I was standing, looking at my target, any adjustments I was going to make – just eagle-eye focus on that and that alone. The money never entered the equation, the title never entered the equation, the guys I was bowling against never entered the equation. I think because of that, I was able to perform at that championship level.”

Pedersen won the PBA Senior/Touring Pro Doubles Championship title with the legendary Carmen Salvino in 1988 and followed that up with his best year in terms of number of wins when he collected three titles in 1989.

He won one title each in 1990, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1999, with his last tour title coming at the 2002 PBA Pepsi Open in Springfield, Pennsylvania. He added a PBA50 Tour title in 2013.

Despite his hall of fame bowling career, to many, Pedersen is most recognizable as the TV color analyst and “voice of the PBA Tour.” It’s a role he has filled for the last 25 years on networks that include FOX, FS1, ESPN, CBS and CBS Sports Network.

A three-time Bowlers Journal First Team All-American, Pedersen was ranked 35th on the list of the 50 Greatest Players in PBA history in 2008 and was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 2011.

The USBC Hall of Fame honor gave Pedersen a chance to reflect on an amazing career.

“If you would’ve asked me if this would’ve happened 40 years ago, I would’ve said, ‘Yeah, no chance,’” Pedersen said. “If you would’ve told some snotty 16-year-old kid from Southern California, he’s going to see the world because of bowling, I’d have been like, ‘Yeah, whatever. No chance.’ So, it’s been an incredible ride, and this is the icing on the cake. This is the bow on top; this is it, and I’m eternally grateful.”

Clark, 56, has held several positions in the bowling industry, getting his start with the USBC before moving to the PBA where he now serves as PBA Tour Commissioner.

For Clark, his love of bowling was passed down to him by his father.

“How I got involved in bowling is simple in my case – my dad,” Clark said. “My father bowled and, just this year, was inducted into the Central New York USBC Hall of Fame in the Veterans category for everything he’s accomplished in bowling. He loved bowling. He bowled league, so I went and watched. He watched the PBA on ABC and, from the time I could stand up, I would bowl on plastic pins in the hallway during the show and bowled against Marshall Holman and Mark Roth. My dad taught me everything about it.”

Clark’s USBC career started in 2005 as Director of Communications before transitioning to Vice President of Marketing from 2006-2008.

Among his most notable contributions during his time with USBC were Bowling’s Clash of Champions (2007) and the PBA Women’s Series (2007-2008). In 2007, he also was instrumental in the start of BowlTV, USBC’s online channel for livestreaming and video content.

Additionally, in 2007, he helped bring back women’s professional bowling for the first time since the PWBA went on hiatus in 2003 with the return of the U.S. Women’s Open. The event concluded with a series of five ESPN television broadcasts.

Clark moved on to a series of roles at the PBA that included PBA Tour Deputy Commissioner (2008-2011), PBA Tour Commissioner (2011-present) and PBA Chief Executive Officer (2013-2019).

His contributions at the PBA include the creation of the PBA World Series of Bowling (2009-present), Chris Paul CP3 Celebrity Invitational (2009-2021), PBA League (2013-2024), PBA Tour Finals (2016-present) and PBA Playoffs (2019-present).

Under his leadership, PBA bowling has appeared on ESPN, ESPN2, CBS, CBS Sports Network, FOX, FS1 and ABC, and his efforts helped secure multi-year deals with FOX Sports and Flo Sports in 2018. For countless hours and events, he has served as an executive producer for online and televised content.

A focus on the growth of the PBA and creating global membership and events led to PBA members in more than two dozen countries and a partnership with the International Bowling Federation (then World Bowling), allowing PBA Tour events to be held in 10 different countries.

Clark has been honored as the Bowlers Journal International Person of the Year (2005 and 2018), earned the Bowling and Billiards Institute of America Industry Service Award (2008), USBC Joyce Deitch Trailblazer Award (2009), John Davis Award presented by Kegel (2019), Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America Media Award (2020), IBMA Alberta E. Crowe Meritorious Service Award (2024) and IBMHOF Striking Contribution Award (2024).

But the satisfaction Clark derives from his time spent in the sport goes beyond those awards.

“Last year, Deo Benard – this 20-year-old kid – is bowling in the World Series, and the first thing he says (after winning) is, ‘This is the greatest moment in my life,’” Clark recalled. “And, when you’re sitting there, and you think about all those 15 years and how we fought to make sure that kid would have that chance, and he grew up on it, and he gets in there and we can give a family the greatest moment of their lives, you go, ‘All right, that was worth it.’”

As a key influencer in the bowling industry, Hamilton’s distinguished career spans more than five decades and is characterized as being creative, energetic and effective, which has led to advancing the brand of bowling internationally.

Hamilton, 62, played an important role in bowling as the president/co-owner of Luby Publishing, Inc. and as the publisher of Bowlers Journal International Magazine, which itself has a history that spans more than a century.

Hamilton and Mike Panozzo were just the fourth generation of owners of Luby Publishing and owned it for exactly 25% of its life when the publication was sold to USBC. The previous three generations of owners (David Luby, Mort Luby Sr. and Mort Luby Jr.) are all in the USBC Hall of Fame, and Mort Jr. also is in the PBA Hall of Fame.

“Mort Luby, to me, was one of the most influential people in my life,” Hamilton said. “Obviously, it was my father – my parents, right – and Mort. My life, as it is, is because I met Mort Luby. What he taught me – what he taught Mike and me – is if you want to be the leading publisher in the business, you got to be more than a publisher. You need to go out and be involved in the industry.”

As president, Hamilton doubled the size of LPI by creating several magazines, the first being Bowling Center Management, the official publication of the BPAA, to accompany its flagship publication, Bowlers Journal International. He also published a series of books, most notably The PBA 50 Greatest Bowlers, Earl and Revolutions II.

Hamilton led the effort in promoting the 100th anniversary of BJI in 2013. His innovative strategy resulted in national media coverage, including a featured story highlighted on the CBS Morning Show, a front-page story in the Wall Street Journal and scores of other national print and electronic media.

Hamilton explained his business philosophy.

“I would never tell anyone what to say, and I would never tell anyone what their opinion should be,” Hamilton said. “And I’m certainly not going to tell a guy who has been writing a heck of a lot longer than me – went to school for it – what to do. No. No. My main emphasis, make no mistake about it, was keeping the bus running, the business side, the advertising side. And I could be very good with that. And first-year advertisers, you know what they are now? They’re really good friends.”

As a volunteer, Hamilton continued his quest to further the cause of the bowling industry by occupying the following positions: President of the International Bowling Media Association (2014-2018), Chairman and President of the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame (2011-2014) and Chairman of the IBPSIA Advisory Board (2005-2009).

Hamilton played a key role in the building of the new museum and hall of fame that resides within the International Bowling Campus. He also worked in cooperation with the city of Reno in opening bowling's first satellite museum within the National Bowling Stadium. With the IBMA, Hamilton restructured the Chuck Pezzano Scholarship by creating a corporate partnership program that led to an increase in the scholarship.

Now in his fifth decade serving bowling, Hamilton is currently the Executive Director of the Illinois State Bowling Proprietors Association and sits on the Board of Directors of the Bowlers to Veterans Link, occupying the position of treasurer. He also is the publisher of the BBIA Consumer Catalog.

Via's bowling prowess is not limited to the PBA Tour. Via is a seven-time and current member of Team USA where he has collected 13 medals (five gold) during international competition. He also won the 2016 U.S. Amateur title and owns an Eagle in Regular All-Events at the 2021 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships.

Via continues his PBA Tour season as Round 1 of the PBA Playoffs airs Saturday, May 3, at 7 p.m. Eastern on FS1. The event concludes Saturday, May 24, with the live telecast of the finals at 2:30 p.m. Eastern on FOX.

May 8, 2025

USBC INTRODUCES TIERED CERTIFICATION LEVELS AND PROGRAM UPDATES FOR BOWLING CENTERS

LAS VEGAS – The United States Bowling Congress unveiled the new tiered certification structure for bowling centers and updates to its certification program during the 2025 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting. These changes aim to provide greater clarity, reduce costs and streamline the inspection process for centers nationwide.

Bowling centers now will be classified into one of four certification tiers based on the percentage of compliance with USBC specifications as outlined in the USBC Equipment Specifications Manual.

The certification levels are determined through inspections conducted by USBC National Lane Inspectors. Since 2023, more than 2,600 centers have been inspected, with 72% of those centers achieving the highest tier and fewer than 2% falling into the lowest category.

The certification tiers are:

· Gold – centers that meet at least 90% of all specifications (currently 73% of inspected centers).
· Silver – centers that meet 80-89.9% of all specifications (currently 22% of inspected centers).
· Bronze – centers that meet 70-79.9% of all specifications (currently 4% of inspected centers).
· Standard – centers that meet less than 70% of all specifications (currently 2% of inspected centers).

All centers – regardless of the tier – are certified and eligible to host USBC-certified leagues and tournaments.

In addition to the new tiered structure, several updates to the program also will take effect in 2026. All centers will transition to a five-year cycle for inspections, compared to the initial time frame of every three years. This includes centers that fall into the Standard category, which previously required an annual inspection until achieving a score in one of the top three tiers.

As part of this change, the inspection fee will be reduced by 20% starting in 2026. The annual cost will drop to $8 per lane (previously $10 per lane). The total fee now will be $40 per lane for the five-year cycle.

The fee for centers that have not had an initial inspection still will cost $30 per lane. USBC plans to conclude its initial round of inspections for existing centers by the end of 2025.

To protect the privacy of center owners, USBC has decided not to publish tier information. A center's certification level will not appear on BOWL.com listings or certification stickers.

However, center owners are free to share or publish their tier status if they choose to do so.

Inspections are conducted using the Automatic Certification Evaluation (ACE) tool, a state-of- the-art device that utilizes digital sensors and a precision-machined frame to measure lane topography and deliver real-time certification data. Centers inspected under the new tiered program will receive immediate notification of their certification level. Centers inspected prior to this announcement will receive updated results, including their assigned tier, directly from USBC.

Centers that have questions about the report results can email Certifications@bowl.com for clarification.

May 8, 2025

PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE REBRANDED AS USBC YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESENTED BY SMART STARTING IN 2025-2026 SEASON

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress is introducing a new era for one of its most successful grassroots youth events. Beginning with the 2025-2026 season, the tournament previously known as the Pepsi Youth Championships will be rebranded as the USBC Youth Scratch Championships presented by SMART.

This rebranding represents more than just a name change; it reflects a new increase in scholarship funding at the grassroots level driven by SMART. The foundational structure of the event remains unchanged, continuing to connect youth bowlers through league-level qualifying into regional or state-level competition with age and gender-based state champions being awarded an entry to the Junior Gold Championships.

Nevertheless, the tournament will undergo some key enhancements and better support the program's key commitments.

As part of this transition, USBC, through the SMART program, is doubling the added funds for event operators, increasing the program's scholarship funding from $150,000 to $300,000 annually. This expanded funding means more youth bowlers than ever before will receive scholarships through the event.

The USBC Youth Scratch Championships presented by SMART honors the program's rich legacy while bringing its identity in line with USBC youth's strategic priorities, membership value through tournament competition with scholastic opportunities.

Investment earnings from USBC's Scholarship Management and Account Reporting for Tenpins (SMART) program will now fund the added scholarship awards associated with the event. This elevates the program's credibility and stability by tying its financial foundation to USBC's scholarship platform.

Youth bowlers will continue to qualify through league competition, with progression to regional or state-level events based on each state's format. The event's scratch format remains intact to reward raw skill and performance. Following the changes with Junior Gold, the Youth Scratch Championships event will shift to U12, U14, U16 and U18 divisions. The U8 and U10 divisions will still be offered, but only as part of the Youth Scratch Championships.

States can still pair the USBC Youth Scratch Championships with handicap-based events just as they have in the past. The flexibility for local execution remains even as the national brand and scholarship engine is strengthened.

May 8, 2025

2025 USBC CONVENTION WRAPS UP AT SOUTH POINT IN LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS – Delegates elected three board members and voted on four legislative proposals at the 2025 United States Bowling Congress Convention and Annual Meeting, which concluded Thursday at the South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa.

The ballot for the USBC Board election had four candidates slated by the USBC Nominating Committee – Cindy Akin of Placerville, California; Zachary Boulanger of Green Bay, Wisconsin; Chrissie Kent of Newark, New York; and Nathan Shock of Brighton, Colorado – for three open board positions.

On the first ballot, incumbent Kent (564 votes) was reelected, with Boulanger (472 votes) and Shock (436 votes) also gaining election. Akin received 313 votes. A candidate had to receive a majority of the 611 votes cast to be elected.

Additionally, Team USA athletes elected Mark Van Meter of Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the USBC Board.

The newly elected board members begin their three-year terms Aug. 1, 2025. Congratulations also are in order for Christopher Floyd of Lockport, Louisiana; Brooke Johnson of Olympia, Washington; and Angel Metsch of Statesville, North Carolina, who have been appointed to serve three-years terms on the USBC Youth Advisory Group beginning Aug. 1, 2025.

In addition to the board elections, delegates voted on four proposed bylaw amendments (one national, two state and one local). Voting results for all the proposals are noted at the end of this press release.

In other news, in what is annually a surprise announcement, Chicagoland USBC was awarded the USBC Association Excellence Award. The presentation of national and youth awards also took place and featured seven more recipients, including the Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow Award to Gianna Brandolino of Channahon, Illinois, and the Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow Award to Rylan Edwards of DeWitt, Iowa.

USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy introduced a new tiered certification structure for bowling centers and updates to its certification program. The changes aim to provide greater clarity, reduce costs and streamline the inspection process for centers nationwide. Details about the program can be found by clicking **here**.

Murphy also introduced a new era for one of the most successful grassroots youth events. Beginning with the 2025-2026 season, the tournament previously known as the Pepsi Youth Championships will be rebranded as the USBC Youth Scratch Championships presented by SMART.

This rebranding represents more than just a name change; it reflects a new increase in scholarship funding at the grassroots level driven by SMART. The foundational structure of the event remains unchanged, continuing to connect youth bowlers through league-level qualifying into regional or state-level competition with age- and gender-based state champions being awarded an entry to the Junior Gold Championships. To learn more about the USBC Youth Scratch Championships, click **here**.

USBC President Dennis Hacker and Murphy presented their annual reports, and delegates also heard reports and updates from a number of USBC committees, including the Strategic Planning Committee and USBC Youth Advisory Group.

During Convention week, delegates attended a variety of educational seminars. The agenda also featured presentations from USBC industry and charity partners, including Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL), which provides recreational and therapeutic programs and services to America's active duty and veteran service men and women, and Bowl for the Cure®, the year-round fundraising initiative sponsored by USBC in partnership with Susan G. Komen®. A milestone was reached this year as the 25th anniversary of Bowl for the Cure was celebrated at Convention.

In 2026, the USBC Convention will head to the Silver Legacy Resort, Hotel and Casino

in Reno, Nevada, in conjunction with the **USBC Open Championships**, with the event scheduled to run from April 27-30.

Visit **BOWL.com/Convention** to learn more about the USBC Convention and Annual Meeting.

RESULTS OF 2025 USBC ANNUAL MEETING LEGISLATIVE SESSION

2025 LEGISLATION

Bylaws (two-third votes needed)

Bylaws Proposal No. NB 1 – Rejected (38 approve, 563 reject)
USBC National Bylaws
Article III, Membership and Dues.
Section B. Dues.

Makes the payment of state dues optional.

Bylaws Proposal No. SB 1 – Rejected (38 approve, 553 reject)
USBC State Bylaws
Article V, Board of Directors – Management**.**
Section E. Resignation, Removal and Vacancies.

Removes the ability to reappoint an individual to a state board who has been removed due to a lapse in their RVP status.

Bylaws Proposal No. SB 2 – Approved (564 approve, 29 reject)
USBC State Bylaws
Article VII, Meetings.
Section A. Annual Meeting.

Allows states to host a virtual Annul Meeting.

Bylaws Proposal No. LB 1 – Rejected (31 approve, 563 reject)
USBC Local Bylaws
Article V, Board of Directors – Management**.**
Section E. Resignation, Removal and Vacancies.

Removes the ability to reappoint an individual to a local board who has been removed due to a lapse in their RVP status.

May 14, 2025

QUALIFIERS DETERMINED FOR USA BOWLING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS; CBS SPORTS NETWORK TO TELEVISE ARENA FINALS IN GREEN BAY

ARLINGTON, Texas – Regional competition is complete and finalists have been determined for the **2025 USA Bowling National Championships** that will take place in Green Bay, Wisconsin, in July. The U12 division will feature 15 teams competing for a national championship while the U15 division will have 16 teams.

CBS Sports Network will once again televise the finals of each division of the event, which features more than $120,000 in scholarships for youth bowlers from across the country.

As an added bonus this year, the finals of both the U12 and U15 divisions of the USA Bowling National Championships will be contested and taped for television in an arena setting at the Resch Center on July 13, the same day as the live telecast of the **Professional Women's Bowling Association** 10th Anniversary Open.

The U12 division finals of the USA Bowling National Championships will air on CBSSN Tuesday, July 15, at 7 p.m. Eastern and be followed by the finals of the U15 division on Tuesday, July 22, also at 7 p.m. Eastern.

The winning team in each age-based division at each regional qualifier earned a spot at the national event, which will take place as a prelude to the 2025 Junior Gold Championships.

The qualifying teams in the U12 division are as follows:

- Upper Midwest Region – Cousin Crew
- Lower Great Lakes Region – Dem Midwest Boyz
- Northeast Region – DKJ Pro Shop
- Coastal South Region – YBAM! Rising
- South Central Region – No Lane No Gain
- Atlantic East Region – Lane Damage
- Heartland Region – Northern Illinois Misplitz
- Pacific Region – Homestead
- South Region – The Beast 2.0
- Mountain Region – Sleeping Giant Odd Ballz
- New England Region – CT Crash Out
- Southeast Region – Buffaloe Lanes Boardwalkers
- Southwest Region – Fantastic Four
- Upper Great Lakes Region – Clams
- Midwest Region – Strike Squad

Patrick Waters, a former USA Bowling competitor in both the U12 and U15 divisions, is now the head coach of YBAM Rising, this year's U12 Coastal South Region champions.

Waters, 19, was able to apply lessons he learned as a competitor to help coach his current team.

“Having competed in this event as a youth bowler, I gained insight on what the bowlers are thinking and feeling – mainly how to bowl well under pressure,” Waters said. “Being able to understand, guide and overcome specific emotions has helped tremendously when we were both doing incredibly well and sometimes struggling a bit. The most rewarding part is seeing how they all work together and have fun achieving their collective goal.”

It turns out that coaching is a generational pastime in the Waters family, as Patrick’s dad Ryan was the head coach of the 2024 U12 USA Bowling national champions.

“The biggest thing that has driven my passion for this tournament has been my father,” Waters said. “He has guided me through every regional event, tournament and league I have competed in. He also shared coaching tips for this specific tournament. Everything he has done has led me to where I am now.”

The qualifying teams in the U15 division are as follows:

- Upper Midwest Region – Minnesota Ducks
- Lower Great Lakes Region – Wii Sports Elite
- Northeast Region – DKJ Pro Shop
- Coastal South Region – Going For It
- South Central Region – Perfect Match
- Atlantic East Region – Spare Parts Pro Shop
- Heartland Region – ISST Fab 5
- Pacific Region – Starlight Strikers
- South Region – The Avengers
- Mountain Region – Rocky Mountain Fierce 5
- New England Region – Fantastic 4
- Southeast Region – We > Me
- Southwest Region – Nine Hands
- Mideast Region – Keystone Strikers
- Upper Great Lakes Region – Great Lake Muskies
- Midwest Region – ICT All Stars

Dave Kline Jr. has been a coach in the USA Bowling program for six years, and his team won the U12 title in 2022. This year, he’s coaching a U15 team – DKJ Pro Shop – that won the Northeast Region championship. Kline was asked what has kept him coming back to coach in the program for all these years.

“First and foremost, it’s the kids and the passion they have for the sport,” Kline said. “Seeing their commitment to the sport, watching them develop their skills and sportsmanship and being a part of their growth as both bowlers and individuals is incredibly rewarding. I also really value the camaraderie and community within USA Bowling. The coaches, parents and volunteers all share a genuine love for the sport and a commitment to supporting these young athletes. Finally, there’s just an electric energy at Nationals. The competition is fierce, but supportive, and it’s a blast watching them get all pumped, especially when they come through in the clutch.”

In addition to the U15 team he coaches, DKJ Pro Shop, of which he is owner/operator, Kline also supports a U12 team that qualified for Nationals this year.

“It’s really my love for the sport and a desire to give back,” Kline said when asked about supporting two teams in the USA Bowling program. “I’ve been fortunate to be involved with USA Bowling for several years now, and I’ve seen firsthand the positive impact it has on young bowlers. My son, Donaven, is bowling with our U15 team, so I’m obviously committed to coaching the older team. The opportunity arose to support the DKJ Pro Shop U12 team at local and national events, and since this team consists of two athletes that I provide personal coaching to, I wanted to build a team around them. Ultimately, I’m just passionate about fostering the next generation of bowlers and helping them succeed both on and off the lanes.”

Qualifying and match-play rounds in the USA Bowling National Championships will take place at Revs Bowl Bar and Grill in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on July 9 and 10, respectively.

The top two teams in each division will advance to the finals on July 13 at the Resch Center.

More information about USA Bowling can be found at **bowl.com/youth/usa-bowling**.

May 22, 2025

2025 U22 MASTERS AND QUEENS SET TO BEGIN IN DETROIT

DETROIT – For the second year in a row, more than 225 of the nation’s top young bowlers have traveled to the Greater Detroit area to compete in the United States Bowling Congress U22 Masters and Queens, which kick off on Friday and run through Memorial Day.

Unlike last year’s inaugural event where each tournament was held in a different bowling center until the stepladder finals, the 2025 U22 Masters and Queens both will be contested in their entirety at historic Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

Each event’s official practice sessions will take place on Friday morning with tournament competition at both the Masters and Queens getting underway later that day with seven games of A Squad qualifying starting at 11 a.m. Eastern and B Squad following with their own seven-game blocks at 5 p.m. Eastern.

All competitors will return for a second seven-game qualifying block on Saturday with B Squad hitting the lanes at 10 a.m. Eastern and A Squad wrapping things up at 4 p.m. Eastern.

After the completion of 14 games of qualifying, each tournament’s field will be whittled down to just 32 competitors. Those bowlers will advance to the bracket-match-play portion of their respective events.

U22 Masters match play will begin Sunday morning at 8 a.m. Eastern with U22 Queens bracket competition following at noon Eastern.

All matches in both tournaments will be two games with total pinfall determining the winner. A player will be eliminated from the competition upon losing his or her second match.

Five rounds of matches will be contested in each tournament on Sunday with just the top eight players in each event surviving and advancing to the final day of competition on Monday.

Three additional rounds of matches will take place Monday morning beginning at 9 a.m. Eastern, after which just three players in each field will remain in contention for the 2025 U22 Masters and Queens titles.

Those bowlers will advance to the finals, which will be contested at Strobl Arena inside Thunderbowl Lanes and streamed live on BowlTV on Memorial Day starting at 2 p.m. Eastern.

All six of those bowlers will be hoping to walk away with their event's title and first-place trophy.

However, while winning will be top priority for all competitors, titles and trophies won't be the only thing on the line during the U22 Masters and Queens.

Athletes competing in Detroit this week have extra incentive to author their best performances as the USBC Team USA Athlete Advisory Council has approved awarding a total of eight spots on Junior Team USA to top finishers at the 2025 U22 Masters and Queens.

The AAC, which is made up of current or former tenured Team USA athletes, supported that berths on Junior Team USA 2026 will go to the top three age-eligible finishers after the qualifying rounds at both the U22 Masters and Queens and to each tournament's champion.

If the champion has already acquired a spot or is not age eligible, the fourth and final Junior Team USA position up for grabs at each event will be given to the next-highest age-eligible finisher after the qualifying rounds.

Age-eligible athletes will be those who have not reached their 21st birthday by Jan. 1, 2026.

Brandon Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey, would certainly love to secure one of those berths just as he did last year when he topped a strong field to become the inaugural U22 Masters champion.

Bohn will come to Thunderbowl Lanes looking to complete a successful title defense and get back in the winner's circle after suffering a lot of near misses at events this past season.

"I've had a lot of seconds and thirds recently," Bohn said. "I want to win again. I want that feeling because there's nothing better than winning in front of your family and friends. Winning again would prove to me that hard work pays off. I don't know if break-through is

the right word because I've accomplished way more than I'd ever imagined, but to walk through that door again would mean a lot to me."

After taking some much needed time off at the conclusion of the 2025 USBC Collegiate season – Bohn bowls for 2024 Intercollegiate Team Championships men's champion Webber International University - Bohn feels refreshed and ready to make a run.

"I felt drained after the collegiate season," Bohn said. "This year was tough, and we had a really rough ride at the end of our season. It was physically and mentally tough, draining. I wanted to take some time away, so I bowled once in three weeks.

"Life got in the way. I'm not using that as an excuse, but sometimes it's good to have a break. I took that break, am getting back into it and hopefully we put in enough work to have it pay off and have more pins than everyone else come the weekend."

While Bohn will have the opportunity to complete a successful title defense at the U22 Masters, there will definitely be a new U22 Queens champion in 2025 as inaugural champion Dannielle Henderson of Jacksonville, Alabama, won't be competing this year due to time constraints brought about by a collegiate internship opportunity.

Although Henderson will be missed, her absence gives nearly 100 talented bowlers the opportunity to break through and become the newest U22 Queens champion.

All rounds of competition at both the U22 Masters and Queens will be streamed live exclusively on BowlTV.

May 23, 2025

KLEMENCIC, VATER LEAD AFTER ROUND 1 OF QUALIFYING AT 2025 U22 MASTERS AND U22 QUEENS

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – Erin Klemencic of Powder Springs, Georgia, and Robert Vater of Iola, Wisconsin, finished atop their respective leaderboards after Friday's opening rounds of qualifying at the 2025 United States Bowling Congress U22 Masters and U22 Queens, which are being contested at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Michigan.

Klemencic, who doubled up this year by taking home the title in both the Intercollegiate Singles Championships and Intercollegiate Team Championships (with Jacksonville State University), finished her seven-game qualifying set with games of 300, 257 and 258 (815) to lead the 82-player U22 Queens field by 65 pins after Round 1. The perfect game was the first in the history of the U22 Queens (or the U22 Masters), which is in its second year.

Klemencic had an up-and-down beginning to her qualifying round prior to the 300 game, rolling games of 226, 143, 241 and 198. It was at that point that she decided to make a change.

“I made a ball change right before I bowled the 300 game,” Klemencic said. “I went to a stronger asymmetrical pearl; I wound up having a really good look with it and stayed with it the rest of the block.”

The 19-year-old right-hander and Junior Team USA member who also won the U18 Girls title at the 2022 Junior Gold Championships in Grand Rapids, Michigan, totaled 1,623 pins during Round 1 on Friday, which was good for a 231.86 average.

“For me, it was nice to have the opportunity to get off to a good start,” Klemencic said. “It doesn’t mean everything because it’s just Day 1, but it’s nice to have some leverage going into the rest of the tournament. I just need to continue to stay patient, read my ball reaction and make the best decisions I can.”

In second place at the U22 Queens is Klemencic’s Jacksonville State teammate Annalise OBryant of Ball Ground, Georgia (1,558). OBryant, a current Team USA and Junior Team USA member, averaged 222.57 for her seven games with a high game of 268 to open the round.

While OBryant and Klemencic are teammates at both Jacksonville State and on Junior Team USA, it was Klemencic who defeated OBryant for her 2022 U18 Junior Gold Championships victory.

Two more Junior Team USA members, Melia Mitskavich of DuBois, Pennsylvania, and Sydney Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey, are third and fourth respectively. Mitskavich, the 2024 Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow Award winner, checked in a pinfall of 1,527 during the opening round while Bohn, who bowls for Vanderbilt University, finished at 1,489.

One pin behind Bohn and rounding out the opening-day top five was Carly Zuklin of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who competes collegiately at Mount Mercy University.

Meanwhile, in U22 Masters action, Vater finished with a seven-game mark of 1,604 (a 229.14 average) thanks to scores of 258, 278, 212, 231, 279, 172 and 174.

That allowed the 21-year-old right-hand two-hander, who recently completed his junior season bowling collegiately for Mount Mercy, to finish atop the Day 1 standings in the sold out, 159-player U22 Masters field.

In addition to Vater, the U22 Masters top five after Round 1 included Chris Bald of Raleigh, North Carolina (1,548); Braden Mallasch of Waupaca, Wisconsin (1,541); Nate Trentler of Phoenix, Maryland (1,537); and Nathan Stefanski of Almont, Michigan (1,529).

Defending U22 Masters champion Brandon Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey, a three-time Junior Gold champion, current Junior Team USA member and former member of Team USA, finished Round 1 in 13th place in the U22 Masters field with a seven-game total of 1,455.

As for Vater, he didn't come to Thunderbowl Lanes on Friday looking to grab the overall lead; he simply wanted to author a solid opening-round performance. After not only meeting but also exceeding that goal, Vater was very pleased with his Round 1 effort and the position it put him in heading into Saturday's final seven-game qualifying block.

"I just wanted to put up a good number today so that I'd feel comfortable heading into my round on the fresh tomorrow," Vater said. "It's cool leading, and it definitely makes me more confident and comfortable knowing that I have a few pins to spare."

Vater wasn't referring to the 56-pin lead he established over Bald for first place; he was referring to the 242-pin cushion he put between himself and Kyle Dunne of Hinckley, Ohio; Carter Wescott of Green Bay, Wisconsin; and Dylan Murray of Greenville, Tennessee.

That's because each member of that trio put up an opening-day total of 1,362 to tie for 32nd place, which is lowest position any U22 Masters competitor can find himself in at the conclusion of Saturday's second and final seven-game qualifying block in order to advance to match play.

Vater made a solid run through the match-play bracket at last year's inaugural U22 Masters; nevertheless, he's hoping to go even further this time around.

"I bowled last year and ended up finishing fifth, so I'd love to improve on that finish this year."

That being said, Vater isn't looking ahead to match play just yet; he has another qualifying block to bowl on Saturday, and he plans to attack it just as he would have had he finished 100th on Friday as opposed to first.

"I'm going to play the lanes just as I would have had I scored 200 pins less today," Vater said. "Since it will be on the fresh, I'm going to use a much stronger ball, start further right, stick to my process and try to throw good shots."

If Friday's opening-round results are any indication of what's to come, good shots will certainly be needed as the 44-foot U22 Masters oil pattern played much more difficult on the fresh as opposed to the burn on Friday with the top 14 overall scores coming from bowlers who bowled on the burn.

Things were a bit more balanced on the U22 Queens side with six of the opening-day top 15 having bowled on the fresh version of the 45-foot U22 Queens oil pattern and eight having taken on the burn.

All competitors at both the U22 Masters and U22 Queens will return to Thunderbowl Lanes for seven more games of qualifying on Saturday morning.

Bowlers who battled the burn Friday night will start off Saturday's action on the fresh starting at 10 a.m. Eastern while athletes who bowled on the fresh during Round 1 will take on the burn in Round 2. Saturday's burn squads are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. Eastern.

At the conclusion of Saturday's final qualifying blocks, the fields for both tournaments will be cut down to the top 32 for match play.

U22 Masters match play will begin Sunday morning at 8 a.m. Eastern with U22 Queens bracket competition following at noon Eastern.

All matches in both tournaments will be two games with total pinfall determining the winner. A player will be eliminated from the competition upon losing his or her second match.

Five rounds of matches will be contested in each tournament on Sunday with just the top eight players in each event surviving and advancing to the final day of competition on Monday.

Three additional rounds of matches will take place Monday morning beginning at 9 a.m. Eastern, after which just three players in each field will remain in contention for the 2025 U22 Masters and U22 Queens titles.

Those bowlers will advance to the finals, which will be contested at Strobl Arena inside Thunderbowl Lanes and streamed live on BowlTV on Memorial Day starting at 2 p.m. Eastern.

In addition to the first-place trophies, prize money and distinction of becoming just the second champions in each tournament's history, a total of eight spots on Junior Team USA also will be awarded to the top finishers at the 2025 U22 Masters and U22 Queens.

Those berths on will go to the top three age-eligible finishers after the qualifying rounds at both the U22 Masters and U22 Queens and to each tournament's champion.

If the champion has already acquired a spot or is not age eligible, the fourth and final Junior Team USA position up for grabs at each event will be given to the next-highest age-eligible finisher after the qualifying rounds.

Age-eligible athletes will be those who have not reached their 21st birthday by Jan. 1, 2026.

All rounds of competition leading up to the stepladder will be streamed live exclusively on BowlTV.

For more information on 2025 U22 Masters and U22 Queens, visit BOWL.com/U22.

U22 MASTERS
At Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.
Friday's Results
(Seven games)

Qualifying – Round 1

1, Robert Vater, Iola, Wis., 1,604. 2, Chris Bald, Raleigh, N.C., 1,548. 3, Braden Mallasch, Waupaca, Wis., 1,541. 4, Nate Trentler, Phoenix, Md., 1,537. 5, Nathan J. Stefanski, Almont, Mich., 1,529. 6, Ty Carra, Lake Hiawatha, N.J., 1,510.

7, Luke Winter, Appleton, Wis., 1,509. 8, Josh Hammons, Topeka, Kan., 1,498. 9, David Hayes, Terre Haute, Ind., 1,493. 10, Joshua Maslanich, North Royalton, Ohio, 1,481. 11, Andru Blaney, Hughesville, Md., 1,461. 12, Justin Bohn, Jackson, N.J., 1,458.

13, Brandon Bohn, Jackson, N.J., 1,455. 14, Kai Nitzschke, Northbrook, Ill., 1,452. 15, Hayden Hale, Pinckney, Mich., 1,425. 16, Nicholas Sternes, Buffalo Grove, Ill., 1,412. 17, Jordan Woods, Belmont, N.C., 1,408. 18, Keaton Ostrowski, Rochester, N.Y., 1,406.

19 (TIE), Christian Liquori, Merritt Island, Fla, and Jayden Combs, Marion, Ohio, 1,402. 21, Connor Rogus, Macomb, Mich., 1,399. 22, Ethan K. Evans, Savannah, Ga., 1,396. 23, Dmitri Richardson, Wichita, Kan., 1,388. 24, Alexander Horton, Douglassville, Pa., 1,387.

25, Ethan Bell, Belmont, N.C., 1,386. 26, Jonah J. Fisher, St Louis, 1,381. 27, Matthew Willis, Hudson, Ohio, 1,376. 28, Emmanuel Mcpherson, Tampa, Fla., 1,367. 29, Connor Miyake, Lakeside, Calif., 1,363. 30 (TIE), Kyle Dunne, Hinckley, OH, Carter Wescott, Green Bay, Wis., and Dylan Murray, Greenville, Tenn., 1,362.

33, David Gilliam, Upper Marlboro, Md., 1,361. 34, Rory Clark, Muskego, Wis., 1,356. 35, Zachary Smullen, Frisco, Texas, 1,355. 36, Brent C. Dowell, Raymore, Mo., 1,353. 37, Devin Richards, Fort Myers, Fla., 1,350. 38, Connor Mooney, South Beloit, Ill., 1,348.

39, Jacob Ballenger, Williamson, Ga., 1,347. 40, Joseph A. Blonski, Oak Park, Ill., 1,342. 41, Conner L. Weston, Nile, Mich., 1,341. 42, Dawson Peterson, Stewartville, Minn., 1,339. 42, Keaten Bieri, Letts, Iowa, 1,339. 44, Zackary Sisk, Brownstown, Mich., 1,336.

45, Jacob Neubauer, Pickerington, Ohio, 1,328. 46, Kevin J. Magnuson, Davenport, Iowa, 1,326. 47 (TIE), Ryan J. Julian, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Dylan Jabolonski, Canton, Mich., 1,320. 49, Michael Saxton, Fremont, Neb., 1,313. 50, Anthony Hornick, Davidson, N.C., 1,312.

51, Kaden Salts, Adrian, Mich., 1,310. 52, Jacob D. Gunther, Chicago, 1,308. 53 (TIE), Harley Shene, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Kyle Muth, Wauwatosa, Wis., and Costa Gastouniotis, Goleta, Calif., 1,303. 56, Ethan Bromley, Montrose, N.Y., 1.298.

57, Nick Green, Sunbury, Ohio, 1,295. 58, Brandon Leavitt, Novi, Mich., 1,294. 59, Brendan P. Riley, Waterford, Mich., 1,292. 60, Micah Voorhis, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,291. 61, Nate D. Hartje, Davenport, Iowa, 1,290. 62, Colby Hedden, Derby, Kan., 1,289.

63, Jack Konrad, Chatham, N.J., 1,285. 64 (TIE), Anthony Mastroianni, Brooklyn, N.Y., Jacob Bianchi, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Zachary Wentzel, Elizabethtown, Pa., 1,282. 67, Blake Hisle, Lexington, Ky., 1,280. 68, Jalen Pfaff, LaGrange, Ill., 1,279.

69 (TIE), Elijah Mayberry, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, Dale E. Horstmann, Yorkville, Ill., Jaxon Small, Byron, Mich., and Ben Darrow, Lebanon, Conn., 1,277.
69,Dale E. Horstmann,Yorkville,IL,1277. 73, Gabriel Mejia-Wick, Woodridge, Ill., 1,276. 73, Dominic Catanese, North Royalton, Ohio, 1,276.

75, Jay J. Mc Corkle, Lewis Center, Ohio, 1,275. 76 (TIE), Connor Lanehart, Eagle River, Alaska, Joseph Spagnola, Babson Park, Fla., Joey Coleman, Pinckney, Mich. And Josh Prowse, Marion, Iowa, 1,272. 80, Andrew Allen, Ironton, Ohio, 1,271.

81, Daniel Goldston, Troy, N.Y., 1,270. 82, Xavier Newell, West Hempstead, N.Y., 1,268. 83, Tuna Boncu, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,267. 84, Evan Dahlinghaus, Dayton, Ohio, 1,259. 85, Broox Golden, Lexington, Ky., 1,257. 86, Carter Baylog, Lebanon, Tenn., 1,254.

87, Jeffrey Retzlaff, Campbell Sport, Wis., 1,253. 88, Spencer Bruinsma, Joliet, Ill., 1,252. 89, Ryen Apgar, Roscoe, Ill., 1,250. 90 (TIE), Ricardo Avila, Lawrence, Kan., and Mason Spies, Marion, Ohio., 1,248. 92 (TIE), Christian Bauer, Roscoe, Ill., and Braiden A. Meyers, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1,247.

94 (TIE), Gabe Castro, Orland Park, Ill., Connor Pula, Evergreen Park, Ill., and Nathan Brazeau, Osceola, Ind., 1,245. 97, Evan Drevalas, Lafayette, Ind., 1,244. 98 (TIE), Caden Lester, Columbus, Ohio, and Nathen Noscal-Sakai, Morris, Ill., 1,242.

100, Caleb Marshall, Sevierville, Tenn., 1,240. 101, Dominic Montoya, Las Vegas, 1,239. 102, Woodley Dangerfield, Orland Park, Ill., 1,237. 103, Aidan A. Mercer, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,236. 104, Keegan Alexander, Killeen, Texas, 1,233. 105, Joshua A. Atkinson, Belmont, N.C., 1,232.

106, Joshua Gotwalt, Hanover, Md., 1,231. 107, Aiden Walter, Ringle, Wis., 1,229. 108, Nate VanderBeek, Wyoming, Mich., 1,228. 109 (TIE), Gavin Robertson, Bartlett, Tenn., and Colin Hunter, Parma Heights, Ohio, 1,224. 111, Ian Suhor, St. Charles, Mo., 1,223.

112, St. Angelo, Hagerstown, Md., 1,220. 113, Kristopher Tubbs, Lake Orion, Mich., 1,216. 114, John Clinton, Apex, N.C., 1,212. 115, Alex Thompson, Rio Rancho, N.M., 1,205. 116 (TIE), Lance Owens, Belmont, N.C., and Noah Moreno, Tinley Park, Ill., 1,200.

118, Austin Boex, Green Bay, Wis., 1,199. 119, Reece Kramer, Maumee, Ohio, 1,184. 120, Severo Gordon, Sherman Dale, Pa., 1,182. 121, Tyler M. Inthanongxay, Woonsocket, R.I., 1,180. 122, Gavin Gucwa, Belmont, N.C., 1,177. 123, Braden Kidd, Plainfield, Ill., 1,176.

124, Camryn Stefanini, Corning, N.Y., 1,172. 125, Joshua Lee, Canton, Mich., 1,169. 126 (TIE), Pablo Prado, Katy, Texas, and Ethan Hively, Hanoverton, Ohio, 1,168. 128, James Drehoble III, Oviedo, Fla., 1,156. 129 (TIE), Ethan VanDerSlik, Paw Paw, Mich., and Tyler W. Wojcik, Oak Lawn, Ill., 1,155.

131, Owen Williams, Tipton, Mich., 1,150. 132 (TIE), Nicholas Mattessich, Hubbard, Ohio., and Hunter Brackman, Canton, Pa., 1,143. 134 (TIE), Joshua Smith, Washington, W. Va., and Purley Williams, Dolton, Ill., 1,140. 136 (TIE), Brady J. Bak, Novi, Mich., and Andy S. Fallon, Chicago, 1,131.

138, Alexander D. Smith, Elmira, N.Y., 1,127. 138, Garrett L. Martin, Warren, Ohio, 1,127. 140, Joseph Koc, Mokena, Ill., 1,124. 141, Ethan Fecto, Vermilion, Ohio, 1,112. 142, Ryan Hierl, Freehold, N.J., 1,111. 143, Harley Redding, Worland, Wyo., 1,108.

144, Seth W. Gort, Lebanon, Ill., 1,105. 145 (TIE), Brandon E. Hiestand, Mount Clemens, Mich., and Brady F. Louthan, Portage, Mich., 1,104. 147, Dylan Smith, Tomahawk, Wis., 1,097. 148, Jack Pearson, Fremont, Neb., 1,095. 149, Robert Young Jr., Leesburg, Fla., 1,093.

150, Sebastian Beth, Sturtevant, Wis., 1,088. 151, Austin J. Miller, Macomb, Mich., 1,053. 152, Brian Henry, Waterford, Mich., 1,050. 153, Henry Jarrett, Villa Park, Ill., 1,027. 154, Garrett L. Gatza, Plano, Ill., 1,013. 155, Carson P. Staley, Port Orange, Fla., 967.

156, Kameron G. Benford, Redford, Mich., 951. 157, Thomas D. May, Kingston, Tenn., 939. 158, Mason Brown, Eugene, Ore., 844. 159, Griffin Roake, Sandwich, Ill., 626.

U22 QUEENS
At Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.
Friday's Results
(Seven games)

Qualifying – Round 1

1, Erin Klemencic, Powder Springs, Ga., 1,623. 2, Annalise OBryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 1,558. 3, Melia Mitskavich, DuBois, Pa., 1,527. 4, Sydney Bohn Jackson, N.J., 1,489. 5, Carly Zuklin, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1,488. 6, Karina Capron, Fremont, Neb., 1,483.

7, Juliana Kerrigan Ashland, Va., 1,480. 8, Arianna Araujo, Palos Park, Ill., 1,464. 9, Morgan Kline, Myerstown, Pa., 1,454. 10, Kaitlyn Ruszczak, Arlington Heights, Ill., 1,448. 11, McKenzie Mattice, Racine, Wis., 1,445. 12, Caitlin Radliff, Belleville, Ill., 1,443.

13, Morgan LiCausi, Crest Hill, Ill., 1,437. 14, Keira Magsam, Gretna, Neb., 1,429. 15, Alyssa Ballard, Fort Worth, Texas, 1,420. 16, Anna Maxwell, Westland, Mich., 1,416. 17, Amanda Granata, Florham Park, N.J., 1,414. 18, Maribeth Baker, Sellersville, Pa., 1,400.

19, Gracie French, Shorewood, Ill., 1,397. 20, Brooke Binder, Bay City, Mich., 1,396. 21, Jenna Stretch, Auburn Township, Ohio, 1,384. 22, (tie) Kaylee Hitt, Cold Spring, Ky., and Cheyenne Washington, Pontiac, Mich., 1,383. 24, Maia Struble, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,378.

25, Ayanna Carroll, Baltimore, 1,376. 26, Aleesha Oden, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 1,374. 27, Savannah Taillon, Concord, N.C., 1,369. 28, Orina Chin Halas, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, 1,367. 29, Jaycie Smith, Huntington, Ind., 1,365. 30, Mei Yen-Lachapelle, LaSalle, Quebec, Canada, 1,364.

31, Elizabeth Teuber, Holly, Mich., 1,362. 32, Morgan Brunner, Gobles, Mich., 1,360. 33, Mia Stolakis, Worcester, Mass., 1,355. 34, Mya Conway, Thorold, Ontario, Canada, 1,351. 35, Jennifer Patz, Naples, Fla., 1,347. 36, Savannah Burgin, Grapevine, Texas, 1,331.

37, Emma Punter, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1,318. 38, Lani Breedlove, Montgomery, Ill., 1,315. 39, Payton Hartgrove, Columbus, Ohio, 1,312. 40, Madison Strouse, Marysville, Ohio, 1,310. 41, Frances Davila, San Antonio, 1,306. 42, Emma Yoder, Wooster, Ohio, 1,298.

43, Savannah Dickson, Round Lake, Ill., 1,293. 44, Hanna Hale, Hazlet, N.J., 1,288. 45, Megan Redmond, Marysville, Mich., 1,287. 46, (tie) Emilea Sturk, North Fort Myers, Fla., and Shyanne Ciesiolka, Harker Heights, Texas, 1,284. 48, Marissa Bills, Marion, Iowa, 1,282

49, Ella Steinke, Joliet, Ill., 1,280. 50, Rebekah Muzyk, Grand Blanc, Mich., 1,276. 51, Emma Siekierski, Davison, Mich., 1,272. Leah Williams, Davison, Mich., 1,269. 53, Liljana Mihalovich, Orland Park, Ill., 1,268. 54, Karleigh Lemond, Jasper, Ind., 1,259.

55, Addyson Meshew, Wooster, Ohio, 1,258. 56, Taylor Phillips, Kingsley, Mich., 1,257. 57, (tie) Olivia Fehlner, Eaton, N.Y., and Kadence Bottrall, Dorr, Mich., 1,239. 59, Hannah Klein, Ravenna, Ohio, 1,228. 60, Amber Wagner, Walford, Iowa, 1,222.

61, Chloe Day, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1,219. 62, Chloe Manifold, Hillsdale, Mich., 1,218. 63, Delaney Rossette, Cahanna, Ohio, 1,210. 64, Ashley Kozel, Oshkosh, Wis., 1,207. 65, Skyy Nicholls, North Versailles, Pa., 1,197. 66, Paige Richards, Boca Raton, Fla., 1,194.

67, Diana Ceban, Mansfield, Ohio, 1,193. 68, Amina Hall, Dover, Del., 1,190. 69, Paige Hubert, Grass Lake, Mich., 1,186. 70, Amanda Lang, Oviedo, Fla., 1,175. 71, DonMonique Simpkins, St. Ann, Mo., 1,165. 72, Madison Phillips, Springfield, Mo., 1,159.

73, Molly Burnett, Chattanooga, Tenn., 1,156. 74, Jaymie Clere, Elkhart, Ind., 1,152. 75, Alissa VanHorn, Lansing, Mich., 1,151. 76, Jade Gabor, Newark, Ohio, 1,130. 77, Makayla Pounds, Delaware, Ohio, 1,111. 78, Chloe Hickland, Elk Grove Village, Ill., 1,098.

79, Brianna Mester, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,077. 80, Abigail Siekierski, Davison, Mich., 1,057. 81, Abby Veto, Union Grove, Wis., 1,053. 82, Heather Stembel, Arlington Heights, Ill., 1,007.

300 games - Erin Klemencic, Powder Springs, Ga.

TRENTLER, BOHN LEAD RESPECTIVE FIELDS AS 2025 U22 MASTERS AND U22 QUEENS HEAD TO MATCH PLAY

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – Nate Trentler of Phoenix, Maryland, and Sydney Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey, finished atop their respective leaderboards as qualifying concluded at the 2025 United States Bowling Congress U22 Masters and U22 Queens on Saturday.

Trentler and Bohn will lead their respective fields into the double-elimination, match-play portions of each event, which get underway Sunday morning at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. Only 32 players in each field advanced to match play, which will feature two-game, total-pinfall matches.

Trentler, who was fourth after Round 1 of qualifying on Friday, handled the fresh better than just about anyone during Saturday's block, taming the challenging 44-foot U22 Masters oil pattern to the tune of a seven-game score of 1,455, which included five games of 210 or better (216, 230, 212, 225 and 246).

That effort allowed the 20-year-old right-handed two-hander, who bowled collegiately for Milligan University during the 2024-2025 USBC Collegiate season, to finish qualifying with a two-day, 14-game total of 2,992 (a 213.71 average), which was good enough for first place in the 159-player U22 Masters field.

Trentler was joined in the qualifying top five by Day 1 leader Robert Vater of Iola, Wisconsin (2,909); Luke Winter of Appleton, Wisconsin (2,899); and Junior Team USA members Hayden Hale of Pinckney, Michigan (2,881) and Braden Mallasch of Waupaca, Wisconsin (2,870).

The 32nd and final bowler to advance to U22 Masters match play was Conner Weston of Nile, Michigan, who secured the final advancing position with a two-day, 14-game total of 2,654 (a 189.57 average).

In addition to the No. 1 seed for match play, Trentler's performance on Friday and Saturday also earned him a spot on Junior Team USA 2026 as spots were awarded to the top three age-eligible finishers after 14 games of qualifying at both the U22 Masters and U22 Queens.

Josh Hammons of Topeka, Kansas, and Andru Blaney of Hughesville, Maryland, secured the other two guaranteed spots on the U22 Masters side, while Bohn, Day 1 qualifying leader Erin Klemencic of Powder Springs, Georgia, and Keira Magsam of Gretna, Nebraska, locked up the three Junior Team USA spots up for grabs during qualifying at the 2025 U22 Queens.

Those six won't be alone, however, as spots on Junior Team USA also will be given to both tournament champions. If either champion has already acquired a spot or is not age eligible, the fourth and final Junior Team USA positions up for grabs at each event will go to the next-highest age-eligible finishers based on qualifying totals.

For Trentler, locking up a spot on Junior Team USA 2026 wasn't just a matter of national pride; it was about family bragging rights as well because his brother Nick had already earned his way onto the team earlier in the year.

"After my brother made the team this summer, it gave me even more motivation to come out here and try to tie him for how many Junior Team USA jackets we have," Trentler said. "I kind of reset my game in January and have been working really hard. Getting onto the team has been a goal of mine for the past couple of years, and it's a big reason why I came out here to bowl this week."

Nevertheless, it wasn't the only reason; Trentler would love to make a deep run through the bracket and compete for this year's U22 Masters title as well.

"I love match play because it's just head-to-head with you against the other guy," Trentler said. "This tournament has the best bowlers of our age in the entire country and even some from around the world. I know that I'm going to have to elevate my game to another level to be able to compete with these guys and succeed."

Trentler has certainly enjoyed a great deal of success thus far at this year's tournament. To keep it going, he intends to simply stick with what's gotten him here.

"I'm just going to keep focusing on the shot in front of me and trying to have a short memory because, whatever happens, the only shot I can control is the next one."

Bohn, who just completed her freshman season bowling for Vanderbilt University, started Day 2 in fourth place, but a 266 game during Game 5 of Round 2 moved her into the lead, and she finished with a 14-game qualifying total of 2,987.

Bohn averaged 213.36 and was 45 pins better than Klemencic (2,942). Bohn was remarkably consistent over her two blocks of qualifying with round totals of 1,489 and 1,498.

For Bohn, her first year of collegiate bowling has translated into a noticeable improvement in her game.

"College bowling has really helped my consistency," Bohn said. "It actually forced me to practice. People refer to me as the 'non-bowling child' in my family or 'the one that doesn't practice or doesn't do this or doesn't do that.' Now, in college, I'm practicing consistently, and I'm bowling a lot more. So, all of that helped me prepare for an event like this. I'm able to throw good shots and be more consistent. I'm not giving away frames. Instead of throwing three good shots and then one bad one, I'm able to throw eight or nine good shots in a row, which helps me read the lane better."

The "family" that Bohn referred to includes her father, Parker Bohn III, a USBC and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer, and her older brothers Brandon (defending U22 Masters champion) and Justin (2022 U20 Junior Gold Championships winner), who each made match play at this year's U22 Masters.

Sydney knows that a different mindset is required with the event now heading into match play, and that's fine with her.

“I’ve learned, through my collegiate bowling, that I bowl better under pressure,” Bohn said. “Something just fires in me. Everybody hates to lose, but I really hate losing. Being under pressure or needing to match your opponent or be better than them gives me that little boost of extra focus.”

Klemencic is a current Junior Team USA member who is fresh off wins in both the Intercollegiate Singles Championships and Intercollegiate Team Championships (with Jacksonville State University). Additionally, she took home the U18 title in the 2022 Junior Gold Championships in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Anna Maxwell of Westland, Michigan, vaulted from 16th place to qualify third for match play (2,896). Maxwell didn’t have a game below 191 in Round 2 and was bolstered by a 245 game.

Annalise OBryant of Ball Ground, Georgia, who was second after Round 1, qualified fourth for match play, just one pin behind Maxwell (2,895). OBryant, a current Team USA and Junior Team USA member, is also teammates with Klemencic at Jacksonville State.

Alyssa Ballard of Fort Worth, Texas, is a teammate of Bohn’s at Vanderbilt and, like Bohn, also belongs to a hall of fame bowling family as her parents, Del and Carolyn, are both USBC Hall of Famers. Ballard, who was 15th after Round 1, ended qualifying in fifth place (2,888).

The 32nd and final spot in the U22 Queens match-play field was claimed by Morgan Brunner of Gobles, Michigan (2,657).

U22 Masters match play will begin Sunday morning at 8 a.m. Eastern with U22 Queens bracket competition following at noon Eastern.

All matches in both tournaments will be two games with total pinfall determining the winner. A player will be eliminated from the competition upon losing his or her second match.

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Three additional rounds of matches will take place Monday morning beginning at 9 a.m. Eastern, after which just three players in each field will remain in contention for the 2025 U22 Masters and U22 Queens titles.

Those bowlers will advance to the finals, which will be contested at Strobl Arena inside Thunderbowl Lanes and streamed live on BowlTV on Memorial Day starting at 2 p.m. Eastern.

The athletes still alive in each tournament field at that point will be vying for first-place trophies, prize money and the distinction of becoming just the second champions in each tournament’s history.

All rounds of competition at the 2025 U22 Masters and U22 Queens will be streamed live exclusively on BowlTV.

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U22 MASTERS
At Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.
Saturday's Results

Qualifying – Round 2
(Through 14 games)

1, Nate Trentler, Phoenix, Md., 2,992. 2, Robert Vater, Iola, Wis., 2,909. 3, Luke Winter, Appleton, Wis., 2,899. 4, Hayden Hale, Pinckney, Mich., 2,881. 5, Braden Mallasch, Waupaca, Wis., 2,870. 6, Ethan K. Evans, Savannah, Ga., 2,844.

7, Nathan J. Stefanski, Almont, Mich., 2,844. 8, Zachary Smullen, Frisco, Texas, 2,829. 9, David Hayes, Terre Haute, Ind., 2,807. 10 (TIE), Josh Hammons, Topeka, Kan., Andru Blaney, Hughesville, Md., and Ty Carra, Lake Hiawatha, N.J., 2,805.

13, Micah Voorhis, Cherry Hill, N.J., 2,796. 14, Alexander Horton, Douglassville, Pa., 2,795. 15, Chris Bald, Raleigh, N.C., 2,789. 16, Keaten Bieri, Letts, Iowa, 2,768. 17, Ethan Bell, Belmont, N.C., 2,756. 18, Brandon Bohn, Jackson, N.J., 2,738.

19 (TIE), Ryan J. Julian, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Christian Liquori, Merritt Island, Fla., 2,735. 21, Justin Bohn, Jackson, N.J., 2,733. 22, Devin Richards, Fort Myers, Fla., 2,731. 23, Jayden Combs, Marion, Ohio, 2,727. 24, Kai Nitzschke, Northbrook, Ill., 2,722.

25, Dmitri Richardson, Wichita, Kan., 2,720. 26, Dylan Jablonski, Canton, Mich., 2,712. 27, Nicholas Sternes, Buffalo Grove, Ill., 2,710. 28, Keaton Ostrowski, Rochester, N.Y., 2,698.

29, Gabriel Mejia-Wick, Woodridge, Ill., 2,692. 30, Jonah J. Fisher, St Louis, 2,674. 31, Brandon Leavitt, Novi, Mich., 2,661. 32, Conner L. Weston, Nile, Mich., 2,654.

DID NOT ADVANCE

33, Jacob D. Gunther, Chicago, 2,651. 34, Zachary Wentzel, Elizabethtown, Pa., 2,646. 35, Dylan Murray, Greenville, Tenn., 2,644. 36, Tuna Boncu, Fort Wayne, Ind., 2,639. 37, Carter Wescott, Green Bay, Wis., 2,635. 38, Jalen Pfaff, LaGrange, Ill., 2,633.

39, Kyle Muth, Wauwatosa, Wis., 2,627. 40, Jacob Bianchi, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 2,624. 41, Connor Rogus, Macomb, Mich., 2,623. 42, David Gilliam, Upper Marlboro, Md., 2,622. 43, Dawson Peterson, Stewartville, Minn., 2,621. 44, Colby Hedden, Derby, Kan., 2,620.

45 (TIE), Joshua Maslanich, North Royalton, Ohio, Caleb Marshall, Sevierville, Tenn., and Emmanuel Mcpherson, Tampa, Fla., 2,619. 48, Spencer Bruinsma, Joliet, Ill., 2,612. 49, Jordan Woods, Belmont, N.C., 2,604. 50, Caden Lester, Columbus, Ohio, 2,602.

51 (TIE), Evan Dahlinghaus, Dayton, Ohio, and Costa Gastouniotis, Goleta, Calif., 2,597. 53, Blake Hisle, Lexington, Ky., 2,596. 54, Harley Shene, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 2,595. 55 (TIE), Anthony Mastroianni, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Jacob Neubauer, Pickerington, Ohio, 2,591

57 (TIE), Anthony Hornick, Davidson, N.C., and Connor Mooney, South Beloit, Ill., 2,585. 59, Aiden Walter, Ringle, Wis., 2,584. 60, Jaxon Small, Byron, Mich., 2,576. 61, Matthew Willis, Hudson, Ohio, 2,573. 62, Elijah Mayberry, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, 2,569.

63, Connor Miyake, Lakeside, Calif., 2,567. 64, Broox Golden, Lexington, Ky., 2,561. 65 (TIE), Kaden Salts, Adrian, Mich., and Jacob Ballenger, Williamson, Ga., 2,560. 67, Kyle Dunne, Hinckley, Ohio, 2,548. 68, Jack Konrad, Chatham, N.J., 2,544.

69 (TIE), Lance Owens, Belmont, N.C., and Joseph Spagnola, Babson Park, Fla., 2,539. 71, Zackary Sisk, Brownstown, Mich., 2,538. 72, Joseph A. Blonski, Oak Park, Ill., 2,537. 73, Woodley Dangerfield, Orland Park, Ill., 2,535. 74, Ricardo Avila, Lawrence, Kan., 2,523.

75 (TIE), Rory Clark, Muskego, Wis., and Nick Green, Sunbury, Ohio, 2,520. 77, Mason Spies, Marion, Ohio., 2,519. 78, Josh Prowse, Marion, Iowa, 2,518. 79, Braiden A. Meyers, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 2,512. 80, Dale E. Horstmann, Yorkville, Ill., 2,510.

81, Owen Williams, Tipton, Mich., 2,506. 82, Xavier Newell, West Hempstead, N.Y., 2,505. 83, Braden Kidd, Plainfield, Ill., 2,503. 84, Keegan Alexander, Killeen, Texas, 2,501. 85, Christian Bauer, Roscoe, Ill., 2,498. 86 (TIE), Ethan VanDerSlik, Paw Paw, Mich., and Ben Darrow, Lebanon, Conn., 2,497.

88, Kevin J. Magnuson, Davenport, Iowa, 2,493. 89, Ethan Bromley, Montrose, N.Y., 2.491. 90, Ian Suhor, St. Charles, Mo., 2,482. 91, Colin Hunter, Parma Heights, Ohio, 2,469. 92, Brent C. Dowell, Raymore, Mo., 2,468. 93, Dominic Montoya, Las Vegas, 2,466.

94, Connor Pula, Evergreen Park, Ill., 2,457. 95, Camryn Stefanini, Corning, N.Y., 2,451. 96, Reece Kramer, Maumee, Ohio, 2,446. 97, Joey Coleman, Pinckney, Mich., 2,445. 98, Gabe Castro, Orland Park, Ill., 2,443. 99, Aidan A. Mercer, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,440.

100, Nate VanderBeek, Wyoming, Mich., 2,437. 101. Michael Saxton, Fremont, Neb., 2,436. 102, Jeffrey Retzlaff, Campbell Sport, Wis., 2,435. 103, Andrew Allen, Ironton, Ohio, 2,434. 104, Ethan Hively, Hanoverton, Ohio, 2,428. 105, Jay J. Mc Corkle, Lewis Center, Ohio, 2,426.

106, Brendan P. Riley, Waterford, Mich., 2,423. 107, Carter Baylog, Lebanon, Tenn., 2,421. 108, Nate D. Hartje, Davenport, Iowa, 2,420. 109, Evan Drevalas, Lafayette, Ind., 2,409. 110, Nathen Noscal-Sakai, Morris, Ill., 2,406. 111, Joshua Gotwalt, Hanover, Md., 2,405.

112, Austin Boex, Green Bay, Wis., 2,398. 113 (TIE), Gavin Robertson, Bartlett, Tenn., and Connor Lanehart, Eagle River, Alaska, 2,396. 115, Dominic Catanese, North Royalton, Ohio, 2,392. 116, Brandon E. Hiestand, Mount Clemens, Mich., 2,391. 117, Patrick St. Angelo, Hagerstown, Md., 2,383.

118 (TIE), Harley Redding, Worland, Wyo., and Ryen Apgar, Roscoe, Ill., 2,378. 120, James Drehoble III, Oviedo, Fla., 2,375. 121, Brian Henry, Waterford, Mich., 2,367. 122, Ethan Fecto, Vermilion, Ohio, 2,363. 123, John Clinton, Apex, N.C., 2,358.

124, Alexander D. Smith, Elmira, N.Y., 2,355. 125, Ryan Hierl, Freehold, N.J., 2,350. 126, Tyler M. Inthanongxay, Woonsocket, R.I., 2,345. 127, Gavin Gucwa, Belmont, N.C., 2,344. 128, Pablo Prado, Katy, Texas, 2,341. 129, Severo Gordon, Sherman Dale, Pa., 2,336.

130, Daniel Goldston, Troy, N.Y., 2,335. 131, Jack Pearson, Fremont, Neb., 2,324. 132, Kristopher Tubbs, Lake Orion, Mich., 2,317. 133, Joshua A. Atkinson, Belmont, N.C., 2,316. 134, Noah Moreno, Tinley Park, Ill., 2,312. 135, Seth W. Gort, Lebanon, Ill., 2,302.

136, Joshua Smith, Washington, W. Va., 2,297. 137, Sebastian Beth, Sturtevant, Wis., 2,294. 138, Tyler W. Wojcik, Oak Lawn, Ill., 2,273. 139, Brady J. Bak, Novi, Mich., 2,266. 140, Dylan Smith, Tomahawk, Wis., 2,263. 141, Joseph Koc, Mokena, Ill., 2,237.

142, Nathan Brazeau, Osceola, Ind., 2,236. 143, Purley Williams, Dolton, Ill., 2,229. 144, Hunter Brackman, Canton, Pa., 2,205. 145, Nicholas Mattessich, Hubbard, Ohio,

2,186. 146, Andy S. Fallon, Chicago, 2,182. 147, Carson P. Staley, Port Orange, Fla., 2,154.

148, Alex Thompson, Rio Rancho, N.M., 2,103. 149, Henry Jarrett, Villa Park, Ill., 2,063. 150, Garrett L. Gatza, Plano, Ill., 2,035. 151, Robert Young Jr., Leesburg, Fla., 2,034. 152, Brady F. Louthan, Portage, Mich., 2,030. 153, Austin J. Miller, Macomb, Mich., 1,983.

154, Mason Brown, Eugene, Ore., 1,919. 155, Kameron Benford, Redford, Mich., 1,913. 156, Garrett Martin, Warren, Ohio, 1,842 (WD). 157, Joshua Lee, Canton, Mich., 1,169 (WD). 158, Thomas D. May, Kingston, Tenn., 939 (WD). 159, Griffin Roake, Sandwich, Ill., 626 (WD).

U22 QUEENS
At Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.
Saturday's Results

Qualifying – Round 2
(Through 14 games)

1, Sydney Bohn, Jackson, N.J., 2,987. 2, Erin Klemencic, Powder Springs, Ga., 2,942. 3, Anna Maxwell, Westland, Mich., 2,896. 4, Annalise OBryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 2,895. 5, Alyssa Ballard, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,888. 6, Mei Yen-Lachapelle, LaSalle, Quebec, Canada, 2,879.

7, McKenzie Mattice, Racine, Wis., 2,874. 8, Keira Magsam, Gretna, Neb., 2,871. 9, Melia Mitskavich, DuBois, Pa., 2,869. 10, Kaitlyn Ruszczak, Arlington Heights, Ill., 2,864. 11, Caitlin Radliff, Belleville, Ill., 2,858. 12, Arianna Araujo, Palos Park, Ill., 2,857.

13, Juliana Kerrigan, Ashland, Va., 2,856. 14, Carly Zuklin, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 2,821. 15, Maribeth Baker, Sellersville, Pa., 2,795. 16, (tie) Morgan Kline, Myerstown, Pa., and Elizabeth Teuber, Holly, Mich., 2,793. 18, Savannah Burgin, Grapevine, Texas, 2,785.

19, Emma Yoder, Wooster, Ohio, 2,779. 20, Mia Stolakis, Worcester, Mass., 2,777. 21, Aleesha Oden, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 2,776. 22, Karina Capron, Fremont, Neb., 2,740. 23, Maia Struble, Anchorage, Alaska, 2,731. 24, Kaylee Hitt, Cold Spring, Ky., 2,727.

25, Emma Punter, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 2,714. 26, Karleigh Lemond, Jasper, Ind., 2,710. 27, Morgan LiCausi, Crest Hill, Ill., 2,707. 28, Emma Siekierski, Davison, Mich., 2,696. 29, Frances Davila, San Antonio, 2,686. 30, Lani Breedlove, Montgomery, Ill., 2,668.

31, Jennifer Patz, Naples, Fla., 2,662. 32, Morgan Brunner, Gobles, Mich., 2,657.

DID NOT ADVANCE

33, Brooke Binder, Bay City, Mich., 2,656. 34, Jenna Stretch, Auburn Township, Ohio, 2,632. 35, Amanda Granata, Florham Park, N.J., 2,630. 36, Cheyenne Washington, Pontiac, Mich., 2,627. 37, Savannah Taillon, Concord, N.C., 2,624.

38, (tie) Madison Strouse Marysville, Ohio, and Savannah Dickson, Round Lake, Ill., 2,615. 40, Emilea Sturk, North Fort Myers, Fla., 2,598. 41, Amanda Lang, Oviedo, Fla., 2,597. 42, Leah Williams, Davison, Mich., 2,596. 43, Olivia Fehlner, Eaton, N.Y., 2,594.

44, Megan Redmond, Marysville, Mich., 2,581. 45, Orina Chin Halas, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, 2,580. 46, Payton Hartgrove, Columbus, Ohio, 2,560. 47, Rebekah Muzyk, Grand Blanc, Mich., 2,551. 48, Marissa Bills, Marion, Iowa, 2,547.

49, (tie) Jaycie Smith, Huntington, Ind., and Taylor Phillips, Kingsley, Mich., 2,543. 51, Hanna Hale, Hazlet, N.J., 2.542. 52, Gracie French, Shorewood, Ill., 2,541. 53, Shyanne

Ciesiolka, Harker Heights, Texas, 2,540. 54, Mya Conway, Thorold, Ontario, Canada, 2,518.

55, (tie) Chloe Day, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Liljana Mihalovich, Orland Park, Ill., 2,512. 57, Delaney Rossette, Cahanna, Ohio, 2,495. 58, Amber Wagner, Walford, Iowa, 2,491. 59, Paige Richards, Boca Raton, Fla., 2,484. 60, Ayanna Carroll, Baltimore, 2,466.

61, Paige Hubert, Grass Lake, Mich., 2,458. 62, Madison Phillips, Springfield, Mo., 2,449. 63, Hannah Klein, Ravenna, Ohio, 2,446. 64, Addyson Meshew, Wooster, Ohio, 2,438. 65, Ella Steinke, Joliet, Ill., 2,437. 66, Chloe Manifold, Hillsdale, Mich., 2,413.

67 Amina Hall, Dover, Del., 2,399. 68, Skyy Nicholls, North Versailles, Pa., 2,394. 69, Kadence Bottrall, Dorr, Mich., 2,392. 70, Alissa VanHorn, Lansing, Mich., 2,383. 71, Diana Ceban, Mansfield, Ohio, 2,367. 72, Molly Burnett, Chattanooga, Tenn., 2,347.

73, Jade Gabor, Newark, Ohio, 2,314. 74, (tie) Makayla Pounds, Delaware, Ohio, and DonMonique Simpkins, St. Ann, Mo., 2,282. 76, Jaymie Clere, Elkhart, Ind., 2,267. 77, Abby Veto, Union Grove, Wis., 2,257. 78, Ashley Kozel, Oshkosh, Wis., 2,250.

79, Brianna Mester, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,246. 80, Chloe Hickland, Elk Grove Village, Ill., 2,205. 81, Abigail Siekierski, Davison, Mich., 2,186. 82, Heather Stembel, Arlington Heights, Ill., 2.079.

DEFENDING CHAMP BOHN REMAINS UNDEFEATED AT U22 MASTERS; BRUNNER UNBEATEN HEADING INTO FINAL DAY AT U22 QUEENS

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – Defending champion Brandon Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey, was one of four bowlers who remained undefeated on the opening day of match play at the 2025 United States Bowling Congress U22 Masters on Sunday, while Junior Team USA's Morgan Brunner of Gobles, Michigan, and three other talented young women went 3-0 during bracket play at the U22 Queens.

Bohn maintained a perfect record and kept his U22 Masters title defense hopes very much alive by collecting victories over Chris Bald of Raleigh, North Carolina (406-399), Brandon Leavitt of Novi, Michigan (427-402), and Dylan Jablonski of Canton, Michigan (469-341), during three rounds of two-game, total-pinfall matches at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park on Sunday.

Thanks to those efforts, the 20-year-old left-hander, who is a three-time Junior Gold champion, past member of Team USA and current member of Junior Team USA, now sits just one win away from punching his ticket to the U22 Masters stepladder finals for the second year in row.

To get that win, Bohn will have to get past Nicholas Sternes of Buffalo Grove, Illinois, when U22 Masters match play resumes at Thunderbowl Lanes on Monday morning at 9 a.m. Eastern.

Sternes moved into position to take a shot at the defending champ thanks to wins against Nathan Stefanski of Almont, Michigan (427-385), Josh Hammons of Topeka, Kansas (425-342), and Ryan Julian of Cedar Rapids, Iowa (402-400).

On the other side of the U22 Masters Winners Bracket, Junior Team USA's Braden Mallasch of Waupaca, Wisconsin, will take on Dmitri Richardson of Wichita, Kansas,

Both men went 3-0 on Sunday with Mallasch besting Keaton Ostrowski of Rochester, New York (359-350), Andru Blaney of Hughesville, Maryland (411-358), and fellow Junior Team USA bowler Hayden Hale of Pinckney, Michigan (419-378), while Richardson got the best of Zachary Smullen of Frisco, Texas (397-378), David Hayes of Terre Haute, Indiana (457-403), and No. 1 seed Nate Trentler of Phoenix, Maryland (429-337).

While only Bohn, Sternes, Mallasch and Richardson were able to go undefeated on Sunday, they were not the only competitors who advanced to Monday's final day of competition at the 2025 U22 Masters.

Luke Winter of Appleton, Wisconsin, Alexander Horton of Douglassville, Pennsylvania, Trentler and Julian all kept themselves alive in the Elimination Bracket.

Winter will take on Trentler, and Horton will square off against Julian on Monday morning while Bohn, Sternes, Mallasch and Richardson do battle in the Winners Bracket.

One round later, the two remaining undefeated bowlers will compete to establish the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds for the U22 Masters stepladder finals, which will be contested at the Strobl Arena inside Thunderbowl Lanes on Monday afternoon.

Meanwhile, the two bowlers who lost during Round 4 of Winners Bracket action to start the day will take on the winners of Monday's first Elimination Bracket contests, with the two who survive that encounter moving on to one final match to determine who comes out of the Elimination Bracket to earn the third and final spot in the stepladder finals.

Bohn started 3-0 en route to his victory at the inaugural U22 Masters in 2024; however, he then lost to Bryce Oliver of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, during Round 4 to drop into the Elimination Bracket and put his tournament survival in jeopardy.

Even though he fought his way into the stepladder and eventually exacted revenge by defeating Oliver twice to take home last year's title, Bohn is hoping for an easier path on Monday because, as far as he's concerned, this year's tournament has already been hard enough.

"It feels good to be in this position, but I don't know exactly how to put it into words because it's been a whirlwind of a week," Bohn said. "When you have qualifying and then match play, it's like two tournaments. Once you cut to the top 32, it's like a totally different event.

"I took what I learned from the first 14 games and from that first match and applied it to the next two, and here we are in the Round of 4 in the Winners Bracket."

While Bohn was certainly pleased with the position he found himself in at the end of Sunday's action, he was a bit disappointed to be there alone.

That's because, at the start of the day, there were two other members of the Bohn family still competing at the U22 Masters and U22 Queens alongside him.

Older brother Justin, a former Junior Team USA member and the 2022 Junior Gold U20 Boys champion, and younger sister Sydney, who currently is on Junior Team USA and bowls collegiately for Vanderbilt University, both reached match play at this year's tournaments as well; however, neither was able to advance to Monday's final day of competition at their respective events.

"I wanted my sister to win more than I wanted to win myself," Bohn said. "She will say that she doesn't bowl or practice, but I know how hard she works. To see her get out here and lead a field like this at the U22 Queens but not get to keep it going, it hurts. Also, obviously, seeing Justin lose hurts as well. Now, I'm out here not only for me but also for the rest of my family, so we're going to go out here tomorrow, try to have two more good matches and hopefully win one more game on the show."

Brunner, a 20-year-old left-hander who bowls for Maryville University, will be hoping for the same during Monday's final day of U22 Queens competition.

She was the 32nd and final match-play qualifier on Saturday, making the cut by a single pin after 14 games of qualifying.

Brunner bowled in the inaugural U22 Queens last year and was tied for second after qualifying, which made her an automatic selection for Junior Team USA 2025. This year, she's taking full advantage of making the match-play field as she is one of four remaining undefeated women in the Winners Bracket heading into Monday's action.

"Yesterday was a really hard day for me mentally," Brunner said. "I thought I was completely out of the cut by the end of the day, and I was ready to pack up and go home. Then, I found out I had made the cut by one pin, so I knew I had to come in today with a different mindset. I told myself, 'You made it in by one pin, so just run with that and see what happens.' I just wanted to come in with the mentality that it's a new day and to take advantage of it."

Brunner started her day on Sunday by taking out Sydney Bohn, 339-314.

Next, Brunner dispatched No. 16 seed Morgan Kline of Myerstown, Pennsylvania, 400-387. In her final match on Sunday, Brunner raced out to a sizable lead over No. 25 Emma Punter of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, before hanging on for a 427-419 win.

Brunner, who just completed her sophomore year at Maryville, talked about how her collegiate experience has helped prepare her for events like this.

“Having Lauren and Matt Russo (both Team USA members) as coaches is very helpful,” Brunner said. “They give us a lot of knowledge regarding lane play and different resources we can use while we’re competing. I’m trying to keep the same mentality that I use in college – that getting nine is good, and I can work with that. Also, I try to make sure that I’m not getting stuck on something that happened last frame.”

Brunner’s first match on Monday will be against No. 21 seed Aleesha Oden of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Oden’s run through the Winners Bracket included wins over No. 12 Arianna Araujo of Palos Park, Illinois (415-359), No. 5 Alyssa Ballard (478-431) of Fort Worth, Texas, and No. 20 Mia Stolakis (407-396) of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Joining Brunner and Oden as the two other remaining undefeated players in match play are No. 22 Karina Capron of Fremont, Nebraska, and No. 23 Maia Struble of Anchorage, Alaska.

In addition to the four players remaining in the Winners Bracket, there also are four players left in the Elimination Bracket – No. 2 Erin Klemencic of Powder Springs, Georgia, No. 8 Keira Magsam of Gretna, Nebraska, No. 14 Carly Zuklin of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Stolakis.

After losing her opening match to Brunner, Bohn was eliminated from the event when she lost her first match in the Elimination Bracket to Elizabeth Teuber, 406-360.

The final rounds of U22 Queens match play will kick off at 9 a.m. Eastern on Sunday morning from Thunderbowl Lanes and will be contested using the same format and according to the same schedule as that being employed at the U22 Masters, which was described above.

Once the three finalists at each event have been determined, U22 Queens stepladder finals action will be contested first, starting at 2 p.m. Eastern. The U22 Masters stepladder will get underway approximately 45 minutes after the completion of the U22 Queens stepladder. Both stepladders will be held at Strobl Arena inside Thunderbowl Lanes.

In addition to the first-place trophies, prize money and distinction of becoming just the second champions in each tournament’s history, competitors at the 2025 U22 Masters and U22 Queens are vying for a total of eight spots on Junior Team USA 2026.

Six of those berths have already been claimed as they went to the top three age-eligible finishers after the qualifying rounds at both the U22 Masters and U22 Queens and to each tournament’s champion.

Trentler, Hammons and Blaney punched their tickets on the U22 Masters side, while Sydney Bohn, Klemencic and Magsam collected the first three available Junior Team USA berths up for grabs at the 2025 U22 Queens.

The final two spots will go to this year's U22 Masters and U22 Queens champions. If the champion has already acquired a spot or is not age eligible, the fourth and final Junior Team USA position up for grabs at each event will be given to the next-highest age-eligible finisher based upon total pinfall during qualifying.

Age-eligible athletes will be those who have not reached their 21st birthday by Jan. 1, 2026.

All rounds of competition at the 2025 U22 Masters and U22 Queens have and will continue to be streamed live exclusively on BowlTV.

For more information on the 2025 U22 Masters and U22 Queens, visit BOWL.com/U22.

U22 MASTERS
At Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.
Sunday's Results

MATCH PLAY
Double-elimination, two-game matches decided by total pinfall

ROUND 1
(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

(1) Nate Trentler, Phoenix, Md., def. (32) Conner Weston, Nile, Mich., 348-301.
(17) Ethan Bell, Belmont, N.C., def. (16) Keaten Bieri, Letts, Iowa., 451-429.
(9) David Hayes, Terre Haute, Ind., def. (24) Kai Nitzschke, Northbrook, Ill., 382-359.
(25) Dmitri Richardson, Wichita, Kan., def. (8) Zachary Smullen, Frisco, Texas, 397-378.

(5) Braden Mallasch, Waupaca, Wis. def. (28) Keaton Ostrowski, Rochester, N.Y., 359-350.
(12) Andru Blaney, Hughesville, Md., def. (21) Justin Bohn, Jackson, N.J., 490-421.
(20) Christian Liquori, Merritt Island, Fla., def. (13) Micah Voorhis, Cherry Hill, N.J., 380-361.
(4) Hayden Hale, Pinckney, Mich., def. (29) Gabriel Mejia-Wick, Woodridge, Ill., 364-343.

(3) Luke Winter, Appleton, Wis., def. (30) Jonah Fisher, St. Louis, 431-374.
(19) Ryan Julian, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, def. (14) Alexander Horton, Douglasville, Pa., 453-380.
(11) Josh Hammons, Topeka, Kan., def. (22) Devin Richards, Fort Myers, Fla., 409-348.
(27) Nicholas Sternes, Buffalo Grove, Ill., def. (6) Nathan Stefanski, Almont, Mich., 427-385.

(26) Dylan Jablonski, Canton, Mich., def. (7) Kai Evans, Savannah, Ga., 427-411.
(23) Jayden Combs, Marion, Ohio, def. (10) Ty Carra, Lake Hiawatha, N.J., 379-349.
(18) Brandon Bohn, Jackson, N.J., def. (15) Chris Bald, Raleigh, N.C., 406-399.
(31) Brandon Leavitt, Novi, Mich., def. (2) Robert Vater, Iola, Wis., 373-330.

ROUND 1 – ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 25th, earn $500).

(16) Bieri def. (32) Weston, 391-315.
(29) Mejia-Wick def. (13) Voorhis, 430-356.
(24) Nitzschke def. (8) Smullen, 406-377.
(28) Ostrowski def. (21) J. Bohn, 399-334.

(14) Horton def. (30) Fisher, 495-412.
(15) Bald def. (2) Vater, 426-378.
(22) Richards def. (6) Stefanski, 375-357.
(10) Carra def. (7) Evans, 356-344.

ROUND 2 – WINNERS BRACKET
(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket)

(1) Trentler def. (17) Bell, 389-360.
(25) Richardson def. (9) Hayes, 457-403.
(5) Mallasch def. (12) Blaney, 411-358.
(4) Hale def. (20) Liquori, 454-394.

(19) Julian def. (3) Winter, 384-340.
(27) Sternes def. (11) Hammons, 425-342.
(26) Jablonski def. (23) Combs, 470-380.
(18) B. Bohn def. (31) Leavitt, 427-402.

ROUND 2 – ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 17th, earn $650).

(16) Bieri def. (11) Hammons, 437-389.
(3) Winter def. (29) Mejia-Wick, 432-354.
(23) Combs def. (24) Nitzschke, 415-384.
(28) Ostrowski def. (31) Leavitt, 428-375.

(14) Horton def. (9) Hayes, 372-362.
(17) Bell def. (15) Bald, 443-345.
(22) Richards def. (12) Blaney, 386-384.
(20) Liquori def. (10) Carra, 413-348.

ROUND 3 – WINNERS BRACKET
(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket)

(25) Richardson def. (1) Trentler, 429-337.
(5) Mallasch def. (4) Hale, 419-378.
(27) Sternes def. (19) Julian, 402-400.
(18) B. Bohn def. (26) Jablonski, 469-341.

ROUND 3 – ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 13th, earn $800).

(3) Winter def. (16) Bieri, 386-374.
(28) Ostrowski def. (4) Hale, 420-316.
(14) Horton def. (17) Bell, 398-376.
(20) Liquori def. (22) Richards, 431-423.

ROUND 4 – ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 9th, earn $925).

(3) Winter def. (4) Hale, 384-375.
(1) Trentler def. (28) Ostrowski, 421-414.
(14) Horton def. (26) Jablonski, 377-344.
(19) Julian def. (20) Liquori, 432-371.

U22 QUEENS
At Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.
Sunday's Results

MATCH PLAY
Double-elimination, two-game matches decided by total pinfall

ROUND 1
(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

(32) Morgan Brunner, Gobles, Mich., def. (1) Sydney Bohn, Jackson, N.J., 339-314.
(16) Morgan Kline, Myerstown, Pa., def. (17) Elizabeth Teuber, Holly, Mich., 421-361.
(24) Kaylee Hitt, Cold Spring, Ky., def. (9) Melia Mitskavich, DuBois, Pa., 411-391.
(25) Emma Punter, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, def. (8) Keira Magsam, Gretna, Neb., 338-324.

(5) Alyssa Ballard, Fort Worth, Texas, def. (28) Emma Siekierski, Davison, Mich., 404-307.
(21) Aleesha Oden, Council Bluffs, Iowa, def. (12) Arianna Araujo, Palos Park, Ill., 415-359.
(20) Mia Stolakis, Worcester, Mass., def. (13) Juliana Kerrigan, Ashland, Va., 434-384.
(4) Annalise OBryant, Ball Ground, Ga., def. (29) Frances Davila, San Antonio, 383-356.

(3) Anna Maxwell, Westland, Mich., def. (30) Lani Breedlove, Montgomery, Ill., 414-378.
(14) Carly Zuklin, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, def. (19) Emma Yoder, Wooster, Ohio, 393-372.
(22) Karina Capron, Fremont, Neb., def. (11) Caitlin Radliff, Belleville, Ill., 417-306.

(27) Morgan LiCausi, Crest Hill, Ill., def. (6) Mei Yen-Lachapelle, Canada, 347-335.

(7) McKenzie Mattice, Racine, Wis., def. (26) Karleigh Lemond, Jasper, Ind., 424-392.
(23) Maia Struble, Anchorage, Alaska, def. (10) Kaitlyn Ruszczak, Arlington Heights, Ill., 402-378.
(18) Savannah Burgin, Grapevine, Texas, def. (15) Maribeth Baker, Sellersville, Pa., 339-323.
(2) Erin Klemencic, Powder Springs, Ga., def. (31) Jennifer Patz, Naples, Fla., 512-390.

ROUND 1 – ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated; finish tied for 25th).

(17) Teuber def. (1) Bohn, 406-360.
(13) Kerrigan def. (29) Davila, 425-365.
(8) Magsam def. (9) Mitskavich, 457-438.
(28) Siekierski def. (12) Araujo, 399-353.

(30) Breedlove def. (19) Yoder, 375-323.
(31) Patz def. (15) Baker, 410-392.
(6) Yen-Lachapelle def. (11) Radliff, 457-419.
(10) Ruszczak def. (26) Lemond, 442-355.

ROUND 2 – WINNERS BRACKET
(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

(32) Brunner def. (16) Kline, 400-387.
(25) Punter def. (24) Hitt, 414-374.
(21) Oden def. (5) Ballard, 478-431.
(20) Stolakis def. (4) OBryant, 463-455.

(14) Zuklin def. (3) Maxwell, 418-349.
(22) Capron def. (27) LiCausi, 373-331.
(23) Struble def. (7) Mattice, 386-272.
(2) Klemencic def. (18) Burgin, 458-350.

ROUND 2 – ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 17th, earn $300).

(27) LiCausi def. (17) Teuber, 362-325.
(3) Maxwell def. (13) Kerrigan, 423-315.
(8) Magsam def. (7) Mattice, 425-364.
(18) Burgin def. (28) Siekierski, 421-367.

(24) Hitt def. (30) Breedlove, 349(9)-349(8).
(16) Kline def. (31) Patz, 368-367.
(5) Ballard def. (6) Yen-Lachapelle, 376-316.

(10) Ruszczak def. (4) OBryant, 410-324.

ROUND 3 – WINNERS BRACKET
(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

(32) Brunner def. (25) Punter, 427-419.
(21) Oden def. (20) Stolakis, 407-396.
(22) Capron def. (14) Zuklin, 432-393.
(23) Struble def. (2) Klemencic, 468-453.

ROUND 3 – ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 13th, earn $350).

(27) LiCausi def. (3) Maxwell, 369-358.
(8) Magsam def. (18) Burgin, 468-396.
(16) Kline def. (24) Hitt, 401-347.
(5) Ballard def. (10) Ruszczak, 465(10)-465(9).

ROUND 4 – ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 9th, earn $400).

(20) Stolakis def. (27) LiCausi, 356-348.
(8) Magsam def. (25) Punter, 496-328.
(2) Klemencic def. (16) Kline, 393-359.
(14) Zuklin def. (5) Ballard, 407-338.

May 27, 2025

2025 SUPER SENIOR CLASSIC, USBC SENIOR MASTERS SET TO GET UNDERWAY IN LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS – Sam's Town Bowling Center once again will play host to the top senior and super senior competitors for a pair of sold-out events, the 2025 editions of the Super Senior Classic and United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters.

The Super Senior Classic will kick off 12 straight days of competition at the 56-lane center, starting Wednesday with the official practice sessions and running through June 1. The USBC Senior Masters will follow, taking over Sam's Town from June 2-8.

Both events have been held at Sam's Town since 2016, with the Super Senior Classic featuring the top competitors age 60 and older. The field at the Senior Masters will include bowlers age 50 and older.

BowlTV.com will livestream both events from start to finish in Las Vegas.

The 208-player field at the 2025 Super Senior Classic will bowl two six-game rounds of qualifying over Thursday and Friday to determine the top 52 competitors after 12 games for Saturday's cashers' round.

Each squad will bowl six games on the fresh lane pattern and six games on the burn during qualifying.

The advancers to Saturday's round will bowl another six-game block with total pinfall for 18 games helping place the top 12 into one of two match-play groups.

Group 1 will feature the qualifiers who placed as an odd seed (1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11) while Group 2 will consist of the even seeds (2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12).

Each participant in match play will bowl six head-to-head games in their group, including a final position round. Each victory will be worth 30 bonus pins.

At the end of match play, the top finisher in each group – based on 24-game totals including bonus pins – will earn a spot in Sunday's main stepladder finals. The player with the top pinfall total will be the No. 1 seed for the main stepladder while the other group leader will be the No. 2 seed.

The second-, third- and fourth-place finisher in each group will have the opportunity to work their way into the main stepladder through a group stepladder Sunday morning at Sam's Town.

The bowlers in the third and fourth position in each respective group will face each other in a single-game match with the winner advancing to take on the competitor in the second position. The winners of the final match in the group stepladder advance to Sunday's main stepladder and will face each other in the opening match, starting at 2 p.m. Eastern.

The winner of the 2025 Super Senior Classic will take home a $7,500 top prize while the runner-up collects $6,000.

Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, New York, took home the title at the 2024 Super Senior Classic and is one of four past champions in the field this week.

Professional Bowlers Association and USBC Hall of Famers Ron Mohr (2017 and 2022 champion) of Las Vegas and Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli (2021) will join 2023 champ John Marsala of St. Louis at this year's tournament.

Last year, Jurek earned the top seed for the stepladder finals and then began the title match with 11 strikes in a row en route to a 299-220 victory over Chris Warren of Plano, Texas.

The win gave Jurek his fifth PBA Tour victory overall (one PBA60, two PBA50 and two PBA Tour) and his first since 2015.

The Senior Masters will be the fifth event of the 2025 PBA50 Tour season and second major championship of the year.

Qualifying at the 2025 event will take place over three days (June 3-5) with 312 players looking to join defending champion Jon Rakoski of Estero, Florida, in the tournament's double-elimination bracket.

The qualifying portion of the tournament will feature three five-game blocks for a 15-game total to determine the advancers to bracket play. Competitors will bowl on a different phase of the tournament's oil pattern each day with blocks being contested on the fresh, burn and double-burn.

At the end of 15 games, the top 63 bowlers will be seeded into the bracket with Rakoski to start the long journey toward the stepladder finals.

As the defending champion, Rakoski is guaranteed a spot in the bracket and can improve his seeding through qualifying. If he falls out of the top 63 at the end of qualifying, he'll be seeded in the 64th position.

The bracket matches will be three-game contests with total pinfall determining the winner in each round. The players who remain undefeated and work their way to the finals of the bracket June 6-7 will be guaranteed a spot in the five-player stepladder finals June 8.

The final match in the winners bracket will determine the top seed for the stepladder and give that bowler the advantage of having to be bested twice in the championship round in the true double-elimination format. The bowler that falls in the finals of the winners bracket will be the No. 2 seed for the stepladder.

The final slots for the stepladder will come from the elimination bracket, which will culminate with the final four bowlers competing for three spots in a final three-game match.

The player with the top score for three games will earn the No. 3 seed, while the second- and third-highest totals will face off in the opening match as the No. 4 and No. 5 seeds, respectively. The lowest score from the final round will be eliminated and finish in sixth place.

The stepladder finals for the 2025 Senior Masters will kick off June 8 at 1 p.m. Eastern on BowlTV, and the winner will collect $20,000 for the victory. The runner-up will earn $12,000.

Including Rakoski, eight previous champions at the Senior Masters are scheduled to compete at the 2025 event.

PBA and USBC Hall of Famers Monacelli (2015 and 2019), Pete Weber (2013 and 2016) of St. Ann, Missouri, and Walter Ray Williams Jr. (2014 and 2017) of Oxford, Florida, each will be searching for a record third title at the event.

PBA Hall of Famer Tom Hess (2021) of Granger, Iowa, Dino Castillo (2022) of Highland Village, Texas, Warren (2018) and John Janawicz (2023) of Winter Haven, Florida, will each be looking for their second victory at the Senior Masters.

Rakoski was dominant from start to finish en route to capturing the 2024 Senior Masters title.

The talented right-hander led the 311-player field during qualifying, went undefeated in bracket play and then fired a 278 during the title match to top Mike Bailey of Carrolton, Texas, 278-200, to record his second career title and first major.

Rakoski's PBA50 title count now sits at three, however, as he won the season-opening PBA50 Fort Myers Classic on May 7.

June 1, 2025

JAMES CAMPBELL EARNS FIRST SENIOR WIN AT 2025 USBC SUPER SENIOR CLASSIC

LAS VEGAS – James Campbell of Loudon, Tennessee, won three matches in the stepladder finals to take home the title in the **2025 United States Bowling Congress Super Senior Classic** Sunday at Sam's Town Bowling Center.

Campbell, a 61-year-old right-hander, was seeded fourth for the stepladder and defeated No. 1 seed Pete Weber, 201-193, in the final match of the event featuring players 60 and older. His win over the USBC and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer gave Campbell his first senior title and the first-place check worth $8,000.

Campbell, whose highest finish as a senior was second place in the 2022 PBA50 Cup in Westland, Michigan, was emotional when talking about what this PBA60 title means to him.

"It just feels good to finally win because these guys out here are really good," Campbell said after a slight pause to compose himself. "It means a lot. I didn't get to bowl on tour when I was younger because I had a job and a family. I bowled regionals, but that was about it. I was able to retire at 58 and come out here. But I didn't know if this day would ever happen. I've been pushing and pushing, and it finally did."

The title match was close through the first half of the match, with Weber holding a three-pin lead after five frames. With both players clean through six frames and Weber working on a double, the seventh frame would prove to be a momentum changer.

Campbell left the 3-6-7-10 split, but was able to convert it for a crucial spare. Weber left a 10 pin his seventh frame, and uncharacteristically missed it for an open frame.

Campbell threw strikes in his eighth and ninth frames and then sat as Weber got up to bowl his ninth and 10th frames needing three consecutive strikes and at least seven pins on his fill ball to seal the win. Weber struck in the ninth, but left the 4-10 split in the 10th, which he was unable to convert.

That left Campbell needing a mark in his 10th frame to claim the championship. He left the 10 pin on his first shot in the 10th and calmly converted it, then got nine on his final shot to wrap up the win.

“I wasn’t watching Pete when he missed the 10 pin, but I heard the crowd react,” Campbell said. “You just never would expect that. Pete is so good; I just never see him miss single-pin spares. That opened the door, and I just tried to take advantage.”

Campbell’s road to the title actually started prior to the stepladder finals as he had to survive the Group B stepladder finals earlier on Sunday morning. Campbell defeated Venezuela’s Amleto Monacelli in the first match of the Group B stepladder, 214-197, then took out Mexico’s Carlos Denot, 222-180. That win made him the No. 4 seed for the main stepladder finals.

“I was more nervous in the group stepladder because last year I made it to that point as well, but lost my first match,” Campbell said. “When I got to the main stepladder, I had a little bit of nerves, but I didn’t have the butterflies I had in the previous matches for whatever reason. I was able to get on the approach and just stayed calm and made good shots.”

Campbell certainly did make good shots in the first two matches of the stepladder.

In Match 1, against USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III, Campbell finished with strikes on seven of his last eight shots for a 248-224 win. Bohn, who was after his first PBA60 win to go with his 35 PBA Tour titles and 11 PBA50 titles, was undone by open frames in the eighth and ninth frames when he was unable to convert the 4-6-10 split and a 3-5-9 leave respectively.

Bohn reached the main stepladder by winning the Group A stepladder with wins over Finland's Timo Raatikainen (230-209) and two-time Super Senior Classic winner Ron Mohr of Las Vegas (279-215).

After defeating Bohn, Campbell was nearly perfect in his semifinal match against No. 2 seed John Burkett. He started with the first nine strikes before leaving a 3 pin on his first shot in the 10th on his way to a 279-214 win.

Weber, 62, of St. Ann, Missouri, earned $6,550 for second place. Burkett, 60, a former Major League Baseball All-Star pitcher and one-time champion on the PBA50 Tour from Fort Worth, Texas, collected $5,250 for third and Bohn, 61, of Jackson, New Jersey, got $4,000 for fourth.

Campbell, who owns a USBC Eagle in Team All Events at the 2004 USBC Open Championships in Reno, Nevada, and is assistant coach of the men's bowling team at Tennessee Wesleyan, had to overcome some adversity to earn his first senior win.

"I'm coming back from surgery on my right knee in February," Campbell said. "Normally I would start practicing for the start of the (senior) tour a couple months prior, but I wasn't able to do that this year because of the surgery, so I totally wasn't expecting this. Especially after Day 1 when I was minus 14 (tied for 118th place)."

Campbell gave credit to his wife Karla for keeping him focused on the right things during the stepladder finals.

"My wife was here all week, but she had to fly home before today's finals to take care of some things," Campbell said. "I called her after the group stepladder finals, which she had been watching on BowlTV, and she gave me a tip that really helped me. She said, 'Make sure you stay behind the ball. When you stay behind the ball, you keep it on line.' And she was right, because it was pretty obvious when I didn't stay behind it, it would go off line. So, that really helped me."

The 2025 Super Senior Classic, which was livestreamed from start to finish by **BowlTV**, started with 208 players bowling 12 games of qualifying over Thursday and Friday to determine the top 52 competitors for Saturday's cashers' round.

The advancers bowled six more games, with 18-game totals determining the 12 players for match play.

The match-play finalists were placed into one of two match-play groups. Group A consisted of the qualifiers who placed as an odd seed after the cashers' round (1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11), while Group B featured the even seeds (2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12).

Each competitor in match play bowled six head-to-head games, including a final position round, and 24-game totals – including 30 bonus pins for each victory – determined the top two seeds for the main stepladder finals.

Weber earned the top seed in the main stepladder finals by winning Group B with a 5,712 total, while Burkett claimed the No. 2 seed by taking the top spot in Group A with 5,627.

The second-, third- and fourth-place finisher in each match-play group still were in contention to advance to the main stepladder through a group stepladder that took place Sunday prior to the main stepladder at Sam's Town.

With the conclusion of the Super Senior Classic, the top bowlers age 50 and older will take to the lanes at Sam's Town for the USBC Senior Masters.

The Senior Masters is the second major championship on the 2025 PBA50 Tour schedule and will be held from June 2-8 with livestream coverage provided by BowlTV.

For more information on the Super Senior Classic, visit **BOWL.com/SuperSenior**.

To learn more about the USBC Senior Masters, head to **BOWL.com/SeniorMasters**.

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Sunday's Results

Final standings
1, James Campbell, Loudon, Tenn., 728 (three games), $8,000
2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 193 (one game), $6,550.
3, John Burkett, Fort Worth, Texas, 214 (one game), $5,250.
4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 224 (one game), $4,000.

Stepladder results
Match No. 1: Campbell def. Bohn, 248-224.
Semifinal: Campbell def. Burkett, 279-214.
Final: Campbell def. Weber, 201-193.

Group A Stepladder
Semifinal: Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., def. Timo Raatikainen, Finland, 230-209 (Raatikainen finishes tied for seventh, earns $2,500).
Final: Bohn def. Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 279-215 (Mohr finishes tied for fifth, earns $3,000).

Group B Stepladder
Semifinal: James Campbell, Loudon, Tenn., def. Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 214-197 (Monacelli finishes tied for seventh, earns $2,500).
Final: Campbell def. Carlos Denot, Mexico, 222-180 (Denot finishes tied for fifth, earns $3,000).

June 4, 2025
BOHN BREAKS 10-GAME SCORING RECORD,
MAINTAINS OVERALL LEAD AT 2025 USBC SENIOR MASTERS

LAS VEGAS – Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey, averaged 254 during Tuesday's opening round of qualifying at the 2025 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters, which is being contested at Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

Not surprisingly, that allowed the USBC and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer to finish opening day in first place in the 310-player field at this year's tournament.

The question heading into Wednesday's second five-game qualifying block was what would the 61-year-old left-hander do for an encore?

Bohn answered that question in resounding fashion when C Squad hit the lanes Wednesday afternoon, recording games of 246, 208, 279, 246 and 275 on the 38-foot oil pattern being used at this year's tournament.

That allowed the PBA legend to follow up Tuesday's 1,285 effort with a 1,254 mark on Wednesday to push his two-day, 10-game total 2,539 (a 253.9 average), which broke the 10-game Senior Masters scoring record by 96 pins.

Brian Dennis of Demorest, Georgia, who ended Round 2 tied for 10th place with 2,335, held the previous mark of 2,443, which he set during the 2024 Senior Masters at Sam's Town.

Joining Bohn in the overall top five through two rounds of qualifying were 2023 Senior Masters champion John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida (2,434); Tom Adcock of Forsyth, Illinois (2,413); Andrew Rettig of Hamburg, New York (2,408); and Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida (2,396).

Jon Rakoski of Estero, Florida, the defending Senior Masters champion, sits in a tie for 105th place at 2,144. He will attempt to improve his position during Thursday's final five-game qualifying block, but even if he finishes outside of the top 63, he will still be seeded into the tournament's match-play bracket as the No. 64 seed.

Currently, the last men inside the cut number are Sheldon Frye of McDonough, Georgia, and Skip Pavone of San Jose, California, who are tied for 62nd place with matching 10-game totals of 2,199 (a 219.9 average).

While Frye and Pavone are among several bowlers hoping to drop no lower than spot No. 63, Bohn's name sits atop the short list of candidates who will vie for the No. 1 seed.

After Wednesday's round, Bohn was a bit taken aback upon learning that he'd just added the 10-game scoring record to his list of Senior Masters accolades. Perhaps he shouldn't have been, however, as he also holds the event's top two 15-game marks – (3,717 in 2017 and 3,712 in 2016).

But while Bohn didn't hit the lanes at Sam's Town on Wednesday with a scoring record in mind, he certainly wasn't looking to coast either.

"I honestly didn't even have my sights set on that mark. I'm just trying to go out there and do what I can do to knock over as many pins as possible," Bohn said. "On the other hand, I'm never one who's going to lay low and just try to shoot 180. I'm always trying to get everything that I can."

Nevertheless, with a spot in match play all but guaranteed at this point, Bohn intends to use Thursday's final qualifying block for a bit of experimentation.

"I think that tomorrow I'm going to try one or two other bowling balls to try to get more of a feel for the lanes themselves," Bohn said. "It's always good to try things that you can learn from that can help you moving forward.

"Still, we all know that the real tournament starts when match play starts. I've been in the finals enough times in the Masters, whether it's the Senior Masters or the regular one, to know that you just have to go out there and bowl your opponent. I'm just going to try to learn some things tomorrow that will allow me to make a move fast enough if I need it. Hopefully, that will allow me to see the lane so that I can become victorious."

Bohn always wants to win; nevertheless, his son Brandon gave him a bit of extra motivation via text Wednesday afternoon when he reminded his father that he would need to reach the winner's circle at this year's Senior Masters in order to square up the family's all-time Masters title count – Brandon Bohn picked up his second USBC U22 Masters title in Allen Park, Michigan, on May 26.

Even though the elder Bohn chuckled when discussing the text, he admitted that his children's success does, in fact, fuel him – in addition to Brandon, Bohn's son Justin and daughter Sydney also are highly accomplished bowlers who compete for top collegiate programs and have represented Junior Team USA.

"My kids just continue to keep raising the bar, and that makes me want to go out there and do better today than I did yesterday," Bohn said. "I don't know how much better I can keep doing than what I've done over the last two blocks, but I hope that I can continue forward from here."

All Senior Masters competitors will bowl one more five-game qualifying block on Thursday. Then, the top 63 will join Rakoski in the tournament's double-elimination bracket.

Bracket matches will be contested in a three-game total-pinfall format until the field is cut to the top five for the stepladder finals, which will be contested on Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern and be streamed live on BowlTV.

Since the stepladder will be broadcast on BowlTV, the top seed will have to be defeated twice in the tournament's true double-elimination format. The winner of the 2025 USBC Senior Masters will take home a major championship on the PBA50 schedule and the first-place prize of $20,000.

For scores and information about the 2025 USBC Senior Masters, visit BOWL.com/SeniorMasters.

2025 USBC SENIOR MASTERS
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Wednesday's Results
QUALIFYING - ROUND 2
(10 games)

TOP 100

1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,539. 2, John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 2,434. 3, Tom Adcock, Forsyth, Ill., 2,413. 4, Andrew Rettig, Hamburg, N.Y., 2,408. 5, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,396. 6, Andy Neuer, Milton, Pa., 2,390.

7, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,386. 8, Mika Koivuniemi, Traverse City, Mich., 2,384. 9, Patrick Shipley, Indianapolis, Ind., 2,371. 10, (TIE) Chris Martinez, Ft. Collins, Colo., and Brian Dennis, Demorest, Ga., 2,335. 12, (TIE) Anthony Crews, Sebring, Fla., and Trent Marner, Kokomo, Ind., 2,331.

14, Jodey Rees, Renton, Wash., 2,326. 15, Robert Lawrence, Del Valle, Texas, 2,322. 16, Don Hogue, Akron, Ohio, 2,318. 17, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 2,315. 18, George Aboud, San Jose, Calif., 2,313.

19, Mario Quintero, Mexico, 2,307. 20, Andres Gomez, Davie, Fla., 2,296. 21, Michael Haugen Jr, Lake Forest, Calif., 2,295. 22, Bill Watson, Maineville, Ohio, 2,293. 23, Steve Kloempken, Pleasant View, Utah, 2,290. 24, Tim Elsass, Ellington, Conn., 2,286.

25, Don Smith, Fontana, Calif., 2,279. 26, Brian Waugh, Phoenix, Ariz., 2,278. 27, (TIE) Anthony Franklin, Frisco, Texas, and Charles Moore, Paris, Texas, 2,277. 29, Craig Auerbach, Ft Walton Beach, Fla., 2,275. 30, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 2,269.

31, Steve Gagnon, Canada, 2,268. 32, (TIE) Paul Enright, Henderson, Nev., and Timo Raatikainen, Finland, and Steven Sherman, Enoch, Utah, 2,267. 35, David Show, Smock, Pa., 2,263. 36, Jeff Piroozshad, Plantation, Fla., 2,262.

37, Butch Cormier, Lafayette, La., 2,255. 38, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 2,254. 39, James Campbell, Loudon, Tenn., 2,250. 40, John Verbich, Griffith, Ind., 2,249. 41, Brian Ziesig, W. Hempstead, N.Y., 2,244. 42, (TIE) Clint Dacy, Blanchard, Okla., and Cedrick Bell, Gilbert, Ariz., 2,240.

44, Walter Ray Williams Jr, Oxford, Fla., 2,239. 45, Joe Ciach, Canada, 2,237. 46, Robert Smith, Oxnard, Calif., 2,232. 47, John Congro, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,229. 48, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 2,228.

49, Steve Smith, San Diego, Calif., 2,226. 50, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 2,220. 51, (TIE) Gordon Kaufman, Grand Blanc, Mich., and Dan Higgins, Lewis Center, Ohio, 2,219. 53, Brian Schamber, Ruidoso, N.M., 2,218. 54, Chad Nelson, Owatonna, Minn., 2,217.

55, (TIE) Leonard Ruiz, Cypress, Calif., and Michael Haggitt, Springfield, Ohio, 2,213. 57, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 2,207. 58, Bill Rowe, Hamilton, , 2,205. 59, Keith Glasgow, St Petersburg, Fla., 2,203. 60, David Rowlett, Henderson, Nev., 2,201.

61, Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., 2,200. 62, (TIE) Sheldon Frye, Mcdonough, Ga., and Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 2,199. 64, Bruce Hall, Southborough, Mass., 2,197. 65, Joe Petrovich, Tracy, Calif., 2,194. 66, (TIE) Eric Collier, Bixby, Okla., and Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,192.

68, Erik Hohlbein, Auburn, Wash., 2,190. 69, (TIE) Dan Knowlton, Dade City, Fla., and Robert Backus, Milton, , 2,188. 71, Sean Mason, Mitchell, S.D., 2,185. 72, Terry Taylor, Bedford, Texas, 2,184.

73, Bryan Pogor, Round Rock, Texas, 2,181. 74, Keith Dommer, Tucson, Ariz., 2,180. 75, (TIE) Timothy Myers, Milwaukie, Ore., and Peter Ferraro Jr, Deltona, Fla., and Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 2,179. 78, Mike Bailey, Allen, Texas, 2,177.

79, (TIE) Scott Halvarson, Bonney Lake, Wash., and Scott Santos, The Villages, Fla., 2,175. 81, (TIE) Clay Rees, Lehi, Utah, and Dave Paffumi, Crossville, Ala., 2,174. 83, Pete Dohan Jr., Tampa, Fla., 2,173. 84, Curt Guinn, Hodges, S.C., 2,172.

85, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 2,171. 86, Brian Link, Bowie, Md., 2,170. 87, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2,168. 88, Greg Thomas, Newport, Wash., 2,164. 89, Kevin Rothove, Camdenton, Mo., 2,160. 90, (TIE) Robert Newman, Pacifica, Calif., and Kevin Moloney, Fort Collins, Colo., 2,159.

92, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 2,157. 93, (TIE) Jerry Rich, Painesville, Ohio, and Dave Cirigliano, Cave Creek, Ariz., 2,156. 95, (TIE) Tony Johnson, Auburndale, Fla., and Hank Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, and Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, and David Bowers, Knoxville, Tenn., 2,155.

99, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 2,154. 100, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 2,153.

June 5, 2025

BOHN BREAKS OWN RECORD, LEADS FIELD INTO MATCH PLAY AT 2025 USBC SENIOR MASTERS

LAS VEGAS – Qualifying came to an end at Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas on Thursday, and now a 2025 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters field that started with 310 athletes is down to just the top 64.

Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey, a USBC and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer, earned the No. 1 seed for match play after finishing atop the overall standings for the third day in a row.

The 61-year-old left-hander put up games of 256, 237, 214, 279 and 200 on the 38-foot Senior Masters oil pattern on Thursday. That gave Bohn a score of 1,186 for the day, which pushed his three-day, 15-game qualifying total to 3,725 (a 248.33 average) and set a new tournament record.

Bohn now owns the Senior Masters' top three all-time qualifying marks for 15 games – 3,725 (2025); 3,717 (2017); and 3,712 (2016) – to go along with the 10-game qualifying record he set on Wednesday (2,539).

Also qualifying in the top five were Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida (3,659); Tom Adcock of Forsyth, Illinois (3,626); 2023 Senior Masters champion John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida (3,624); and 2000 USBC Masters champ Mika Koivuniemi of Traverse City, Michigan (3,565), who, like Bohn, is enshrined in both the USBC and PBA Halls of Fame.

Brian Waugh of Phoenix didn't finish inside the top five; however, he did finish off a 300 game, which he rolled during Game 2 of A Squad's final block on Thursday afternoon. The perfect game helped propel Waugh to 10th place in the final qualifying standings with 3,481.

John Marsala of St. Louis also achieved perfection during Round 3. He did so by throwing 12 in row during Game 3 of B Squad qualifying Thursday night; unfortunately, it wasn't enough to push the 2023 USBC Super Senior Classic champion through to match play as he finished tied for 125th place, causing him to miss the cut.

The last three bowlers to make match play were Dave Paffumi of Crossville, Alabama (3,285); Jodey Rees of Renton, Washington (3,277); and reigning Senior Masters champ Jon Rakoski of Estero, Florida (3,163).

Rees earned his spot in exciting fashion, defeating Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pennsylvania, 217-183, in a one-game roll-off after the pair tied for 63rd place.

Rakoski landed outside the cut line in a tie for 137th place; however, as defending champion, he was guaranteed a spot in the tournament's match-play bracket and is now seeded No. 64. As such, he will face Bohn in the opening round of match play at Sam's Town on Friday.

Despite enjoying unprecedented success during the first three days of this year's tournament, Bohn has more than enough Masters and Senior Masters experience to know that it will all be for naught if he isn't able to avoid the pitfalls of the event's treacherous double-elimination bracket.

"It feels really cool to have set the records this year and to have the top three qualifying scores in tournament history because it puts you at the top of the

leaderboard, but let's face facts; after tonight, basically, 64 guys are even," Bohn said. "I know that, and everybody else knows that too."

But Bohn also knows how to survive and advance.

The PBA legend has five top five USBC Masters finishes on his resume, including a title in 2001 and runner-up performances in 1998 and 1999.

As the aforementioned scoring records indicate, Bohn has had more than his fair share of success during Senior Masters competition as well; however, he has yet to reach the winner's circle.

Even though two days of competition and several rounds of potential matches stand between him and the opportunity to change that fact, Bohn believes that he has the potential to make another deep run this year.

"Knowing what I have and seeing the lanes the way that I am, if I can get an opportunity to see the lanes like that during the rest of the event, I don't care who I'm bowling; they'll have their hands full," Bohn said. "That doesn't mean that I can't lose because anybody can lose and anybody can win, especially in this format. But at the end of the day, I'm definitely feeling confident going in."

Four rounds of matches will be conducted at Sam's Town on Friday – two in the Winners Bracket and two in the Elimination Bracket – with action kicking off at noon Eastern.

Competition will resume on Saturday at noon Eastern with three-game total-pinfall bracket matches continuing until the field is cut to the top five for the stepladder finals, which will start Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern and be streamed live on BowlTV.

Since the stepladder will be broadcast on BowlTV, the top seed will have to be defeated twice in the tournament's true double-elimination format. The winner of the 2025 USBC Senior Masters will take home a major championship on the PBA50 schedule and the first-place prize of $20,000.

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2025 USBC SENIOR MASTERS
At Sam's Town Bowling Center
Las Vegas

Thursday's Results
QUALIFYING - ROUND 3
(15 games)

TOP 100

1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,725. 2, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,659. 3, Tom Adcock, Forsyth, Ill., 3,626. 4, John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 3,624. 5, Mika Koivuniemi, Traverse City, Mich., 3,565. 6, George Aboud, San Jose, Calif., 3,532.

7, Andrew Rettig, Hamburg, N.Y., 3,510. 8, Robert Lawrence, Del Valle, Texas, 3,508. 9, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,503. 10, Brian Waugh, Phoenix, Ariz., 3,481. 11, Andy Neuer, Milton, Pa., 3,478. 12, Steve Kloempken, Pleasant View, Utah, 3,474.

13, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3,469. 14, (TIE) Timo Raatikainen, Finland, and Don Smith, Fontana, Calif., 3,465. 16, Anthony Crews, Sebring, Fla., 3,438. 17, Mario Quintero, Mexico, 3,428. 18, Jeff Piroozshad, Plantation, Fla., 3,427.

19, Trent Marner, Kokomo, Ind., 3,426. 20, Steve Smith, San Diego, Calif., 3,412. 21, (TIE) Bill Rowe, Hamilton, , and Michael Haugen Jr, Lake Forest, Calif., 3,409. 23, Dan Knowlton, Dade City, Fla., 3,398. 24, James Campbell, Loudon, Tenn., 3,397.

25, Chris Martinez, Ft. Collins, Colo., 3,393. 26, Steve Gagnon, Canada, 3,390. 27, (TIE) Craig Auerbach, Ft Walton Beach, Fla., and Don Hogue, Akron, Ohio, 3,387. 29, (TIE) Mark Clark, Charlotte, N.C., and Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 3,385.

31, Andres Gomez, Davie, Fla., 3,384. 32, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,383. 33, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 3,381. 34, John Verbich, Griffith, Ind., 3,380. 35, (TIE) Brian Ziesig, W. Hempstead, N.Y., and Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,378.

37, (TIE) Chad Nelson, Owatonna, Minn., and Brian Dennis, Demorest, Ga., 3,375. 39, Patrick Shipley, Indianapolis, Ind., 3,374. 40, Michael Haggitt, Springfield, Ohio, 3,371. 41, (TIE) Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., and Steven Sherman, Enoch, Utah, 3,366.

43, (TIE) Anthony Franklin, Frisco, Texas, and Tim Elsass, Ellington, Conn., 3,362. 45, Clay Rees, Lehi, Utah, 3,354. 46, Frank Guccione, Commerce City, Colo., 3,351. 47, Curtis Woods, Santa Rosa, Calif., 3,350. 48, Sheldon Frye, Mcdonough, Ga., 3,333.

49, David Show, Smock, Pa., 3,324. 50, Hank Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 3,322. 51, Michael Hartter, Henderson, Nev., 3,320. 52, John Burkett, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,318. 53, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 3,317. 54, Josh Hale, Billings, Mont., 3,316.

55, Brian Link, Bowie, Md., 3,312. 56, Cedrick Bell, Gilbert, Ariz., 3,303. 57, Mike Bailey, Allen, Texas, 3,302. 58, Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., 3,295. 59, Keith Dommer, Tucson, Ariz., 3,290. 60, Charles Moore, Paris, Texas, 3,288.

61, Butch Cormier, Lafayette, La., 3,286. 62, Dave Paffumi, Crossville, Ala., 3,285. 63, Jodey Rees, Renton, Wash., 3,277. 64, *Jon Rakoski, Estero, Fla., 3,163.

* As defending champion, Rakoski earned an automatic berth into the match-play field.

DID NOT ADVANCE

65, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,276, $1,130. 66, (TIE) Scott Halvarson, Bonney Lake, Wash., Peter Ferraro Jr, Deltona, Fla., and Brian Schamber, Ruidoso, N.M., 3,274, $1,110. 69, (TIE) Chris Hibbitts, Keller, Texas, and Bryan Pogor, Round Rock, Texas, 3,273, $1,085. 71, Bruce Hall, Southborough, Mass., 3,272, $1,070. 72,

(TIE) Robert Groth, Winchester, Calif., and Lennie Boresch, Kenosha, Wis., 3,271, $1,055.

74, Bill Watson, Maineville, Ohio, 3,261, $1,040. 75, (TIE) Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., and Joe Petrovich, Tracy, Calif., 3,259, $1,025. 77, (TIE) Sam Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., and Dan Higgins, Lewis Center, Ohio, and Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 3,258, $670.

80, John Congro, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,257. 81, (TIE) Ronald Simms, Chesterfield, Va., and Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 3,256. 83, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 3,248. 84, Clint Dacy, Blanchard, Okla., 3,247. 85, (TIE) Charles Richey Jr., Concord, N.C., and Chris Warren, Plano, Texas, 3,245. 87, (TIE) Robert Smith, Oxnard, Calif., and Walter Ray Williams Jr, Oxford, Fla., 3,244. 88, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 3,243. 90, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, Mich., 3,242. 91, Tony Johnson, Auburndale, Fla., 3,241.

92, (TIE) Michael Calvin, Warren, Mich., and Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, and Sean Mason, Mitchell, S.D., and Joe Ciach, Canada, 3,240. 97, Erik Hohlbein, Auburn, Wash., 3,238.

98, (TIE) Chris Forry, Fairfield, Conn., and Rudy Kasimakis, Pontotoc, Miss., 3,235. 100, Paul Enright, Henderson, Nev., 3,232.

June 6, 2025

SUPER SENIOR CLASSIC CHAMP CAMPBELL AMONG 16 STILL UNDEFEATED AFTER OPENING DAY OF MATCH PLAY AT 2025 USBC SENIOR MASTERS

LAS VEGAS – Less than a week ago, James Campbell of Loudon, Tennessee, captured the biggest win of his Professional Bowlers Association career when he walked away with the title at the 2025 United States Bowling Congress Super Senior Classic, which was contested at Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

On Friday, Campbell kept himself in contention to compete for another major championship by going 2-0 on the opening day of bracket match play at the 2025 USBC Senior Masters, which also is being contested at Sam's Town.

The 61-year-old right-hander was one of just 16 bowlers who went undefeated and remained in the tournament's Winners Bracket after the opening day of three game total-pinfall matches.

Campbell got there by picking up wins over Steven Sherman of Enoch, Utah (662-591), and USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela (736-718), who has two Senior Masters titles to his credit (2015 and 2019).

As the final score would indicate, the match against Monacelli came down to the wire with Campbell needing the first strike in the 10th frame of Game 3 to earn the victory.

Campbell hasn't faced those situations at national events nearly as often as his Hall of Fame opponent; therefore, when the pressure was on, he simply used the same approach that helped him reach the winner's circle at the Super Senior Classic last Sunday.

“All I said to myself was ‘take your time like you did on the Super Senior Classic show,’” Campbell said. “Jeff Johnson gave me a tip. He told me to remember that these games go by really quick, so you need to slow it down. I tried to do that by going through my process. All I wanted to do was take my time and give it a chance off my hand, and somehow it struck.”

Campbell’s ball has been striking a great deal during the last two weeks at Sam’s Town. Because of that, he now sits just three wins away from securing his second major championship stepladder finals appearance in seven days.

What makes that possibility even sweeter for Campbell is the fact that he hadn’t initially set his sights nearly that high.

“The goal every time I bowl the Masters is just to get to match play. If you do that, anything can happen,” Campbell said. “I’m kind of in awe because I haven’t been on this sort of run before. Right now, I don’t know what it is, but things are just going my way.”

Four of the tournament’s top 10 qualifiers also had things go their way on Friday and remained unbeaten. That list was headlined by No. 1 seed Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey.

The PBA and USBC Hall of Famer pushed his record to 2-0 by taking down defending champion Jon Rakoski of Estero, Florida (751-600), in the opening round and fellow PBA legend Pete Weber of St. Ann, Missouri (696-600), in Round 2.

No. 2 seed Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida, got through his first match with relative ease, dispatching Jodey Rees of Renton, Washington, by a final tally of 729-560.

Daugherty had to work a great deal harder during his 660-632 Round 2 win over Andres Gomez of Davie, Florida; nevertheless, the powerful two-handed righty, who is making his Senior Masters debut this year in Las Vegas, got the job done and remained unbeaten.

The final two top 10 seeds to go undefeated on Friday were No. 5 Mika Koivuniemi of Traverse City, Michigan, and No. 6 seed George Aboud of San Jose, California.

Koivuniemi, the 2000 USBC Masters Champ, stayed unbeaten thanks to wins over CK Moore of Paris, Texas (693-607), and Brian Dennis of Demorest, Georgia (709-571), while Aboud kept his record unblemished by defeating Keith Dommer of Tucson, Arizona (671-563), and Chad Nelson of Owatonna, Minnesota (718-667).

Going 2-0 allowed Koivuniemi, Aboud and the rest of the undefeated players got to pack it in early on Friday and watch as the remaining athletes in the match-play field attempted to stay alive in the tournament’s Elimination Bracket.

After the final balls had been thrown, 16 players had done just that, surviving and advancing to keep their Senior Masters title hopes alive for at least one more day.

Several prominent names can be found on that list, including 2023 Senior Masters champ John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida; 2011 USBC Masters winner Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa; and Monacelli.

Monacelli gave the spectators at Sam's Town a thrill on Friday evening when he shot 300 during his 753-583 Elimination Bracket win over Dommer.

Joining Monacelli with perfect games on Friday were Chris Martinez of Ft. Collins, Colorado, and Dan Knowlton of Dade City, Florida.

Senior Masters competition will resume on Saturday at noon Eastern with three-game total-pinfall bracket matches continuing until the field is cut to the top five for the stepladder finals, which will start Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern and be streamed live on BowlTV.

Since the stepladder will be broadcast on BowlTV, the top seed will have to be defeated twice in the tournament's true double-elimination format. The winner of the 2025 USBC Senior Masters will take home a major championship on the PBA50 schedule and the first-place prize of $20,000.

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Friday's Results
MATCH PLAY
Double elimination, three-game matches decided by total pinfall

ROUND 1
(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

(1) Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., def. (64) Jon Rakoski, Estero, Fla., 751-600
(32) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., def. (33) John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 737-602.
(17) Mario Quintero, Mexico, def. (48) Sheldon Frye, McDonough, Ga., 741-617.
(16) Anthony Crews, Sebring, Fla., def. (49) David Show, Smock, Pa., 708-635.

(9) Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, def. (56) Cedrick Bell, Gilbert, Ariz., 735-641.
(24) James Campbell, Loudon, Tenn., def. (41) Steven Sherman, Enoch, Utah, 662-591.
(40) Michael Haggitt, Springfield, Ohio, def. (25) Chris Martinez, Ft. Collins, Colo., 710-678.
(8) Robert Lawrence, Del Valle, Texas, def. (57) Mike Bailey, Allen Texas, 629-591.

(5) Mika Koivuniemi, Traverse City, Mich., def. (60) CK Moore, Paris, Texas, 693-607.
(37) Brian Dennis, Demorest, Ga., def. (25) Chris Martinez, Ft. Collins, Colo., 653-648.
(44) Anthony Franklin, Frisco, Texas, def. (21) Bill Rowe, Canada, 662-617.
(53) Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., def. (12) Steve Kloempken, Pleasant View, Utah, 665-663.

(13) Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., def. (52) John Burkett, Fort Worth, Texas, 785-601.
(45) Clay Rees, Lehi, Utah, def. (20) Steve Smith, San Diego, 641-620.
(29) Mark Clark, Charlotte, N.C., def. (36) Brian Ziesig, West Hempstead, N.Y., 696-595.
(61) Butch Cormier, Lafayette, La., def. (4) John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 643-641.

(62) Dave Paffumi, Crossville, Ala., def. (3) Tom Adcock, Forsyth, Ill., 770-750.
(30) Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, def. (35) Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 660-567.
(46) Frank Guccione, Commerce City, Colo., def. (19) Trent Marner, Kokomo, Ind., 671-662.
(51) Michael Hartter, Henderson, Nev., def. (14) Timo Raatikainen, Finland, 677-559.

(11) Andy Neuer, Milton, Pa., def. (54) Josh Hale, Billings, Mont., 762-652.
(22) Michael Haugen Jr., Lake Forest, Calif., def. (43) Tim Elsass, Ellington, Conn., 709-682.
(38) Chad Nelson, Owatonna, Minn., def. (27) Don Hogue, Akron, Ohio, 591-523.
(6) George Aboud, San Jose, Calif., def. (59) Keith Dommer, Tucson, Ariz., 671-563.

(7) Andrew Rettig, Hamburg, N.Y., def. (58) Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., 699-570.
(39) Patrick Shipley, Indianapolis, def. (26) Steve Gagnon, Canada, 583-547.
(42) Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., def. (23) Dan Knowlton, Dade City, Fla., 737-701.
(55) Brian Link, Bowie, Md., def. (10) Brian Waugh, Phoenix, 650-590.

(15) Don Smith, Fontana, Calif., def. (50) Hank Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 751-684.
(18) Jeff Piroozshad, Plantation, Fla., def. (47) Curtis Woods, Santa Rosa, Calif., 718-653.
(31) Andres Gomez, Davie, Fla., def. (34) John Verbich, Griffith, Ind., 674-613.
(2) Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., def. (63) Jodey Rees, Renton, Wash., 729-560.

ROUND 2 - WINNERS BRACKET
(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

(1) Bohn def. (32) Weber, 696-600.
(16) Crews def. (17) Quintero, 648-628.
(24) Campbell def. (9) Monacelli, 736-718.
(40) Haggitt def. (8) Lawrence, 640-626.

(5) Koivuniemi def. (37) Dennis, 709-571.
(44) Franklin def. (53) Beasley, 710-653.
(13) Schissler def. (45) C. Rees, 681-634.
(61) Cormier def. (29) Clark, 704-673.

(62) Paffumi def. (30) Hess, 713-697.
(51) Hartter def. (46) Guccione, 679-676.
(11) Neuer def. (22) Haugen, 776-665.
(6) Aboud def. (38) Nelson, 718-667.

(39) Shipley def. (7) Rettig, 698-692.

(55) Link def. (42) Goergen, 677-622.
(15) Smith def. (18) Piroozshad, 737-704.
(2) Daugherty def. (31) Gomez, 660-632.

ROUND 1 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 49th, earn $1,350)

(64) Rakoski def. (33) Austin, 792-578.
(25) Martinez def. (57) Bailey, 609-607.
(48) Frye def. (49) Show, 617-555.
(41) Sherman def. (56) Bell, 677-620.

(28) Auerbach def. (60) Moore, 656-628.
(4) Janawicz def. (36) Ziesig, 742-644.
(12) Kloempken def. (21) Rowe, 681-633.
(52) Burkett def. (20) Smith, 704-688.

(3) Adcock def. (35) Keane, 651-615.
(59) Dommer def. (27) Hogue, 655-551.
(19) Marner def. (14) Raatikainen, 697-648.
(54) Hale def. (43) Elsass, 693-573.

(26) Gagnon def. (58) Deh, 643-544.
(63) J. Rees def. (34) Verbich, 612-597.
(23) Knowlton def. (10) Waugh, 772-631.
(47) Woods def. (50) Boomershine, 690-619.

ROUND 2 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 33rd, earn $1,500)

(46) Guccione def. (64) Rakoski, 671-665.
(25) Martinez def. (22) Haugen, 681-593.
(30) Hess def. (48) Frye, 701-628.
(38) Nelson def. (41) Sherman, 571-561.

(28) Auerbach def. (42) Goergen, 660-607.
(4) Janawicz def. (18) Piroozshad, 753-596.
(12) Kloempken def. (7) Rettig, 692-660.
(31) Gomez def. (52) Burkett, 717-652.

(3) Adcock def. (17) Quintero, 708-590.
(9) Monacelli def. (59) Dommer, 753-583.
(19) Marner def. (32) Weber, 709-687.
(54) Hale def. (8) Lawrence, 652-602.

(53) Beasley def. (26) Gagnon, 658-636.
(45) C. Rees def. (63) J. Rees, 694-605.

(37) Dennis def. (23) Knowlton, 725-677.
(47) Woods def. (29) Clark, 647-635.

June 7, 2025

DAUGHERTY EARNS TOP SEED; STEPLADDER FINALS SET AT 2025 USBC SENIOR MASTERS IN LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS – The 2025 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters began on Tuesday with a field of 310 athletes. At the conclusion of Saturday's final rounds of bracket match play at Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas, just five bowlers remain.

The lone undefeated player left in this year's field is Senior Masters rookie Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida. The 50-year-old right-hander earned the No. 1 seed for Sunday's stepladder finals after posting a perfect 6-0 record during two days of three-game total-pinfall matches.

As the top seed, Daugherty will have to be defeated twice on Sunday in order to be denied the title in the tournament's true double-elimination format. The stepladder finals will begin at 1 p.m. Eastern and be streamed live on BowlTV.

Attempting to keep Daugherty out of the winner's circle will be No. 2 seed Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey, No. 3 Anthony Franklin of Frisco, Texas, and Mika Koivuniemi of Traverse City, Michigan, and James Campbell of Loudon, Tennessee, who will enter the stepladder finals as seeds No. 4 and No. 5, respectively.

The winner of the 2025 USBC Senior Masters will take home a major championship on the PBA50 Tour and the first-place prize of $20,000.

Daugherty began his run to the top seed by collecting a pair of victories on Friday. The four-time PBA titlist and major champion then proceeded to pick up right where he left off when competition resumed at Sam's Town on Saturday morning, winning four additional matches.

The day began with Daugherty – who entered match play as the No. 2 seed in the 64-player Senior Masters bracket – scoring a 743-688 victory over Don Smith of Fontana, California.

Then, he dispatched Patrick Shipley of Indianapolis (721-549) and Andy Neuer of Milton, Pennsylvania (745-643), during the next two rounds to officially lock up a spot in the stepladder finals. The only question was what seed Daugherty would be.

For as well as he's bowled all week long at Sam's Town, Daugherty technically entered the top-seed battle as an underdog. That's because his opponent was Bohn, a USBC and PBA Hall of Famer who broke both the Senior Masters 10-game and 15-game qualifying scoring records en route to the No. 1 seed for match play.

Saturday's Round 6 Winners Bracket battle between Bohn and Daugherty marked the first time in at least 20 years that the tournament's top two qualifiers faced off to determine the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds for the stepladder finals.

The enthusiastic crowd at Sam's Town was probably expecting the matchup to be a nip-and-tuck affair that would come down to the 10th frame of Game 3, but that wasn't how it played out.

Instead, just as he had throughout bracket play, Daugherty jumped out to a big lead early and won going away, this time by a final score of 717-628.

The significance of earning the top seed was certainly not lost on Daugherty.

"I really wanted to beat Parker (Bohn) because having to be beaten twice during the stepladder is huge," Daugherty said. "I think I'll be able to make some adjustments without having to worry about the consequences too much. If I need to make a ball change, I can do so without worrying if it's right as long as I think it will help me the next game."

At the end of the day, Daugherty doesn't really care whether it takes one game or two on Sunday; he just wants to win.

"It would mean the world to me for my first PBA50 title to be a major," Daugherty said. "We're all out here to bowl the majors. They're definitely the tournaments I like the most. I like my chances, but we'll see what happens."

Despite having to navigate a slightly longer path to the winner's circle on Sunday, Bohn remains confident as well.

"Tom (Daugherty) has the edge because he has to be beaten twice, but in a one-game match, anything can happen," Bohn said. "Plus, if you beat the guy once, I'm going to say you've got a little bit of mojo going your way."

Things certainly went Bohn's way up until the loss to Daugherty in Round 6.

The 61-year-old left-hander was dominant during his first three bouts on Saturday, winning 738-614 over Anthony Crews of Sebring, Florida, 696-641 against 2025 USBC Super Senior Classic champ Campbell and 771-689 versus Franklin.

Even though the setback to Daugherty during the top-seed match forced Bohn to settle for a 5-1 record and the No. 2 seed for the stepladder, the PBA legend doesn't plan on changing his strategy should the two meet again in Sunday's championship match.

"Even though my gameplan wasn't fruitful during that last match, obviously, it pretty much worked all week long," Bohn said. "I've got a pretty good idea of what I want to do. I might tweak it a little bit one way or the other, but I'm not going to lose sleep over it because it went right for me during every other match."

A lot of things went right during match play for Franklin (4-1), Koivuniemi (5-1) and Campbell (4-1) as well, so all three are looking forward to taking their shot at the title during Sunday's stepladder finals.

For Franklin, winning on Sunday would be particularly gratifying since he doesn't have the chance to compete nationally nearly as often as some of his fellow competitors.

"It's really cool to be in the stepladder," Franklin said. "I have a full-time job, not in the bowling industry, so I only get a couple opportunities to do this every year. I just love to compete and challenge myself.

"Just like everybody else, I grew up wanting to bowl on tour. It was one of my dreams. I tried it for two years when I was younger, and it wasn't for me. So, to win tomorrow might complete a little bit of a circle. I've always felt like there's a little bit of unfinished business, so the goal tomorrow is to see if I can finish it."

Koivuniemi has certainly proven that he knows how to finish. After all, the PBA and USBC Hall of Famer has 15 PBA titles to his credit, including three majors.

One of those major titles came at the 2000 USBC Masters. After punching his ticket to the stepladder finals on Saturday evening, Koivuniemi discussed how it would feel to now add a Senior Masters title to his resume.

"I won the Masters 25 years ago, so it would be great to get the Senior Masters a quarter century later," Koivuniemi said.

Nevertheless, with all his major championship experience, Koivuniemi knows it won't be easy.

"I'm pretty happy with how I bowled, especially after losing the first match today," Koivuniemi said. "It's going to be different tomorrow on the show, so I need to be ready; it's a long way from over."

Despite bowling 33 games so far this week in addition to the plethora of games he bowled last week en route to the Super Senior Classic title, Campbell just doesn't want the ride he's on to end.

When asked how it felt to make the stepladder finals for the second week in a row at Sam's Town, Campbell simply said "I'm just happy to still be bowling."

Should Campbell win on Sunday, he'd become the first bowler to win both the Super Senior Classic and Senior Masters in the same year.

Regardless of whether or not that dream materializes, Campbell is just grateful for the opportunity.

"It feels amazing to be on another major show," Campbell said. "I had the PBA60 major show with the Super Senior, and now this is my first chance to do it for PBA50. All I ever

ask for is a chance, so this is pretty cool."

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Saturday's Results
MATCH PLAY
Double elimination, three-game matches decided by total pinfall

ROUND 3 – WINNERS BRACKET
(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

(1) Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., def. (16) Anthony Crews, Sebring, Fla., 738-614.
(24) James Campbell, Loudon, Tenn., def. (40) Michael Haggitt, Springfield, Ohio, 712-679.
(44) Anthony Franklin, Frisco, Texas, def. (5) Mika Koivuniemi, Traverse City, Mich., 743-732.
(61) Butch Cormier, Lafayette, La., def. (13) Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 777-727.

(62) Dave Paffumi, Crossville, Ala., def. (51) Michael Hartter, Henderson, Nev., 686-654.
(11) Andy Neuer, Milton, Pa., def. (6) George Aboud, San Jose, Calif., 748-608.
(39) Patrick Shipley, Indianapolis, def. (55) Brian Link, Bowie, Md., 715-673.
(2) Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., def. (15) Don Smith, Fontana, Calif., 743-688.

ROUND 3 – ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 25th, earn $1,700)

(25) Chris Martinez, Ft. Collins, Colo., def. (46) Frank Guccione, Commerce City, Colo., 649-575.
(30) Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, def. (38) Chad Nelson, Owatonna, Minn., 716-687.
(4) John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., def. (28) Craig Auerbach, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 706-635.
(31) Andres Gomez, Davie, Fla., def. (12) Steve Kloempken, Pleasant View, Utah, 790-608.

(9) Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, def. (3) Tom Adcock, Forsyth, Ill., 645-631.
(54) Josh Hale, Billings, Mont., def. (19) Trent Marner, Kokomo, Ind., 674-588.
(45) Clay Rees, Lehi, Utah, def. (53) Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 749-670.
(37) Brian Dennis, Demorest, Ga., def. (47) Curtis Woods, Santa Rosa, Calif., 699-669.

ROUND 4 – WINNERS BRACKET
(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

(1) Bohn def. (24) Campbell, 696-641.
(44) Franklin def. (61) Cormier, 673-592.
(11) Neuer def. (62) Paffumi, 688-637.
(2) Daugherty def. (39) Shipley, 721-549.

ROUND 4 – ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 17th, earn $2,000)

(5) Koivuniemi def. (25) Martinez, 771-597.
(30) Hess def. (13) Schissler, 731-649.
(16) Crews def. (4) Janawicz, 718-702.
(40) Haggitt def. (31) Gomez, 722-641.

(9) Monacelli def. (15) Smith, 717-668.
(55) Link def. (54) Hale, 732-663.
(6) Aboud def. (45) Rees, 671-650.
(37) Dennis def. (51) Hartter, 731-617.

ROUND 5 – WINNERS BRACKET
(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

(1) Bohn def. (44) Franklin, 771-689.
(2) Daugherty def. (11) Neuer, 745-643.

ROUND 5 – ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 13th, earn $2,400)

(5) Koivuniemi def. (30) Hess, 723-710.
(16) Crews def. (40) Haggitt, 708-591.
(55) Link def. (9) Monacelli, 696-667.
(37) Dennis def. (6) Aboud, 628-574.

ROUND 6 – WINNERS BRACKET
(Winner earns No. 1 seed for Sunday's BowlTV finals; loser is No. 2 seed)

(2) Daugherty def. (1) Bohn, 717-628.

ROUND 6 – ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for ninth, earn $3,000)

(5) Koivuniemi def. (39) Shipley, 720-589.
(16) Crews def. (62) Paffumi, 655-649.
(61) Cormier def. (55) Link, 756-694.
(24) Campbell def. (37) Dennis, 748-703.

ROUND 7 – ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for seventh, earn $3,700)

(5) Koivuniemi def. (16) Crews, 774-681.
(24) Campbell def. (61) Cormier, 679-665.

ROUND 8 – ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Three highest scores advance to Sunday's BowlTV finals. Highest score is No. 3 seed, second highest is No. 4, third highest is No. 5. Lowest score is eliminated and finishes sixth, earns $4,700).

(44) Franklin 739, (5) Koivuniemi 720, (24) Campbell 679, (11) Neuer 605.

June 8, 2025
DAUGHERTY WINS 2025 USBC SENIOR MASTERS IN LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS – In late February, Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida, became eligible to bowl events on the Professional Bowlers Association's PBA50 Tour, which is reserved for athletes age 50 and older.

Despite still actively competing on the PBA Tour, where he is a four-time titlist and major champion, Daugherty decided he'd begin bowling some PBA50 events as well, figuring that more opportunities to compete would mean more opportunities to win and bolster his resume for eventual consideration for the PBA and United States Bowling Congress Halls of Fame.

That decision certainly seems to have been a good one as the 50-year-old right-hander won the 2025 USBC Senior Masters at Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas on Sunday to collect his first PBA50 win and major.

Daugherty achieved the feat thanks to a 233-185 win over USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey, who qualified second for the stepladder finals and earned his berth in the title match after defeating No. 4 seed Mika Koivuniemi of Traverse City, Michigan, 247-232 during the semifinal match.

Koivuniemi, who also is in both the USBC and PBA Halls of Fame, kicked off Sunday's stepladder with victories over 2025 USBC Super Senior Classic champion James Campbell of Loudon, Tennessee, 249-204, and No. 3 seed Anthony Franklin of Frisco, Texas, 268-249, before falling to Bohn in Match 3.

The win earned Daugherty the Senior Masters trophy and the event's $20,000 first-place prize. It also put him into early consideration for PBA50 Player of the Year honors and moved him one step closer to the hall of fame.

Bohn's runner-up finish netted him $12,000. Koivuniemi earned $9,000 for finishing third while Franklin and Campbell took home $7,500 and $6,000, respectively.

But Sunday's win was about much more than prize money for Daugherty. In part, it was about redemption.

"The last event I bowled was a major, and I missed the top five by three pins, and it was completely my fault," Daugherty said. "After that, I came to this event with a different mental gameplan, and it seemed to work out a little bit."

That may be the understatement of the year as Daugherty didn't just win this year's Senior Masters, he dominated the event.

The powerful righty averaged just under 244 and authored the second-highest qualifying total in the 310-player field, finishing second only to Bohn, who placed first after breaking both the tournament's 10 and 15 game qualifying scoring records.

It was Daugherty who stood alone on top after the completion of match play, however, as he was the only athlete in the 64-player Senior Masters bracket to post a perfect 6-0 record.

The final victory during that stretch was a win over Bohn during the battle to determine the top seed for Sunday's stepladder finals. Because Daugherty came out on top, it meant that he'd have to be beaten twice on Sunday in order to be denied the title.

Daugherty spoke highly of that advantage on Saturday evening; nevertheless, once the championship match began on Sunday, he had no desire to use it.

"My mindset kind of changed during the middle of the game when Parker (Bohn) was struggling," Daugherty said. "I didn't really have the advantage with how the lanes were breaking down like I thought I might, so I knew that was my chance to win. I told myself 'this is the game; I have to win this one.' He was giving me an opportunity, and I had to take it."

That opportunity arose due to Bohn's struggle with pin carry.

The 61-year-old left-hander threw more strikes than just about everyone at Sam's Town from Tuesday through the semifinal match on Sunday, but that all changed during the title tilt with Daugherty when Bohn only managed to get all 10 pins to fall four times.

Daugherty, on the other hand, struck eight times, including a five-bagger in frames three through seven that allowed him to have the match all but sewn up with three frames to go.

Despite coasting to the finish line, Daugherty had a bit of trouble at the start of the final match as his first shot was a Brooklyn strike and his second resulted in a pocket 7-10; nevertheless, Daugherty wasn't shaken.

"I think that was my first pocket 7-10 of the week, and it was a bad time for it, but I felt confident in my ball reaction," Daugherty said. "I think some of that was just nerves, but I made those two mistakes, got them out of the way early and then threw some pretty good shots after that."

He most certainly did, and that allowed him to reach the winner's circle and get to experience what it feels like to win a major title once again. According to Daugherty, it's a feeling that never gets old.

"We're out here to bowl the majors; those are the ones that mean the most to us," Daugherty said. "Also, it's nice to have a USBC title because they treat their champions really well and celebrate them in the years to come. I'm out here trying to win player of the year and possibly get myself on Senior Team USA, and this is going to go a long way for that. This is great."

The 2025 Senior Masters started on Tuesday with 310 athletes completing three five-game qualifying blocks to determine the top 64 players in the double-elimination bracket. All bracket matches leading up to the stepladder featured a three-game total-pinfall format.

All rounds of competition at the 2025 Senior Masters were streamed live on BowlTV.

The PBA50 Tour is now headed to Greeley, Colorado, for the PBA Senior U.S. Open. Competition begins June 11 and, like the Senior Masters, BowlTV will provide live coverage of the event from start to finish.

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Sunday's Results
Final standings
1, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 233 (one game), $20,000.
2, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 432 (two games), $12,000.
3, Mika Koivuniemi, Traverse City, Mich., 749 (three games), $9,000.
4, Anthony Franklin, Frisco, Texas, 249 (one game), $7,500.
5, James Campbell, Loudon, Tenn., 204 (one game), $6,000.

Stepladder results
Match 1 – Koivuniemi def. Campbell, 249-204.
Match 2 – Koivuniemi def. Franklin, 268-249.
Semifinal – Bohn def. Koivuniemi, 247-232.
Championship – Daugherty def. Bohn, 233-185.

June 12, 2025

ABIGANIA, FLEMING SET TO REPRESENT JUNIOR TEAM USA
AT 2025 IBF YOUTH WORLD CUP IN SWEDEN

ARLINGTON, Texas – Katelyn Abigania and Connor Fleming will don the red, white and blue and represent Junior Team USA when action kicks off at the 2025 International Bowling Federation Youth World Cup, which will be held at Olympia Bowling in Helsingborg, Sweden, from June 15-22.

Abigania, an 18-year-old right-hander from San Diego, will be looking to add another international medal to the four golds (doubles, trios, team and all-events) she captured at the PANAM Bowling Youth Championship 2023 in Lima, Peru.

Fleming, on the other hand, will be looking to reach the podium for the first time on the world stage as the 2025 IBF Youth World Cup will provide the 21-year-old two-handed

righty from Fort Worth, Texas, with his first opportunity to represent his country on the lanes.

Action kicks off on June 16. The day will begin with athletes from 40 federations attempting to familiarize themselves with the 43-foot oil pattern designed specifically for the event and will end with the tournament's opening ceremony.

Then, competitors in both the boys' and girls' division will bowl one six-game block of singles qualifying each day from June 17-19.

Once those 18 games have been completed, each field will be cut to the top 16 players who will advance to round-robin match play, which will begin on June 20 and wrap up on the morning of June 21.

Only eight boys and eight girls will survive round-robin play and remain in medal contention when best-of-three-game matches are contested during the quarterfinal, semifinal and final rounds on June 21, which will be the final day of competition at the 2025 IBF Youth World Cup.

Quarterfinal round matchups will see the No. 1 seed facing the No. 8 seed, the No. 2 seed battling the No. 7 seed and so on.

The four quarterfinal winners will advance to the semifinal round while those that fall will be eliminated.

Once the semifinals are completed, the two winners in each division will advance to bowl for gold and silver. The bowlers who come up short during the semis will square off to decide who takes home the boys' and girls' bronze medals.

After all medals have been conferred, the day will end with athletes and coaches taking part in the Victory Banquet, which will officially bring the tournament to a close.

Although Abigania would certainly like to take home one of those medals, she is keeping her goals more process oriented.

"I want to create a solid game plan so that we can be correct more times than any other country when it comes to guessing what we do next during transition," Abigania said. "In bowling, it isn't about being right all the time; it's about being wrong the least. My goals are to be patient, dig deep and execute each and every time."

Nevertheless, Abigania expects to enjoy herself and make the most of the trip regardless of the outcome on the lanes.

“There is nothing I love more than going on these trips because it reiterates the absolute love and passion I have for the sport of bowling,” Abigania said. “Those who know me well know what my first trip with Team USA did to me. It showed me a different love for bowling that I had never seen before. Creating lifelong memories with people I get to grow up with, finding that will to keep being a better version of myself, it all changed me to be the athlete and person that I am today.”

And for that, Abigania is grateful.

“I just want to thank Coach Kelly – Junior Team USA Head Coach Kelly Kulick – and USBC for this amazing opportunity,” Abigania said. “It will never get old, and I will always feel the same amount of love and passion, if not more, bowling with Junior Team USA. To my teammate Connor, let’s go get that gold.”

Fleming would certainly be on board with that plan; however, like his teammate, his goals are more about the input than the outcome.

“I want to execute to the best of my abilities, and I want to leave nothing out there and feel accomplished when I get on the plane to come back home,” Fleming said.

But before he gets on that plane, Fleming hopes to experience all that Sweden has to offer and possibly forge some new relationships.

“I hope to be able to get to know more of the international players,” Fleming said. “The opportunity to be able to see the world because of this sport is surreal.”

Nevertheless, to Fleming, it’s not just an opportunity; it’s a responsibility as well.

“Being that this is going to be my first international competition, I feel honored to have been given this opportunity, and I’m going to represent our country to the best of my abilities on and off the lanes,” Fleming said.

To be eligible for the 2025 IBF Youth World Cup, athletes had to have been between the ages of 13 and 20 on Jan. 1, 2025.

June 17, 2025

SIX VETERANS ENJOY RETREAT AT PATRIOT POINT COURTESY OF GO BOWLING, MILITARY BOWL FOUNDATION AND BVL

ARLINGTON, Texas – Go Bowling partnered with the Military Bowl Foundation and Bowlers to Veterans Link to send six veterans on an all-expenses-paid weekend retreat at Patriot Point in Maryland to kick off Military Appreciation Month.

Patriot Point is the Military Bowl Foundation's 294-acre waterfront facility that provides a safe, secure and tranquil outdoor recreational and therapeutic retreat for wounded, ill and injured active-duty service members, veterans, their families and caregivers who face daily struggles related to their time spent defending our great nation.

Through its partnership with Go Bowling and the Go Bowling Military Bowl, the BVL donated $100,000 to Patriot Point. This funding will sponsor deserving veterans to attend retreats at Patriot Point, including this five-day, four-night recreational retreat tailored to the needs of the group.

The veterans selected for this retreat were nominated by the BVL bowling community through a national social media campaign deployed by Go Bowling to the broader bowling social media communities of the Bowling Proprietors Association of America, the United States Bowling Congress and the BVL. Patriot Point staff used a selection criterion that included the nominee's veteran status, connection to the bowling community, personal challenges faced during military service and more to make the selections. The six veterans selected were:

Jeff Metheny, Army, Rockford, Illinois (joined by wife Kimberly)
Brian White, Marine Corps, Baytown, Texas
Mark Edwards, Navy, Fairfax, Virginia (joined by his fiancée)
Emily Hart, Army, Arlington, Virginia (joined by father Bryan Ferree)
Jason Washburn, Army, Randleman, North Carolina (joined by father Jerry Washburn, a Navy veteran)
Matthew Wilson, Army, Overton, Texas

The six veterans and their guests arrived at Patriot Point on Thursday, May 1, and the day concluded as each of the next three would – with a dinner at Patriot Point and a bonfire/fireside chat.

Other activities over the next three days – which were all optional for the veterans to attend – included yoga, a shooting and golf simulator, art therapy, kayaking/canoeing/paddle boarding, bowling (of course), a cooking class and free time to enjoy other nature activities such as fishing, crabbing and nature walks.

During their stay, many of the veterans talked about their relationship to the sport of bowling and why it's important to them.

Edwards, who served 31 years in the Navy, took time out of his bowling session during the retreat to talk about how bowling has been a great social activity for him.

“The fun part about bowling is that you get to throw the ball, so you can release a lot of stress and tension just by throwing the ball at the pins and trying to knock them down,” Edwards said. “I think bowling is a great stress reliever and a great opportunity to get out of the house and have fun. It just brings joy to me.”

Washburn, an Army veteran who served as an aviation operations specialist, is someone who has been bowling “basically all of my life” after his dad, who also was a bowler, got him involved in the sport when he was young. He bowled “pretty often” while he was on active duty. Since his military service concluded, Washburn now finds bowling to be therapeutic in its own way.

“Bowling gives me an escape from what’s going on around me in my everyday life,” Washburn said, while also taking part in the bowling session. “It gives me something to focus on other than what’s going on in my head.”

Washburn then took a break from the interview and promptly rolled a strike.

“I did that while I was on camera,” Washburn joked to one of his fellow veterans. “I was mic’ed up and everything.”

While Edwards and Washburn talked about what bowling means to them now, Metheny, who served in the Army from 1985-1992, and then served in the National Guard from 2005-2013 during which time he was deployed to Afghanistan, related a story about how bowling helped him and his unit cope during that deployment.

“When I was in Afghanistan, John Sommer (a proprietor) from my hometown in Rockford, Illinois, sent my company a portable bowling lane,” Metheny recalled. “In the horrors of war, where we were facing IEDs and other attacks, that little plastic bowling lane was a piece of home to hold on to, and it really helped us get through and really helped me get through.”

Sommer was the person who nominated Metheny for his trip to Patriot Point.

“This area holds a very special spot for me because it’s where my mom grew up,” Metheny said. “I haven’t been back here in like 20 or 30 years. With my experiences in Afghanistan, and the pain and everything that we went through with that, this weekend has allowed me to reconnect, refocus and recenter myself, so that I can go on and live a better life and be a better me.”

After a weekend of making new friends and experiencing new things, while also having time for reflection and gratitude, the six veterans and their guests headed home on Monday, May 5.

Hart, an Army veteran who served a deployment in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, summed up the experience.

“I’m so grateful; this has been really special for me to be here,” Hart said. “I’ve kind of never felt, like, thanked for my service, so it was really special that my husband nominated me through Go Bowling, and I got to be here. It’s been special to connect, make new friends

and kind of be at peace. I'm a people person; that's why I joined the Army and that's why I go bowling. I like to make new friends and have new experiences, so this has been great. Then, also being able to connect on the military level, because that's just a different level."

June 17, 2025

JUNIOR TEAM USA'S ABIGANIA SITS 18TH, FLEMING 26TH AFTER DAY 1 OF QUALIFYING AT 2025 IBF YOUTH WORLD CUP IN SWEDEN

HELSINGBORG, Sweden – Junior Team USA bowlers Katelyn Abigania of San Diego and Connor Fleming of Fort Worth, Texas, arrived in Sweden on Saturday.

The duo spent its first three days on foreign soil enjoying ferry rides to Denmark, exploring the charming host city and putting in some light practice on the lanes.

Things got much more serious on Tuesday, however, when Abigania and Fleming completed their opening six-game qualifying blocks at the 2025 International Bowling Federation Youth World Cup, which is being held at Olympia Bowling in Helsingborg.

Both Americans authored steady opening-round performances with Abigania coming in with a six-game total of 1,095 to place 18th in the 31-player women's field while Fleming shot 1,206 to finish 26th among 37 men's competitors.

Abigania, an 18-year-old right-hander, got there by averaging 182.5 at Olympia Bowling on Tuesday thanks to scores of 168, 178, 177, 186, 207 and 179.

Fleming earned his position by recording games of 195, 183, 197, 185, 255 and 191 on the challenging 43-foot IBF Youth World Cup oil pattern. That gave the 21-year-old two-handed righty an average of 201 on the day.

The top three spots in the men's field on Day 1 went to Denmark's Nicolas Carter (1,462), Mathias Otting of Norway (1,375) and Slovakia's Simon Hrusovsky (1,348).

Hrusovsky began Game 2 of men's qualifying with 11 strikes in a row before leaving a 7-pin on his final ball to finish with 299, which was the highest game recorded on Tuesday.

Defending Youth World Cup women's champion Elena Weinstok of Costa Rica didn't flirt with perfection on opening day; nevertheless, her six-game mark of 1,291 was tops in the women's field during Round 1. She was joined in Tuesday's top three by 2024 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Singles Championships women's champion Sara Duque of Colombia (1,278), who bowls collegiately for Wichita State, and Norway's Jenny Mathiesen (1,244).

But while the spotlight generally shines brightest on those at the top of the standings, 16th place is the spot garnering the most attention in both divisions thus far as that is the position all athletes need to be at or inside of in order to make the cut at the conclusion of 18 games of qualifying at this year's IBF Youth World Cup.

Singapore's Brian Ngoi found himself in 16th place after the first round of men's qualifying thanks to a six-game score of 1,261 (a 210.2 average) while Ivanna Emire Villalobos Erosa of Mexico (1,112) finished Tuesday holding lucky No. 16 for the women.

Despite finding themselves on the outside looking in on Tuesday, both Americans are confident they can use what they learned during Round 1 to ensure their best bowling lies ahead during the final two qualifying blocks on Wednesday and Thursday.

"You always have to be confident. I was confident going into today, and that hasn't changed," Abigania said. "I just have to make better decisions faster and trust my process.

"They were different than yesterday during practice. We were expecting that, but it made things a little harder today. Hopefully, tomorrow we'll be more prepared."

Fleming also attributed some of Tuesday's grind to challenging lane play, particularly during Game 1.

"I started on a tricky pair, and that caused me to play maybe a little bit too far left," Fleming said. "I tried to go off that, but the rest of the lanes really didn't play the same. All I can do is try to learn from it and try to find a comfort zone in the next rounds."

Although he'll continue searching for comfort, like Abigania, Fleming still has confidence.

"I feel good," Fleming said. "Coach Kelly (Kulick) and I are going to talk, and I think we'll have a pretty good game plan going into tomorrow. I saw the picture of what the lanes wanted a little bit today, but I think we were just a little bit behind. Also, I made a couple of bad shots when I needed good ones, but that happens. Still, I feel pretty good about what's to come the next couple of days."

All competitors in both divisions have 12 games of qualifying remaining, six on Wednesday and the final block on Thursday.

Once those 18 games have been completed, each field will be cut to the top 16 players who will advance to round-robin match play, which will begin on Friday and wrap up Saturday morning.

Only eight men and eight women will survive round-robin play and remain in medal contention when best-of-three-game matches are contested during the quarterfinal, semifinal and final rounds on Saturday afternoon.

Quarterfinal round matchups will see the No. 1 seed facing the No. 8 seed, the No. 2 seed battling the No. 7 seed and so on.

The four quarterfinal winners will advance to the semifinal round while those that fall will be eliminated.

Once the semifinals are completed, the two winners in each division will advance to bowl for gold and silver. The bowlers who come up short during the semis will square off to decide who takes home the men's and women's bronze medals.

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June 18, 2025

ABIGANIA MOVES UP LEADERBOARD ON DAY 2 OF QUALIFYING AT 2025 IBF YOUTH WORLD CUP IN SWEDEN

HELSINGBORG, Sweden – During the walk to the bowling center on Wednesday morning, Junior Team USA Head Coach Kelly Kulick looked at bowler Katelyn Abigania and said, "It's going to be a great day."

At the time, Kulick's words sounded like everyday coach-speak, something any leader would say to rally the troops after a slow start; however, three hours and 60 frames later, it became clear that Kulick hadn't just made a proclamation; she'd made a prediction.

That's because Abigania did exactly what Kulick said she was going to do as the 18-year-old right-hander from San Diego was great during Round 2 of qualifying at the 2025 International Bowling Federation Youth World Cup, which is being contested at Olympia Bowling in Helsingborg, Sweden.

Abigania started her day with a score of 256, which was nearly 50 pins higher than her best game during Tuesday's first six-game qualifying block.

The two-time Junior Gold champion hardly slowed down from there, however, adding scores of 224, 192, 219, 213 and 249 to finish Round 2 with a six-game total of 1,353 (a 225.5 average). That gave Abigania a 12-game mark of 2,448, which allowed her to move up from 18th place at the start of action on Wednesday to sixth place in the 31-player women's field by day's end.

Costa Rica's Elena Weinstok, the defending Youth World Cup women's champion, finished with 2,509 to secure the overall lead for the second day in a row. She was joined in the women's top three by Denmark's Karen Nielsen (2,506) and Jenny Mathiesen of Norway (2,496).

A little more than an hour after the ladies finished up, Junior Team USA's Connor Fleming and the rest of the 37-player men's field began Round 2.

Like his teammate, Fleming, a 21-year-old two-handed righty from Fort Worth, Texas, started strong, beginning his day with a scintillating 257.

Unfortunately, the momentum didn't last as tricky pairs of lanes, inconsistent pin carry and the demanding nature of the 43-foot Youth World Cup oil pattern took Fleming on a five-game roller coaster ride that resulted in scores of 186, 210, 151, 201 and 228 to close out Round 2.

That gave Fleming a six-game mark of 1,233 on Wednesday, which pushed his two-day, 12-game total to 2,439, keeping him in 26th place.

Fleming will need to climb to at least 16th by the end of Thursday's final six-game qualifying block in order to make the cut to round-robin match play.

New Zealand's Ben Pettit occupies the final advancing spot through two rounds of men's qualifying thanks to a 12-game total of 2,543.

While Fleming, Pettit and a host of others are focused on the cut line, Slovakia's Simon Hrusovsky leads the men's field after two rounds at 2,819, which was helped greatly by a six-game score of 1,471 (a 245.17 average) on Wednesday.

Hrusovsky is joined in the men's top three by Mathias Otting of Norway (2,716) and Day 1 leader Nicolas Carter of Denmark (2,709).

Even though he'll begin Thursday's final qualifying block more than 100 pins outside the cut number, Fleming isn't backing down an inch; instead, he intends to examine the highs and lows of Wednesday's round in the hopes of finding more consistent success during Round 3.

"I'm going to talk with Coach Kelly (Kulick) tonight, and we're going to evaluate today and how the lanes broke down," Fleming said. "My guess would be that we're going to start a little more left, have more angle through the front and really throw it toward the gutter tomorrow because at some points today I don't think I was far enough left."

In addition to periodic difficulties with lane play, Fleming also was plagued by some terrible luck on Wednesday as untimely pocket splits kept some of his big games from being huge and brought his score down even lower when he was struggling.

Nevertheless, Fleming just sees those bad breaks as part of the game.

"Sometimes it's your day and the pins are going to fall, and sometimes they're not," Fleming said. "That's the sport we play. My mindset has always sort of been if they fall, they fall; if they don't, they don't."

It must have been Abigania's day then because the pins fell early and often for her throughout Round 2. Because of that, she will start Thursday's final six-game qualifying block nearly 160 pins above the cut line, which leaves her looking like a solid bet to advance to match play in the women's division.

Even though Abigania won't be taking anything for granted on Thursday, she is grateful for the position Wednesday's stellar Round 2 effort has her in.

"I'm definitely a little bit relieved," Abigania said. "I think we have the right gameplan now, so I'm confident heading into the next round."

That game plan seemed to work from the first frame of Game 1 on Wednesday, which allowed Abigania to start strong and keep the momentum going throughout her set.

"It was great to start with 256 because I felt good in practice and was able to carry it over," Abigania said. "My spare shooting was great today, and I struck a lot, which allowed me to keep making good shots and trust my process."

If Abigania can find her comfort zone quickly again on Thursday, then she's likely to continue the process of moving ever closer to the top of the leaderboard.

All competitors at the 2025 IBF Youth World Cup will bowl their final six-game qualifying blocks on Thursday.

Once those games have been completed and all athletes have 18-game qualifying totals, each field will be cut to the top 16 players who will advance to round-robin match play, which will begin on Friday and wrap up Saturday morning.

Only eight men and eight women will survive round-robin play and remain in medal contention when best-of-three-game matches are contested during the quarterfinal, semifinal and final rounds on Saturday afternoon.

Quarterfinal round matchups will see the No. 1 seed facing the No. 8 seed, the No. 2 seed battling the No. 7 seed and so on.

The four quarterfinal winners will advance to the semifinal round while those that fall will be eliminated.

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June 19, 2025

ABIGANIA ADVANCES TO MATCH PLAY
AT 2025 IBF YOUTH WORLD CUP IN SWEDEN

HELSINGBORG, Sweden – Katelyn Abigania of San Diego advanced to round-robin match play to keep Junior Team USA's medal hopes alive at the 2025 International Bowling Federation Youth World Cup, which is being contested at Olympia Bowling in Helsingborg, Sweden.

The 18-year-old right-hander reached the women's Round of 16 thanks to a three-day, 18-game qualifying total of 3,591 (a 199.5 average).

Abigania opened qualifying with 1,095 on Tuesday before bouncing back with a stellar set of 1,353 during Round 2 on Wednesday.

The strong second-round effort moved Abigania all the way up to sixth place and well inside the cut line in the 31-player women's field heading into Thursday's final round of qualifying.

Knowing that she would only need a modest closing block in order to advance, Abigania was free to use Round 3 to experiment a bit in order to gain a clearer picture of what the demanding 43-foot Youth World Cup oil pattern might ask of her and her fellow competitors during the remaining rounds of this year's tournament.

As such, the two-time Junior Gold champ tried some different bowling balls and paths to the pocket on Thursday. When all was said and done, Abigania finished qualifying with games of 170, 253, 165, 178, 211 and 166 to post 1,143 for the day and conclude the women's preliminary round in eighth place.

The top three qualifiers were defending Youth World Cup women's champion Elena Weinstok of Costa Rica (3,881), Denmark's Karen Nielsen (3,787) and Germany's Fiona Lindemann (3,743).

Ivanna Emire Villalobos Erosa of Mexico finished 16th and secured the last advancing spot for match play in the women's division with an 18-game total of 3,388 (a 188.22 average).

In men's action, Slovakia's Simon Hrusovsky finished atop the qualifying standings. The powerful right-hander got there by recording only three games under 200 and averaging more than 236 over the course of 18 games.

He was joined in the top three by Norway's Mathias Otting (4,149) and Mate Balazs-Becsi of Romania (4,041).

Until Thursday, Hrusovsky also held the distinction of having rolled the highest game of the tournament, which was the 299 he authored during Game 2 of qualifying on Tuesday.

Hrusovsky's mark fell on Thursday, however, when Estonia's Siim Henrik Saar and Weinstok both connected for 12 strikes in a row to record perfect games. Saar's 300 propelled him to a 10th-place finish with 3,951.

The final men's match-play qualifier was Taylor Williams of Ireland, who made the cut in 16th position with an 18-game qualifying mark of 3,854 (a 214.11 average).

The 16 men and 16 women who advanced to round-robin play will bowl 15 matches, eight on Friday and the other seven on Saturday morning.

While Abigania will be taking part in the next round of competition, Junior Team USA counterpart Connor Fleming of Fort Worth, Texas, did not advance.

Fleming fought hard from start to finish and improved during each round of competition, opening with 1,206 and 1,233 during Rounds 1 and 2 before finishing with 1,265 on Thursday thanks to games of 213, 158, 248, 213, 191 and 242.

Unfortunately, those numbers weren't enough to get Fleming through to the next round in the highly competitive 37-player men's field. When the final shots had been thrown, Fleming finished in 23rd place with a three-day mark of 3,704 (a 205.78 average).

Despite not making it to match play, Fleming still enjoyed his bowling experience at the Youth World Cup, especially the on-lane camaraderie that developed between talented athletes from all over the world.

"I really liked meeting all the other countries' participants," Fleming said. "They're all really friendly in addition to being great competitors. You really couldn't ask for better people to bowl against."

Fleming is a great competitor as well, and he intends to take what he learned during his 18 games at Olympia Bowling to become an even stronger foe going forward.

"I'm going to take a lot away from this experience," Fleming said. "These guys are good, and they strike a lot. I think I need to keep working on playing different angles and knowing what balls to use and when.

"But now that I'm done, I'm just going to be the best teammate I can be for Katelyn (Abigania). I'm going to be here for all 15 games of round-robin match play and hopefully eight to 10 more after that as she makes her way to the podium."

Abigania will certainly appreciate the support as she knows that she'll have to be at her best on Friday and Saturday in order to leave Sweden with her fifth international medal – she collected four gold medals (doubles, trios, team and all-events) at the 2023 PANAM Bowling Youth Championships.

"I'm excited to have made match play, and I'm ready to bowl some more," Abigania said. "To keep advancing, I'm going to need to make good shots, trust my process and make spares because that's what will allow me to win matches."

Abigania is grateful to have had the opportunity to experiment a bit on Thursday as she will now have more lane-play options at her disposal during the Round of 16 and beyond.

“It’s definitely helpful that we were able to experiment with some different bowling balls and try to change our lines a bit today,” Abigania said. “Still, we’re dropping a bunch of people and only bowling two to a pair tomorrow, so it will be a lot different. The game plan will change a little, but not too much.”

By beginning the next round in eighth place, Abigania is already inside the next cut line as only eight men and eight women will survive round-robin play and remain in medal contention when best-of-three-game matches are contested during the quarterfinal, semifinal and final rounds on Saturday afternoon.

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June 20, 2025

USA BOWLING COACHING PROGRAM ANNOUNCES 2025 SEMINAR LOCATIONS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress has awarded USA Bowling Coaching seminars for 2025, which provide free training to individuals interested in teaching the fundamentals of bowling to youth bowlers.

The 2025 seminar series marks the 15th year of the USA Bowling Coaching program, which has successfully trained 12,320 individuals across 772 seminars since its inception.

A USA Bowling Coaching seminar is beginner-level training open to coaches, parents and bowling enthusiasts and is designed to equip attendees with the skills needed to coach youth bowlers in their local programs by teaching the fundamentals of the sport – physical game, nutrition, physical fitness and life skills - to anyone.

Attendees learn how to communicate with today's kids and parents while gaining confidence in the ability to teach bowling. Participants will receive a 140-page coaching manual, two quick-reference guides and an eight-week lesson plan to support their instruction.

By attending a USA Bowling Coaching seminar and completing the post-seminar survey, attendees are given the opportunity to take the USBC Level 1 Coaching course also at no charge.

"These seminars are an incredible way to build a strong foundation for youth bowling," said USBC Gold Coach Susie Minshew, who has been a USA Bowling Coaching instructor since its launch. "Seeing new coaches gain confidence in their ability to teach young bowlers and watching the impact they have in their communities keeps me passionate about being an instructor in this program."

Bowling centers and youth programs hosting these seminars play a vital role in growing the sport at the grassroots level.

"Hosting a USA Bowling Coaching seminar is a huge benefit to our community," said Jessi Matts, Youth Bowling Director and General Manager at Morgan Hill Bowl, which will host a seminar on October 5. "It provides our volunteers and parents with the knowledge and tools they need to create a positive experience for young bowlers, ensuring the future of our program and the sport as a whole."

A current schedule of seminars for 2025 is available **here** on BOWL.com and will be updated as additional seminars are added.

June 20, 2025

ABIGANIA FOURTH AFTER FIRST ROUND OF ROUND-ROBIN MATCHES AT 2025 IBF YOUTH WORLD CUP IN SWEDEN

HELSINGBORG, Sweden – Junior Team USA bowler Katelyn Abigania of San Diego got off to a solid start during the first eight games of round-robin match play at the 2025 International Bowling Federation Youth World Cup, which is taking place at Olympia Bowling in Helsingborg, Sweden.

The 18-year-old right-hander went 5-3 and tallied 1,811 pins (including 30 bonus pins for each match victory) on Friday to secure fourth place in the women's Round of 16 standings heading into Saturday's final seven-game block of round-robin matches.

Abigania trails only Norway's Jenny Mathiesen (8-0; 2,114), qualifying leader and defending Youth World Cup women's champion Elena Weinstok of Costa Rica (3-4-1; 1,858) and Singapore's Shi En Lim (5-2-1; 1,846).

But who Abigania trails isn't all that important just yet; it's how many bowlers she remained in front of that really counts.

Friday's effort placed the two-time Junior Gold champion 124 pins above the cut line, which currently is held by Sweden's Maja Engberg (4-4; 1,687), who finished the opening block of matches in eighth place.

If Abigania can remain eighth or better at the conclusion of round-robin play early Saturday afternoon, she will advance to the women's quarterfinals, which will take place later that day and see the No. 1 seed facing the No. 8 seed, the No. 2 seed battling the No. 7 seed and so on.

Abigania would certainly like to move on, but she feels she'll need to be a bit more consistent on Saturday in order to make that happen.

"I did all I could during my wins to get as many pins as possible, but my lows were too low today, much lower than I would want them to be," Abigania said. "I need to keep making the best out of the good pairs and do my best to fill frames on the tougher pairs."

Abigania had a hard time filling frames at the start of Friday's set as she split four times in the first seven frames during a 256-167 opening-game loss to 2024 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Singles Championships women's champion Sara Duque of Colombia, who bowls collegiately for Wichita State.

The four-time Junior Team USA gold medalist rebounded in fine fashion, however, opening just twice during her next four matches, which included wins over Germany's Fiona Lindemann (216-166), Engberg (212-189), England's Jessica Sillis (224-192) and Australia's Samantha Clifton (226-159).

Abigania dropped the next two matches, falling 199-170 to Finland's Stella Lökfors and 242-224 to Weinstok, before closing her day with a 222-183 victory over Vivan Banjac of Croatia.

Despite the up-and-down performance, Abigania ended Day 1 of round-robin competition with a winning record, which is always the name of the game during match play; nevertheless, she knows that she'll have to continue grinding out victories in order to stay in the top eight and advance on Saturday.

"I need to keep winning matches," Abigania said. "To do that, I have to keep making good shots, be on top of things and make my spares."

Finland's Luukas Vaananen was certainly on top of things during Friday's opening set of round-robin matches as he posted a 7-1 record and led the men's Round of 16 field with a score of 2,164 including bonus pins.

Reigning Youth World Cup men's champion Robin Ilhammar of Sweden thrilled his home country fans by finishing Friday's block in second place with a 6-2 record and a score of 2,081.

The final spot in the opening round Top 3 went to 2025 ISC men's national champion Blake Walsh (6-2; 2,030), who bowls collegiately for Mount Mercy when not representing Australia in international competition.

The men's cut line currently sits at 1,890, which was the total posted by Malta's Nicholas Muscat (4-4).

However, with seven games to go and 210 bonus pins available during the final set of round-robin matches, all 32 athletes still competing at this year's tournament still have the potential to make a run to the podium on Saturday, which will be the final day of competition at the 2025 Youth World Cup.

The four quarterfinal winners will advance to the semifinal round while those that fall will be eliminated.

Once the semifinals are completed, the two winners in each division will advance to bowl for gold and silver. The bowlers who come up short during the semis will square off to decide who takes home the men's and women's bronze medals.

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June 21, 2025

JUNIOR TEAM USA'S ABIGANIA FINISHES 10TH AT 2025 IBF YOUTH WORLD CUP IN SWEDEN

HELSINGBORG, Sweden – Junior Team USA bowler Katelyn Abigania of San Diego placed 10th out of 31 competitors in Women's Singles at the 2025 International Bowling Federation Youth World Cup, which was contested at Olympia Bowling in Helsingborg, Sweden, from June 17-21.

The 18-year-old right-hander was in eighth place at the conclusion of qualifying on Thursday and moved all the way up to fourth following the first eight games of round-robin match play on Friday.

Unfortunately, the tide turned against Abigania on Saturday afternoon when she was able to win just one of her final seven matches during the women's Round of 16.

The two-time Junior Gold champion's day began with losses to Malaysia's Adania Redzwan (202-193), Thailand's Ramita Sarntong (218-201) and Singapore's Shi En Lim (242-180).

Abigania rebounded with a 214-179 win over Ireland's Hannah Masterson in Game 4, but that would be the only taste of victory the American would get to enjoy at Olympia Bowling on Saturday as she then dropped her final three matches – 205-178 to Denmark's Karen Nielsen, 240-184 to Jenny Mathiesen of Norway and 175-171 to Mexico's Ivanna Emire Villalobos Erosa – to miss the quarterfinal cut by 45 pins.

Despite not realizing her goal of claiming a fifth international medal – she won four gold medals (doubles, trios, team and all-event) at the 2023 PANAM Bowling Youth Championships in Lima, Peru – Abigania was happy with how she competed in Sweden.

"I'm proud of my urethane usage, especially during the last two games today," Abigania said. "I've never been very familiar with urethane, so being able to throw it and be confident doing so shows me where I'm at in my development.

"Also, I haven't been perfect out here the entire time, so being able to work through that and get comfortable doing things I'm not usually comfortable with is great."

According to Abigania, it was how the challenging 43-foot Youth World Cup oil pattern evolved during each round of competition that kept her from ever truly finding her comfort zone, especially on Saturday.

"The lanes hooked a lot more in the front and were much tighter in the back end today," Abigania said. "This was the most we'd seen them hook early, especially with such a big puddle down lane."

Even though Abigania would have liked to have solved the riddle and advanced a few more rounds to reach the podium, she was grateful for having had the opportunity to don the red, white and blue on the lanes once again.

“Bowling for Junior Team USA has always been something I look forward to every year, and I’m very fortunate to have traveled three years in a row,” Abigania said. “I hope to continue traveling for Junior Team USA because there’s nothing like bowling for your country, especially when you get to represent great coaches, great teammates and just a great team culture in general.”

One of those teammates is Connor Fleming of Fort Worth, Texas, who competed alongside Abigania in Helsingborg this week.

Fleming averaged just under 206 during 18 games of qualifying and finished 23rd out of 37 athletes in the men’s division during his international debut.

The gold medals up for grabs at this year’s Youth World Cup went to Australia’s Samantha Clifton and home country hero Robin Ilhammar of Sweden.

Clifton earned hers via a 2-0 (221-194, 185-172) sweep of defending champion Elena Weinstok of Costa Rica shortly before Ilhammar completed a successful title defense by blanking Ondrej Prekop of Czech Republic, 276-205 and 295-161, to bring home men’s gold at the Youth World Cup for the second year in a row.

Weinstok and Prekop each took home a silver medal.

Both third-place contests were sweeps as well with Nielsen defeating Lim by scores of 199-165 and 199-198 to capture women’s bronze as Luukas Vaananen of Finland dispatched Singapore’s Brian Ngoi, 268-247 and 249-247, to win bronze in the men’s division.

After all medals were awarded, the day ended with athletes and coaches taking part in the Victory Banquet, which officially brought the tournament to a close.

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July 1, 2025

SENIOR TEAM USA ACCEPTING RESUMES FOR 2025 IBF WORLD SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The Team USA program has opened the application portal for competitors age 50 and older to submit resumes to represent the United States at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Seniors Championships in Reno, Nevada.

The 2025 event will run from Oct. 13-23 and be contested at Reno's famed National Bowling Stadium.

Team USA's squad will feature four men and four women looking to claim gold in team, doubles, singles, all-events and Masters competition.

In order to be eligible to submit a resume, athletes must be born in or before 1975. Team members will be selected by the National Selection Committee from the submitted applications, which will be accepted from July 1-31.

Those selected will receive a paid entry into the events, airfare, lodging and official uniforms.

July 8, 2025

2025 USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS CONCLUDES IN LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS – The 105th edition of the United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships concluded July 1 in Las Vegas, with 4,099 four-player teams and more than 16,300 bowlers making their way to compete at the South Point Bowling Plaza.

The 2025 event kicked off April 26, marking the tournament's fifth trip to Las Vegas and third visit to the 60-lane tournament venue at South Point.

The tournament featured four average-based divisions (Diamond, Ruby, Emerald and Sapphire) in team, doubles, singles and all-events competition. Team All-Events also was introduced in 2025 to recognize the top team across 36 combined games of team, doubles and singles.

All standings are unofficial and pending final verification.

The members of Sterner Strong 1 – Kristin McEntee, Terysa Wojnar, Michelle Sterner and Valerie Bercier – are in position to claim a pair of titles in 2025 after posting the top numbers in Diamond Team and Team All-Events on May 12-13.

In team, they rolled games of 931, 939 and 893 to finish with a 2,763 total in Las Vegas. McEntee led the way with a 745 series and was followed by Wojnar (703), Sterner (665) and Bercier (650).

The group's 8,185 total for Team All-Events (227.3 team average) featured plenty of excitement as three teams battled for the top spot across two squads that day. Team 50/50 (Chelsea Sporkia, Dana Ausec, Amanda Cantrell and Diana Zavjalova) finished with 8,175, and in the late squad May 13, Heads Carolina Tails California (Heather Ness, Daphne Smith, Katie Robb and Breanna Clemmer) wrapped up at 8,169.

Bercier paced Sterner Strong 1 with a 2,106 score for all-events, with Wojnar checking in at 2,105. McEntee had 2,052, and Sterner finished with 1,922.

Sterner is in position to jump to six titles at the USBC Women's Championships, while McEntee and Wojnar would move to four and three wins at the tournament, respectively.

Bercier – the 2019 Professional Women's Bowling Association Rookie of the Year – would secure her first two wins at the event.

Chicago's Rebecca Gierut also is looking to claim two wins from her time in Las Vegas on June 26-27.

Gierut rolled games of 173, 212 and 202 during her singles set to ascend to the top of the standings in Sapphire Singles with a 587 series, and the big finish also propelled her to the lead in Sapphire All-Events.

She added sets of 510 in team and 476 in doubles at the Bowling Plaza to finish with a 1,573 total.

USBC Hall of Famer Kelly Kulick finished her appearance in Las Vegas with a nine-game total of 2,261 (251.2 average) to make her way to the top of the leaderboard in Diamond All-Events. The score is fourth on the tournament's all-time list.

Kulick, of Union, New Jersey, had sets of 792 in doubles, 765 in singles and 704 in team on May 10-11. She also connected for the first 300 of the 2025 event during her run in doubles.

Kulick is in position to record her second victory in Diamond All-Events (2019).

Erin McCarthy of Elkhorn, Nebraska, also rolled a 300 at the 2025 Women's Championships, and the perfect start helped her to the top number in Diamond Singles on May 13.

The 2022 U.S. Women's Open champion had games of 300, 243 and 257 for an 800 series at South Point.

McCarthy added 726 in team and 711 in doubles for an all-events score of 2,237, placing her third in the Diamond Division.

The top score in Diamond Doubles also occurred May 13, as Adel Wahner of Verona, Wisconsin, and Maria Bulanova of Rockvale, Tennessee, combined to post 1,500 at South Point – the second-highest doubles score in tournament history.

Wahner and Bulanova previously teamed together at Vanderbilt University, and they helped the Commodores win the 2018 NCAA Bowling Championship.

In Las Vegas, Wahner rolled three 258s for a 774 series, while Bulanova added 223, 233 and 270 for 726.

In Ruby Doubles, Teryl Gade of Littleton, Colorado, and Tammy Bellofatto of Lakewood, Colorado, moved into the lead on the third day of the 2025 event (April 29) and maintained their spot with a 1,354 total. Bellofatto had games of 226, 256 and 209 for a 691 series during the performance, and Gade added scores of 199, 280 and 184 for 663.

The members of Paper Chasers 16 of Temple Hills, Maryland, had games of 714, 873 and 762 on May 16 at the Bowling Plaza to post the top score in Ruby Team with 2,349.

Logan Brown rolled a 726 series to lead the team, and she was joined by Angela Brown (593), Makeba Coleman (537) and Allison Coleman (493).

Ladine Jones of Anaheim, California, placed her name at the top of the standings in Ruby All-Events on June 8, after accumulating scores of 716 in team, 659 in doubles and 558 in singles for a 1,933 total.

The next day, Kaitlyn George of Arlington, Texas, ascended to the top spot in Ruby Singles with games of 220, 245 and 237 for 702.

Anna Marie Grenville of Melbourne, Florida, maintained the lead for more than two months in Emerald Singles at the 2025 Women’s Championships, posting steady games of 224, 210 and 209 for a 643 series on April 30.

The members of Spare Me of Bellevue, Washington, recorded the score to beat in Emerald Team on May 8 in Las Vegas, improving each game (671, 734, 779) on the way to a 2,184 total.

Julie Sieger struck plenty for Spare Me to pace the group, finishing with a 704 series. Sieger was joined at South Point by Heidi Anderson (581), Kim Mellick (486) and Jackie Johnson (413).

Brandy Burkhart of Reno, Nevada, and Desiree Hurd of Fernley, Nevada, secured the top score in Emerald Doubles on May 12, working together to post 1,154.

Burkhart fired games of 211, 192 and 237 for a 640 series to lead the way, and Hurd added games of 192, 178 and 144 for 514.

The top nine-game score in Emerald All-Events was rolled by Christen Riggins of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, on May 23-24. Riggins had sets of 644 in doubles, 637 in singles and 553 in team to cruise to the top spot by more than 80 pins with 1,834.

In Sapphire Team, the members of Misfits of Stevensville, Michigan, secured the lead May 15 with games of 541, 619 and 658 for a total of 1,818.

Estela Mangulabnan had a 637 series to lead the team, and she was joined at South Point by Annette Garrison (416), Olivia Garrison (392) and Denise Barton (373).

The big number in Sapphire Doubles remained local, as Las Vegas' Mary Odom and Glencora Lannen finished the event with a combined score of 982.

Lannen led the way May 19 with games of 189, 157 and 163 for a 509 series. Odom posted 141, 192 and 140 for a 473 set.

A total of nine 300s were rolled at the 2025 Women's Championships, including two from Najah Owens of Raleigh, North Carolina. She became the first competitor at the tournament to record two 300s during the same appearance.

Owens recorded her first 300 on May 23 during her team event on the way to a 782 series, and she matched the feat the next day during singles to post a 765 series. She added 696 in doubles to take over second in Diamond All-Events with 2,243.

Four bowlers achieved an 800 series in 2025. Kayla Pashina of Otsego, Minnesota, put together the highest set in tournament history during her doubles event, firing games of 300, 257 and 279 for an 836 series.

Pashina and McCarthy were joined by Josie Barnes of Hermitage, Tennessee (805 in team), and Darian Miller of Slidell, Louisiana (812 in doubles), with 800s at South Point in 2025.

In addition to the big performances on the lanes, three bowlers celebrated 50 years of tournament participation in 2025 – Joyce Dixon of Mesa, Arizona; Theresa Fellows of Bozeman, Montana; and Marilyn Smith of Prairieville, Louisiana – and Onalee Kraus of Coldwater, Michigan, made her 63rd appearance at the event.

Along with the fun at the Women's Championships, The Forty Frame Game returned to the national stage at South Point and featured 963 entries for the world's most unique singles tournament.

The Forty Frame Game blends creative scoring – through no-tap frames, mulligans, bonus pins and other fun challenges – with prize-winning potential over 40 continuous frames. It also features three optional side events – Gray Pay, 175 and Under and Scratch.

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Phoenix's Barbara Wilson finished with the top score in the Main Event at The Forty Frame Game in 2025, posting a total score of 1,106. That score also helped her earn the top spot in Gray Pay.

Gia Roe of Aurora, Colorado, posted the top number in 175 and Under with 1,016, and Las Vegas' Raycine Mortensen led the way in Scratch with 1,072.

To learn more and find additional standings, visit BOWL.com/FortyFrameGame.

The Women's Championships will return to Las Vegas and the South Point Bowling Plaza in 2026. The event is scheduled to run from April 25 - June 28, and registration is open at BOWL.com/WomensChamp.

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2025 USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS
At South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas

(Division leaders with hometown and pinfall)

As of July 1, 2025

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TEAM ALL-EVENTS
1, Sterner Strong 1 (Kristin McEntee, Terysa Wojnar, Michelle Sterner, Valerie Bercier), Oregon, Ohio, 8,185. 2, Team 50/50, Boise, Idaho, 8,175. 3, Heads Carolina Tails California, Lebanon, Ill., 8,169. 4, Team Muffin, Brigham City, Utah, 8,105. 5, Team Rice, Round Rock, Texas, 8,057.

TEAM

Diamond
(For bowlers with combined averages of 701 and above)
1, Sterner Strong 1 (Kristin McEntee, Terysa Wojnar, Michelle Sterner, Valerie Bercier), Oregon, Ohio, 2,763. 2, How Wong Are We, Boise, Idaho, 2,730. 3(tie), Back At It, Riverview, Fla., and Candice's Conquerors, Hermitage, Tenn., 2,725. 5, Pro Approach Bowling, Boise, Idaho, 2,723.

Ruby
(For bowlers with combined averages of 621-700)
1, Paper Chasers 16 (Allison Coleman, Angela Brown, Makeba Coleman, Logan Brown), Temple Hills, Md., 2,349. 2, The Presidents Crew, Clarksville, Tenn., 2,286. 3, Oregon Pin Pushers, Forest Grove, Ore., 2,279. 4(tie), Cancer Sucks 3, Milner, Ga., and Sistas 1, McDonough, Ga., 2,267.

Emerald
(For bowlers with combined averages of 541-620)

1, Spare Me (Kim Mellick, Jackie Johnson, Heidi Anderson, Julie Sieger), Bellevue, Wash., 2,184. 2, Savage Sisters, Sacramento, Calif., 2,106. 3, Southwest Sassy Lassies #5, Albuquerque, N.M., 2,075. 4, I'd Hit That, Kearney, Neb., 2,060. 5, It's a Mark, Lebanon, Ore., 2,023.

Sapphire
(For bowlers with combined averages of 540 and below)
1, Misfits (Olivia Garrison, Denise Barton, Annette Garrison, Estela Mangulabnan), Stevensville, Mich., 1,818. 2, Eazy Shotz, Gun Barrel City, Texas, 1,802. 3, Balls Up, Lincoln, Neb., 1,791. 4, Interstate Sandbaggers 3, Lake Elmo, Minn., 1,772. 5, Cali Divas #14, San Diego, 1,760.

DOUBLES

Diamond
(For bowlers with combined averages of 351 and above)
1, Adel Wahner, Verona, Wis./Maria Bulanova, Rockvale, Tenn., 1,500. 2, Katie Robb, Swedesboro, N.J./Breanna Clemmer, Lebanon, Ill., 1,486. 3, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas/Shannon Sellens, Long Beach, N.Y., 1,471. 4, Kristina Rosberg, Ord, Neb./Kayla Pashina, Otsego, Minn., 1,468. 5, Kristin Quah, Portland, Ore./Maranda Pattison, Redwood Valley, Calif., 1,458.

Ruby
(For bowlers with combined averages of 311-350)
1, Teryl Gade, Littleton, Colo./Tammy Bellofatto, Lakewood, Colo., 1,354. 2, Shari Salmon, Cumming, Ga./Ruth Mendoza-Cervantes, Flowery Branch, Ga., 1,247. 3, Joy Parker/Holly Ufford, Scio, Ore., 1,221. 4, Faye Anderson, Upland, Calif./Anna-Marie Quon, Arcadia, Calif., 1,212. 5, Olga Arguelles, Hillsboro, Ore./Savannah Decker, Henderson, Nev., 1,209.

Emerald
(For bowlers with combined averages of 271-310)
1, Brandy Burkhart, Reno, Nev./Desiree Hurd, Fernley, Nev., 1,154. 2, Evelyn Allen/Nichole Kuiee, Waianae, Hawaii, 1,119. 3, DeShauna McQueen, Pine Bush, N.Y./Veronica Copeland, Newburgh, N.Y., 1,112. 4, Fely Grande, Leavenworth, Kan./Gina Huffman, Lansing, Kan., 1,099. 5, Kenda Freeman, Sacramento, Calif./Rebecca Greenwood, Citrus Heights, Calif., 1,095.

Sapphire
(For bowlers with combined averages of 270 and below)
1, Mary Odom/Glencora Lannen, Las Vegas, 982. 2, Ashley Vowell-Zundel, McKinney, Texas/Lily Irvin, Carson City, Nev., 977. 3, Joyce Baroni, Buena Vista, Colo./Glenda Pugh, Salida, Colo., 964. 4, Cherri Murphey, Wilber, Neb./Lou Hajek, Clatonia, Neb., 961. 5, Toby Sydenstricker, West Grove, Pa./Beth Morris, Oxford, Pa., 949.

SINGLES

Diamond
(For bowlers with averages of 176 and above)

1, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 800. 2, Candy Kramer, Menifee, Calif., 773. 3, Taylor Ellison, Lafayette, Ind., 772. 4, Anita Arnett, Richmond, Texas, 771. 5(tie), Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., Najah Owens, Raleigh, N.C., and Sarah Smith, Adel, Iowa, 765.

Ruby
(For bowlers with averages from 156-175)
1, Kaitlyn George, Arlington, Texas, 702. 2, Katelyn Schaibly, Lapeer, Mich., 692. 3, Janice Flynn, St. Charles, Ill., 690. 4(tie), Morgan Trumbo, Tracy, Calif., and Sylvia Scharnow, Sacramento, Calif., 688.

Emerald
(For bowlers with averages from 136-155)
1, Anna Marie Grenville, Melbourne, Fla., 643. 2, Christen Riggins, Upper Marlboro, Md., 637. 3, Karen Benner, Imlay City, Mich., 626. 4, ReeAnn Armstrong, Waxahachie, Texas, 625. 5, Jennifer Shot-With Two Arrows, Oakland, Calif., 616.

Sapphire
(For bowlers with averages from 135 and below)
1, Rebecca Gierut, Chicago, 587. 2, Krystal Hayes, St. Albans, N.Y., 570. 3, Eula Ceasar, Sulphur, La., 564. 4, Stephanie Dunlap, Conroe, Texas, 550. 5, Sandra Moyer, Bellefonte, Pa., 547.

ALL-EVENTS

Diamond
(For bowlers with averages of 176 and above)
1, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 2,261. 2, Najah Owens, Raleigh, N.C., 2,243. 3, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 2,237. 4, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 2,203. 5, Kayla Pashina, Otsego, Minn., 2,202.

Ruby
(For bowlers with averages from 156-175)
1, Ladine Jones, Anaheim, Calif., 1,933. 2, Valerie Simek, Elk Grove Village, Ill., 1,906. 3, Krysta LaRue, Maricopa, Ariz., 1,891. 4, Kaitlyn George, Arlington, Texas, 1,884. 5, Cori Brennan, Carson City, Nev., 1,878.

Emerald
(For bowlers with averages from 136-155)
1, Christen Riggins, Upper Marlboro, Md., 1,834. 2, Shari Salmon, Cumming, Ga., 1,753. 3, Ursula Alvarado, Fischer, Texas, 1,746. 4, Beverly Sendgikoski, St. Augustine, Fla., 1,694. 5, Teryl Gade, Littleton, Colo., 1,689.

Sapphire
(For bowlers with averages from 135 and below)
1, Rebecca Gierut, Chicago, 1,573. 2, Eula Ceasar, Sulphur, La., 1,557. 3(tie), Kim Neuberger, Buckeye, Ariz., and Tamara Nolan, Antelope, Calif., 1,501. 5, Viola Angebrandt, San Bernardino, Calif., 1,486.

July 9, 2025

EIGHT ATHLETES SELECTED TO REPRESENT JUNIOR TEAM USA AT 2025 PANAM BOWLING YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP IN GUATEMALA

ARLINGTON, Texas – Eight outstanding young bowlers will represent the United States on the lanes after having been chosen by the National Selection Committee to represent Junior Team USA at the 2025 PANAM Bowling Youth Championship in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Brandon Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey; Josh Hammons of Topeka, Kansas; Landin Jordan of Sycamore, Illinois, and Ernesto Reynoso of Folsom, California, will make up the men's team while Gianna Brandolino of Channahon, Illinois; Erin Klemencic of Powder Springs, Georgia; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio, and Annalise OBryant of Ball Ground, Georgia, comprise the women's squad.

The group will be led by Team USA coach Kelly Kulick, a United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer who also serves as head coach of Junior Team USA. Kulick will be joined by assistant coach Andy Diercks.

The 2025 Youth Championship will run from Aug. 9-16 and be held at the 28-lane Metrobowl Zone 15 in Guatemala City.

Official practice sessions and the event's opening ceremony are scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 10, with singles competition in the U16, U18 and U21 divisions set to begin one day later.

Doubles play in all three divisions will take place on Aug. 12 with trios and mixed doubles being contested on Aug. 13.

Team competition will take place over two days, beginning on Aug. 14 and ending on Aug. 15, which will be the final day of competition at this year's tournament.

Once the final shots have been thrown and the final medals awarded, the closing ceremony will officially bring the 2025 Youth Championship to a close.

The PANAM Youth Championship will be Junior Team USA's second competition of 2025 as Katelyn Abigania of San Diego and Connor Fleming of Fort Worth, Texas, donned the red, white and blue at the International Bowling Federation Youth World Cup in Helsingborg, Sweden, in June. Abigania placed 10th at that event while Fleming finished 23rd.

July 9, 2025

SOUTHEAST AND PACIFIC REGIONS EARN NO. 1 SEEDS FOR MATCH PLAY AT 2025 USA BOWLING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

OSHKOSH, Wis. – Teams representing the Southeast and Pacific regions earned the top spots for the final day of match play in the 12-and-under and 15-and-under divisions, respectively, at the 2025 USA Bowling National Championships Wednesday at Revs Bowl.

Teams in both divisions bowled 15 qualifying Baker format matches (the U12 division had 15 teams instead of 16 and, therefore, bowled one game against a "blind" that counted for pinfall, but not in their overall match play record) and while all teams advanced to Thursday's double-elimination match play bracket, it was their records on Wednesday that determined seeding.

Bowling out of the Southeast region in U12, the Buffaloe Lanes Boardwalkers earned the top seed for Thursday's match play by compiling a 10-3-1 record. That record was half a game better than the teams from the Lower Great Lakes, Northeast and South Central regions, who all went 10-4. Teams with the same match play record during qualifying have the tie broken by total pinfall and, based on that criteria, Lower Great Lakes (2,972) will be seeded second, Northeast will be third (2,802) and South Central fourth (2,764) on Thursday.

The Boardwalkers posted Baker games of 180, 219, 190, 161, 157, 194, 161, 190, 221, 161, 150, 214, 201, 157 and 221, for a total of 2,777, while compiling their field-best 10-3-1 match play record. They are coached by Kelly Belcher and feature team members Katelyn Belcher, Jameer Brown, Lakai Cooley, Derrick Jackson and Olivia Jackson.

The 2,972 total posted by Lower Great Lakes region's Dem Midwest Boyz is a USA Bowling National Championships U12 qualifying record, but since their match play record was not as good as the Boardwalkers, they ended up seeded second. The 260 rolled by Dem Midwest Boyz in Game 12 was the highest during U12 qualifying on Wednesday.

In the U15 division, the Pacific region's Starlight Strikers set a U15 qualifying record by going 12-3 on Wednesday. That mark was one game better than the team from the South region (11-4). The South Central region (10-4-1) claimed the No. 3 seed for Thursday, while the New England region will be seeded fourth (10-5).

The Starlight Strikers put together games of 203, 238, 255, 278, 235, 199, 215, 167, 249, 201, 197, 216, 173, 223 and 167, for a total of 3,216, on the way to their record-setting 12-3 mark.

On the roster for the Starlight Strikers are Kobe Cabanting, Louis Cloud, Joey Hammer, Trenton Ichimura Jr. and Jake Sale. Their head coach is Dean Buchanan.

The highest pinfall in the U15 division on Wednesday belonged to the team representing the Lower Great Lakes region with 3,228. That team also had the high game (290) in the U15 division on Wednesday. Despite those impressive numbers, Lower Great Lakes went 8-6-1 and qualified sixth.

Thursday competition at Revs Bowl features all teams in best-of-three double-elimination bracket match play that will result in two teams from each division advancing to Sunday's final round in an arena setting at the Resch Center in Green Bay.

Sunday's best-of-five match finals will be taped by CBS Sports Network. The U12 finals will air Tuesday, July 15, at 7 p.m. Eastern and the U15 finals will be televised on Tuesday, July 22, at 7 p.m. Eastern.

BowlTV is providing live coverage of the qualifying and match play rounds leading up to the finals and, once again, more than $120,000 in scholarship money is being awarded at this year's event.

The 2025 USA Bowling National Championships feature 15 regions competing in U12 and 16 in U15. Each team competing in Wisconsin earned their spot by winning their regional event.

For complete results for both the U12 and U15 divisions, click here.

To learn more about the USA Bowling National Championships, visit BOWL.com/youth/usa-bowling.

2025 USA BOWLING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
At Rev's Bowl
Oshkosh, Wis.

Wednesday's Results

U12 DIVISION – ROUND 1 – QUALIFYING
(Region followed by match play record and total pinfall. Match play record determines seeding in the next round. Match play record ties broken by total pinfall.)

1, Southeast, 10-3-1, 2,777. 2, Lower Great Lakes, 10-4, 2,972. 3, Northeast, 10-4, 2,802. 4, South Central, 10-4, 2,764. 5, Upper Great Lakes, 9-5, 2,834. 6, Midwest, 9-5, 2,810.

7, Heartland, 9-5, 2,538. 8, Atlantic East, 8-6, 2,632. 9, Pacific, 8-6, 2,559. 10, Upper Midwest, 7-7, 2,450. 11, Coastal South, 6-8, 2,615. 12, Southwest, 4-10, 2,078.

13, New England, 3-11, 2,133. 14, Mountain, 1-12-1. 15, South, 0-14, 1,832.

U15 DIVISION – ROUND 1 – QUALIFYING
(Region followed by match play record and total pinfall. Match play record determines seeding in the next round. Match play record ties broken by total pinfall.)

1, Pacific, 12-3, 3,216. 2, South, 11-4, 3,127. 3, South Central, 10-4-1, 3,193. 4, New England, 10-5, 3,213. 5, Mideast, 9-5-1, 2,993. 6, Lower Great Lakes, 8-6-1, 3,228.

7, Southeast, 8-7, 3,200. 8, Atlantic East, 8-7, 3,102. 9, Mountain, 7-7-1, 3,007. 10, Southwest, 7-8, 3,054. 11, Midwest, 6-9, 3,069. 12, Upper Great Lakes, 6-9, 2,909.

13, Coastal South, 6-9, 2,862. 14, Northeast, 6-9, 2,859. 15, Heartland, 3-12, 2,771. 16, Upper Midwest, 1-14, 2,739.

July 10, 2025

BOWLING TAKES CENTER STAGE OVER AUGUST WEEKEND WITH VISIBILITY ON FOX & FRIENDS PLUS GO BOWLING AT THE GLEN NASCAR CUP RACE

ARLINGTON, Texas – It will be a "Big Bowling Weekend" August 9-10 as Go Bowling celebrates the sport by being featured on both a nationally televised morning show and in a major sporting event on consecutive days.

The weekend kicks off on Saturday, Aug. 9, as bowling will once again be featured on the FOX & Friends show to help celebrate National Bowling Day. As it has each year since 2018, Go Bowling will have the sport featured throughout the four-hour telecast (6-10 a.m. Eastern).

"The Big Bowling Weekend provides the perfect platform for those who love bowling to help raise awareness for the sport," said BPAA President Tyler Herreman. "These events provide a great way to bring consumers to the lanes and celebrate the passion of the 67 million-plus people who go bowling every year to reunite and have fun with their friends and families."

The weekend wraps up on Aug. 10 with the Go Bowling at The Glen NASCAR Cup Series race which will be televised live on USA Network (NBC Sports). Michael McDowell, a former Daytona 500 champion, will be driving the #71 Go Bowling Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 for Spire Motorsports in the race at Watkins Glen International.

Below is more information on each of these events:

• **Exclusive "FOX & Friends" live broadcast segments on the FOX News Channel on Aug. 9 from 6-10 a.m. Eastern.** Go Bowling will have Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) President Tyler Herreman on hand to roll out the first ball on the regulation pair of bowling lanes that will be installed on FOX Square just outside the FOX News Studio on 6th Avenue and 48th Street in Manhattan. Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) star and Go Bowling Brand Ambassador Kyle Troup will add to the excitement as he will be on hand to showcase his bowling skills and provide coaching to the FOX & Friends hosts. Nancy Schenk, Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL) Chairperson, also will be present and will make an on-air donation to a designated military charity. FOX & Friends is the top-rated cable news morning program reaching millions of consumers every day. Go Bowling's National Bowling Day appearance each year helps build top-of-mind awareness for bowling.

• **The Go Bowling at The Glen NASCAR race on Aug. 10, will be broadcast LIVE on USA Network beginning at 2 p.m. Eastern.** Over the three-day race weekend, The Go Bowling Fan Activation Tent will be set up in the Watkins Glen Fan Midway, where two custom-built regulation bowling lanes will be installed, offering everyone attending the race the opportunity to bowl for free. PBA and United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Hall of Famer Norm Duke and popular youth bowler and social media sensation Malia Briggs will be in attendance as Go Bowling Ambassadors. Duke and Briggs, who are both Storm National Staff members, will engage fans and make bowling exhibition appearances in the Go Bowling Fan Activation Tent.

McDowell, the 2021 Daytona 500 winner and two-time NASCAR Cup Series champion, along with other to be named NASCAR celebrities, also will make appearances at the Go Bowling Fan Activation Tent to meet and interact with fans.

In addition, Go Bowling supports National Bowling Day and the Go Bowling at The Glen race with numerous local promotions and programs that drive families and friends to their

local bowling centers around the country, generating top-of-mind awareness for bowling and elevating excitement for the sport.
To join in Go Bowling's mission, visit **GoBowling.com** and follow on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, **X** and **TikTok** to follow and participate in the campaign.

July 13, 2025
2024-2025 DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICAN TEAM ANNOUNCED

ARLINGTON, Texas – The Dexter High School All-American Team has been announced for the 2024-2025 school year, with Tamia Yeager of Tacoma, Washington, and Drake Wait of Stillwater, Minnesota, named as captains.

The teams were selected by Dexter Bowling in consultation with the Selection Committee. Each team is comprised of five student-athletes who had to participate on a recognized interscholastic high school bowling team during the 2024-2025 school year.

Applicants were required to have at least a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) and submit a resume of their bowling and academic achievements, along with an essay, to be considered for the team. They also were required to provide recommendation letters from their coaches or athletic directors and at least one additional letter of recommendation.

"We are incredibly proud to congratulate this year's Dexter High School All-American Team," said Paul Sylvia, Vice President of Dexter Bowling. "These outstanding student-athletes represent the future of our sport, and their passion, performance and character embody everything Dexter stands for. We're honored to support them at this exciting stage in their journey and proud to welcome them into the Dexter family."

Each team member will receive a $1,000 scholarship. Yeager and Wait were announced as captains during a lunch Sunday as part of the 2025 Junior Gold Championships in Green Bay. Both captains will receive an additional $500 scholarship and take home the Bud Clapsaddle Award, named for the former Dexter Bowling vice president who oversaw selection of the first 12 teams.

The girls' team includes:

Malayna Calo (Riverview, Florida) – The junior has established a 5.71 weighted GPA and is ranked in the top 15 in her graduating class of 140 students at Bell Creek Academy High School despite taking on a course-load featuring multiple advanced placement (AP) and honors classes. Calo, who earned a spot on Junior Team USA's Developmental Squad in 2024 thanks to a top-10 finish at the 2023 Junior Gold Championships (U15), has enjoyed consistent success while representing Bell Creek on the lanes, helping the team to multiple Florida High School Athletic Association District 5 team titles, an individual championship and three individual runner-up performances. When not bowling or hitting the books, Calo has helped her community through her involvement in Girl Scouts and as a volunteer for Seeds of Hope, Metropolitan Ministries, Relay for Life and the Mayhem Wrestling Club.

Kyrah Durham (Mansfield, Texas) – During her tenure at Mansfield Lake Ridge High School, Durham excelled both in the classroom and as a participant in extracurricular activities such as Future Medical Professionals, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Health Occupations Students of America. She finished her high school career with a perfect 4.0 GPA, earning Teacher's Choice and Senior of the Month honors along the way. When she's not on the lanes competing, Durham works to help build a better bowling community throughout the state of Texas by serving as Texas USBC State Youth Director, a position she's held since 2022. Her work in association leadership also led to her earning the Texas State Youth Bowler Service Award in 2021. Durham is just as impressive with a bowling ball in her hands, however. She was a three-time varsity letter winner for Mansfield Lake Ridge (2022, 2023 and 2024), a two-time Texas State All-Events Scratch champion (2022 and 2024) and has qualified for the Junior Gold Championships national finals every year since 2018.

Mylie Galigher (Bowerston, Ohio) – Galigher maintained a 4.0 GPA and established herself as an exemplary student at Conotton Valley High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, was vice president of her senior class and was named Academic All Ohio in 2023-2024. She stayed active in extracurricular activities as well, competing as a member of Conotton's bowling, cheerleading, softball and volleyball teams. On the lanes, Galigher helped Conotton to a record of 73-7 during her high school career. That mark included an Ohio High School Athletic Association Division II state title in 2022-2023 and another state tournament appearance in 2023-2024. This past season, Galigher earned distinctions as an Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All Star as well as OVAC and Inter-Valley Conference All-Conference First Team.

Aubrey Garton (Olivehill, Tennessee) – The senior was stellar in the classroom at Hardin County High School, where she finished her high school career with a 4.0 GPA and ranked No. 1 in her graduating class of 233 students. However, Garton didn't set herself apart due to classwork alone. She also made her mark while participating in several extracurricular activities and serving countless community groups. Garton's list of organizations served includes National Honor Society, 4-H Honor Club, Future Farmers of America, New Pleasant Grove Freewill Baptist Church, HCHS Hitmen Trap Team and Hardin County Airport to name a few. On the lanes, Garton helped Hardin County to four Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division I state titles. She also achieved considerable individual success, which included a fifth-place finish as an individual at the 2024 TSSAA State Tournament.

Tamia Yeager (Tacoma, Washington) – Yeager is the first three-time Dexter High School All-American in program history, having earned the honor during both the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 seasons as well. She also retained her status as team captain in 2025 after having first earned the distinction last year. Yeager is a graduate of Spanaway Lake High School, where she finished her high school career with a 3.83 GPA despite challenging herself with multiple honors and AP classes. In the community, Yeager has served organizations such as Emergency Food Network, Special Olympics, Twin Star Community Foundation and South Sound USBC Youth Committee to name a few; however, all that time spent helping others hasn't prevented her from enjoying plenty of success of her own on the lanes. During the 2024-2025 season alone, Yeager, the 2025 USBC Earl Anthony Scholarship winner, took first at the Junior Bowlers Tour of West Seattle Girls' Scratch

Weekend, finished second in the Princess Division at the Washington State Queens and was named Tacoma Athletic Commission Winter Sport Athlete of the Year.

The boys' team features:

Jerrad Barczyszyn (North Las Vegas, Nevada) – Barczyszyn was a senior at Shadow Ridge High School with a 4.0 GPA (4.95 weighted GPA). He received an Advanced Honors diploma while also earning college credit as a dual-enrollment student at both Nevada State University and the College of Southern Nevada. Barczyszyn was able to effectively balance a stellar academic career with excellence on the lanes. Among his notable bowling accomplishments are a 2025 5A Nevada High School State championship, multiple wins in Junior Bowlers Tour competition and a 2024 Nevada State Pepsi championship. He's a two-time Bobby McVey Nevada High School MVP champion and a two-time Nevada Prep All-Southern First Team Bowling selection (2022 and 2023). Off the lanes, Barczyszyn spent time volunteering at the pro shop in the Red Rock Casino where he developed informational videos on bowling equipment. During high school, his interest was sparked while taking a class in forensic science, and he will continue his academic pursuit of that interest while also continuing his bowling career at Grand Canyon University.

Josiah Casler (Lancaster, Pennsylvania) – Casler, a senior at Conestoga Valley High School, carried a cumulative GPA of 4.35 while taking numerous honors and AP classes. His dedication to his academics was rewarded with membership in three different academic honor societies: National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society and Math Honor Society. Casler was a member of the school's bowling team all four years of high school and was named team captain his senior year. He was named section MVP his junior year and was league and district MVP his senior year while earning a fifth-place finish in districts. He was named to the Icebreaker Tournament High School Boys All-Star Team his senior year and rolled six perfect games over the course of his final two years in high school while averaging 225 or better each of those two years. Casler also was active in his community with volunteer work that included organizing and operating a bowling fundraiser for Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services and participating in a mini-thon fundraiser for pediatric cancer research and care. He also is very active in his local church and community with teaching and mentoring projects.

Quinn Dean (Reynoldsburg, Ohio) – The junior at Reynoldsburg High School has established a 4.0 GPA (4.57 weighted GPA) in a curriculum that includes a number of Honors and AP courses. He is a member of the National Honor Society and participates in several clubs and activities, including Model U.N., LEO Club, Wind Ensemble Band, Handbell Choir and the tennis team. He's a three-year varsity letterman in bowling, is the team captain and has been the recipient of the Jean Martin Sportsmanship and Leadership Award three years in a row. He has won multiple titles on the Junior Tournament Bowlers Association (JTBA) Tour and owns a top-10 finish in the 2022 Junior Gold Championships (U15 Boys division). During the 2024-2025 season, he earned first team All-Ohio individual honors at the Ohio High School Athletic Association state finals, and his team finished first in its conference and tied for first as Division A champions while Dean was named to the Division A All-Conference team. Dean also volunteers his time coaching youth leagues at two different bowling centers in the Columbus, Ohio, area (he has earned his Level 1 USBC

Coaching certification). Dean intends to pursue his bowling career in college with an intended major that would involve Finance/Business and/or Mathematics.

Austin Goetz (La Porte, Texas) – Goetz has enjoyed an exemplary academic and athletic career while completing his senior year at La Porte High School. Goetz carried a 3.58 GPA (4.475 weighted GPA) while taking advanced and college preparatory classes. He is the recipient of the 2025 Ed Calcote Memorial Scholarship Award and was cited as a leader for the student-led LPSportsNET program that brings the school's sports to an online audience. He facilitated every role in that program, demonstrating exceptional leadership, adaptability and a strong work ethic, and his dedication was noted as being instrumental to the program's success. Those same attributes have no doubt led to Goetz's success on the lanes where he is both a Greater Houston USBC Youth/GHCPA and Texas USBC Youth Bowling Hall of Honor inductee. He bowled on the high school team all four years, was a three-time captain/co-captain, a three-time team MVP and four-time member of the All-District team. During the 2024-2025 season, the team won the district championship, and Goetz was the singles district champion. He is a four-time qualifier for the Junior Gold Championships, a three-time PBA Junior Southwest Regional National qualifier and a multi-time winner on the San Antonio Youth Bowlers Tour. Goetz will continue his academic and bowling career at Newman University.

Drake Wait (Stillwater, Minnesota) – This year's boys' team captain recently completed his junior year at Stillwater Area High School, where he's established a 3.91 weighted GPA while taking on challenging courses such as AP Psychology and physics. Wait is highly active outside the classroom as well, playing tuba in the school band, achieving black belt status in karate and dedicating time to his community through service to programs such as Feed My Starving Children and the Youth Mental Health Initiative. On the lanes, Wait's objective is "to be a critical and motivating member of a high performing bowling team." He's certainly been a cornerstone for Stillwater, serving as team captain, earning First Team All-State honors and recording the highest strike and fill percentages in the state with marks of 69.1% and 94.38%, respectively. Wait has also achieved success on the national stage, finishing tied for 38th in the U18 Boys division at the 2024 Junior Gold Championships. That performance was hardly surprising, however, as Wait already has seven certified 300 games and four 800 series to his credit.

For more information on high school bowling, including the Dexter High School All-American Team and grant initiatives to assist high school programs, visit BOWL.com/HighSchool.

2024-2025 DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICAN TEAM
Name, Hometown, Year, High School

Girls Team
Malayna Calo, Riverview, Florida, Junior, Bell Creek Academy High School
Kylie Durham, Manfield, Texas, Senior, Mansfield Lake Ridge High School
Mylie Galigher, Bowerston, Ohio, Senior, Conotton Valley High School
Aubrey Garton, Olivehill, Tennessee, Senior, Hardin County High School
Tamia Yeager, Tacoma, Washington, Senior, Spanaway Lake High School

Boys Team
Jerrad Barczyszyn, North Las Vegas, Nevada, Senior, Shadow Ridge High School

Josiah Casler, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Senior, Conestoga Valley High School
Quinn Dean, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Junior, Reynoldsburg High School
Austin Goetz, La Porte, Texas, Senior, La Porte High School
Drake Wait, Stillwater, Minnesota, Junior, Stillwater Area High School

July 13, 2025

TITLES CLAIMED IN U12 AND U15 DIVISIONS AT 2025 USA BOWLING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

GREEN BAY, Wis. – Teams representing the Lower Great Lakes and Coastal South regions earned titles in the 12-and-under and 15-and-under divisions, respectively, at the **2025 USA Bowling National Championships** Sunday.

The best-of-five match finals were taped in an arena setting on specially installed lanes at the Resch Center by CBS Sports Network and will air on consecutive Tuesday evenings in July at 7 p.m. Eastern. The U12 finals will air July 15 and the U15 finals will air July 22. BowlTV provided live coverage of the qualifying and match play rounds leading up to the finals. For the second consecutive year, scholarship money was made available with more than $120,000 awarded in this year's event.

Bowling out of the Lower Great Lakes region in U12, the team named Dem Midwest Boyz defeated the Atlantic East region's Lane Damage team, 3-1. In U15, it was the Coastal South region's Going For It team taking home a 3-1 victory over The Avengers from the South region.

The championship round in each division featured a four-person Baker format with the lead-off bowler bowling the first, fifth and ninth frames, the second bowler bowling the second, sixth and 10th frames, the third bowler bowling frames three and seven, and the fourth bowler bowling frames four and eight.

Bowling for the Lower Great Lakes region's Dem Midwest Boyz in the U12 finals were Caleb Boykin, Aaron "Bam Bam" Cabiness, Nehemiah Keefer, Emmett Larson and Asa Wilson-Perry. In charge of the team was head coach Anton Collins.

Comprising the Atlantic East region's Lane Damage were head coach Douglas Ausderau and team members Noah Ausderau, Ellie Kate Murray (the lone female in the U12 and U15 finals), Chase Rudy and Bauer Wokasch.

Atlantic East got off to a good start in the match by taking Game 1, 213-183. Atlantic East managed to put together a clean game, while Lower Great Lakes suffered an open frame in the fourth and never had consecutive strikes.

Fortunes began to change for Lower Great Lakes in Game 2. After an open frame in the first, they stayed clean the rest of the way, including three consecutive strikes in Frames 5-7, for a 204 game. That was enough to collect the win as Atlantic East had five open frames and struggled to a 124 result.

Things didn't improve much for Atlantic East in Game 3 as five more open frames led to a 141 game. Lower Great Lakes overcame open frames in the second and third frames by throwing strikes in Frames 4 and 5. Four consecutive strikes beginning in Frame 8 put the game away as Lower Great Lakes ended with 206, leaving them one win away from a national championship.

Lower Great Lakes put things to rest with an impressive performance in Game 4. They started with four consecutive strikes, converted a pair of single-pin spares in Frames 5 and 6, then finished with six more strikes for 268, while Atlantic East finished with a 154 game.

Despite not being able to come away with the victory, Atlantic East had plenty to be proud of.

“For this team to go on the run that it did just based on the character of the individuals involved was amazing,” said coach Ausderau. “This is the first year that we’ve participated in this event and it’s been a tremendous experience. We absolutely earned our chance to be here today, and I think our kids feel pretty proud of themselves.”

For Lower Great Lakes, it was an outstanding team effort, with all five players contributing to the team’s strong finish.

“We were a little nervous that first game, but we shook it off,” said coach Collins. “We got into Game 2 and then we just took off.”

The team was probably justified for being a little nervous bowling under the TV lights and in an arena setting – a fairly dauting experience for a team of 12-and-under bowlers.

“It was really nerve-wracking at the start,” said Larson. “But as we went on, we got more used to it. We forgot about the nerves, and we locked in and did really good.”

According to Keefer, the chemistry of the team was a key part of their victory.

“The guys that I bowl with are very good,” he said. “Every time that I mess up, they always cheer for me. When we strike, we hype each other up. It’s my first time being with these guys and winning with them feels really good.”

Coach Collins summed the entire experience up by saying, “No matter where these kids go, no matter how far they go, whether it’s with school or a job or with bowling, they will always be national champions. That can never be taken away from them.”

In the U15 division, each team featured four bowlers. Taking the lanes for Coastal South were Tristan Ellis, Liam Justiniano, Cayden Sylvester and Kristofer Wagner (member of the 2025 Junior Team USA Development Team), with head coach Eric Brewer.

The South region team was comprised of Eli Anckner, Ryan Campbell (member of the 2025 Junior Team USA Development Team and the 2023 U12 USA Bowling National Championships team), Francis “Pancho” Johnson and Ridgely Potter Jr., with head coach Mike Anckner.

The U15 title match saw a split of the first two games. Coastal South rolled five consecutive strikes in Frames 5-9 on the way to a 247-222 win. The South region flipped the script in Game 2, rolling a clean game that featured eight strikes to punctuate a 231-157 victory.

Game 3 turned out to be the pivotal point of the match. The South region team jumped out to a quick lead in that game with strikes in five of the first six frames, while Coastal South had a pair of open frames through their first six frames.

With Coastal South trailing by more than 50 pins entering Frame 7, Justiniano left the 2-8. Instead of having him try to convert the spare, head coach Brewer directed him to grab a different ball and throw a “first ball” shot to see what kind of reaction it might give him. The result, as expected, was an open frame since Justiniano wasn’t trying to make the spare, but rather was trying to get lined up for the next game.

Things got interesting from there. Following the open frame in the seventh frame, Coastal South threw four consecutive strikes and then got nine on their final shot to post a 192 final score.

The South region team couldn’t put the match away in the final frames, failing to convert a single-pin (10 pin) spare in Frame 7, sparing in Frame 8, then suffering another open frame in the ninth after leaving the 1-2-4-10. That left them needing a spare in the 10th to win the match. Another missed 10 pin on a single-pin spare attempt cost them the game by one pin, 192-191.

Suddenly, Coastal South had a victory in a game they certainly weren’t expecting to win after Frame 7 and a 2-1 lead in the best-of five final.

“Being down 50 in like the sixth or seventh frame, you would never expect a team with four of the best bowlers, not only in their region, but in the country, to have those open frames,” said coach Brewer. “I’m glad the decision I made (to not attempt the spare in Frame 7) didn’t cost us that match. In the end, Liam got the look he needed for the next game, and we got a bonus by winning that match, so it all worked out in the end.”

Brewer talked about the momentum swing winning that game provided.

“Honestly, I thought that winning that match was it (the turning point),” Brewer said. “It had to be demoralizing for them to know that we were just trying to find something for the next game and then we end up winning that game. That game was the changing moment right there. There wasn’t any doubt in my mind that we were going to win after that.”

Game 4 stayed fairly close throughout. The South region team closed strong with strikes in Frames 7, 8 and 9. They entered the 10th frame needing a double and 7 pins to shut out Coastal South and force a deciding fifth game. After getting the first strike, the next shot resulted in a 2-8 leave, which was converted for a final score of 191.

That left Coastal South needing a double and three pins in their final frame to win the U15 national championship. Anchor bowler Wagner stepped up and delivered all three strikes in the 10th to post the winning final score of 199.

Wagner talked about his mindset heading into that final frame.

“You look all around, and everyone is at the edge of their seat and everyone is looking you and you know you have a chance to win.” Wagner said. “That first strike looked awful, the pins barely fell over. So, I looked back at coach and asked if I should try a ball change. But I didn’t, and then I just hit the next shot extra hard at the bottom to make sure they all fell over.”

The atmosphere of the arena setting was not lost on the team either.

“I thought it was very exciting and very cool to get to bowl in the arena,” said Justiniano. “To get to bowl somewhere where pros are going to bowl later, and getting that feel of how the pros feel, that was cool and fun and I’m glad we got to do it and glad we finished first.”

Despite the second-place finish, the experience was rewarding for the South region team as well.

“We made a lot of clutch shots during qualifying and match to get here,” coach Anckner. “We never gave up by any means at any time. To win regionals and to make it here, and then to make it to this show,in this atmosphere, has been an uplifting experience.”

For Coastal South, putting together a team that could win it all and enjoying their time together meant a lot to each team member.

“This team means a lot to me,” Sylvester said. “I felt we could do well together, and coach Eric is fantastic. Tristan, Liam and I put a lot of effort into the team and Kris, he’s just a different breed. He’s too good. You never have to worry about him. We all mean a lot to each other, and I’ll never forget this moment.”

The win also was a nice birthday present for Ellis, who celebrated his 15th birthday with a national championship.

With the Junior Gold Championships getting ready start, coach Brewer talked about how important a win like this could be to team members as they enter individual play in that event.

“It’s huge from a confidence perspective,” Brewer said. “They’re getting ready to go into one of the biggest tournaments of their lives, so now they have the confidence, and they know they can win.”

The 2025 USA Bowling National Championships featured 15 regions that competed in U12 and 16 in U15 with qualifying and match play taking place at Revs Bowl Bar and Grill in

Oshkosh, Wisconsin, before the TV finals were moved to the Resch Cemter. Each team that competed in this year's event earned their spot by winning their regional event.
To learn more about the USA Bowling National Championships, visit

July 18, 2025

JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HEADED TO MINNESOTA FOR FIRST TIME IN 2026
ARLINGTON, Texas – Minneapolis, Minnesota, will host youth bowling's most prestigious tournament for the first time when the Junior Gold Championships heads to the Twin Cities in 2026.
In addition to the Junior Gold Championships, all United States Bowling Congress Youth members will have the opportunity to compete in the Bowling.com Youth Open Championships and Survivor Tournaments, which will be conducted in the Minneapolis area, during a timeframe very similar to that of Junior Gold.
The 2026 Junior Gold Championships will run July 11-18 at multiple bowling centers in and around the Twin Cities. The Youth Open Championships will take place July 8-10, 17-19 and 25-26, while the Survivor Tournament will be held on July 17-18.
The USA Bowling national finals also will be held in the Greater Minneapolis area during that time with competition scheduled for July 9-10.
Junior Gold week will kick off with fun-filled activities like the Product Showcase and trade show, which will take place at the Minneapolis Convention Center.
The 2026 Junior Gold Championships Opening Ceremony will take place at the Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center, which is located in Eagan, Minnesota, and serves as the world headquarters, training facility and training camp home of the Minnesota Vikings.
Although the greater Minneapolis area and venues like Cedarvale Lanes have hosted several elite-level bowling tournaments over the years, the 2026 event will mark the first time the Junior Gold Championships will be contested in Minnesota.
"We're proud to welcome the Junior Gold Championships to Minneapolis in 2026," said Melvin Tennant, President and CEO of Meet Minneapolis. "This event brings together thousands of the nation's most talented youth bowlers and their families, and we're excited to showcase our region's outstanding bowling venues, world-class hospitality and vibrant downtown. With venues set to be utilized throughout the Minneapolis region, we're ready to roll out the red carpet for an unforgettable experience."
In addition to Cedarvale Lanes, host centers for the 2026 Junior Gold Championships will include each of the following locations: AMF Saxon Lanes; AMF Southtown; Bowlero Blaine; Bowlero Brooklyn Park; Bowlero Eden Prairie; Bowlero Lakeville; Drkula's 32 Bowl; Mermaid Entertainment & Event Center and Concord Lanes.
"The Minneapolis area is an incredible bowling environment with several outstanding centers and a strong, passionate and highly supportive community of bowlers who dedicate themselves to the sport both on and off the lanes," said Gary Brown, Senior Director of Short-Duration Tournaments and Collegiate Bowling. "It will be great for our Junior Gold bowlers and their families to experience this amazing area and all that it has to offer for themselves at the 2026 Junior Gold Championships."

August 1, 2025

USBC MODIFIES SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD POLICIES AND APPLICATION PROCESSES STARTING WITH 2025-2026 SEASON

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress will enact changes to eligibility policies and the application processes for various youth scholarships and annual awards starting with the 2025-2026 season.

Eligibility changes will allow any USBC member still in high school to apply rather than requiring applicants to be under age 20 as of August 1 of the application year. These changes will also extend eligibility for the Star of Tomorrow and Earl Anthony Memorial Scholarships to both juniors and seniors and limit recipients to one award or scholarship per year; however, applicants may still win each unique award – such as the Annual Zeb Scholarship, Youth Ambassador Scholarship and Star of Tomorrow – once in their life.
Changes to the application process will include requiring proof of league and tournament participation through the submission of competition scores and recap sheets, utilizing application essay prompts unique to the character of each scholarship and/or its namesake as opposed to employing a common essay prompt for all awards/scholarships and requiring applicants to furnish their unweighted GPA only instead of allowing the applicant to choose whether to submit a weighted or unweighted GPA.
USBC believes that by providing a clear set of rules, policies and procedures regarding the qualifications for each award, all parties involved can be on the same page when applying for and determining recipients of these prestigious awards.
For more information on USBC Youth scholarships, visit BOWL.com/Scholarships.

August 5, 2025

2025 USBC SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS ABOUT TO BEGIN IN FORT WORTH

ARLINGTON, Texas – North America's best men's and women's bowlers age 50 and older are making their way to Cityview Lanes in Fort Worth, Texas, to compete in the 2025 United States Bowling Congress Senior Championships.

This year's event kicks off this morning with the official practice sessions for each of the age- and gender-based divisions before qualifying commences on Wednesday and Thursday. The championship rounds in each division will take place Friday to conclude the tournament.

The 2025 USBC Senior Championships will feature competition across two divisions – Open and Women's – in six age-based classifications – 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75 and older.

The national tournament welcomes bowlers from the United States and Canada who earned their spot through either a state or province senior tournament.

All competitors will bowl one three-game block for each day of qualifying, with one set being contested on the fresh oil pattern and one on the burn.

The top six scores in each division after six games, including handicap, will advance to Friday's championship rounds, which are scheduled to start at 10 a.m. Eastern.

Qualifying scores will not be carried over to the championship rounds, but bonus pins will be awarded to each player based on his or her qualifying position. The top qualifier in the division will receive 50 bonus pins, while the second seed will receive 40. Bonus pins will decrease by 10 pins for each spot, with the sixth qualifier receiving zero bonus pins.

The championship rounds will feature three games, and the bowlers authoring the highest totals, including handicap and bonus pins, will earn titles at the 2025 Senior Championships.

August 6, 2025

STRONG PERFORMANCES ABOUND ON DAY 1
OF QUALIFYING AT 2025 USBC SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

FORT WORTH, Texas – On Wednesday, 393 bowlers rolled their first three games of qualifying at the 2025 United States Bowling Congress Senior Championships, which is being held at Cityview Lanes in Fort Worth, Texas.

Many of North America's top men's and women's bowlers age 50 and older who qualified through either a state or province senior tournament put their skills to the test across two divisions – Open and Women's – in six age-based classifications – 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75 and older.

Below are the top three in each classification after Round 1 of qualifying:

WOMEN'S DIVISION:

50-54:
Victoria Sedillo of Capitan, New Mexico, showed steady improvement throughout her opening round, firing games of 168, 177 and 213 to finish the day in first place with a mark of 753 (558 scratch; 195 handicap).

Kendry Tackett of Clinton, Tennessee, and Kelli Pazour of Chamberlain, South Dakota, also broke 700 on Wednesday, coming in at 719 (476 scratch; 243 handicap) and 714 (498 scratch; 216 handicap), respectively.

55-59:
The top spot after Round 1 belonged to Patricia Garner of Gardena, California, who rolled games of 185, 237 and 179 to come in with a scratch total of 601. Garner added 120 pins of handicap to that mark to finish opening day with a score of 721.

Michele Denny of Havre, Montana, authored a scratch score of 484 and used 213 pins of handicap to end the day in second place at 697.

Third place was occupied by Joelle Chu of Medford, Massachusetts, who came in at 679 (598 scratch; 81 handicap). Chu got there thanks to scratch games of 215, 203 and 180.

60-64:
Valarie Schlem of Piedmont, South Dakota, used a 278 during Game 2 to finish Wednesday's action in first place with a three-game mark of 742, which included 658 scratch to go along with 84 pins of handicap.

Kimberly Haney of Aberdeen, Maryland, was second at 729 (642 scratch; 87 handicap) while Briana Hooper of Branson, Missouri, and Juanita Morehouse of Glasgow, Montana, tied for third at 709.

65-69:
Linda Papczynski of Lowell, Arkansas, authored a scratch total of 579 and added 150 pins of handicap to lead with a total of 729.

Jane Lessenger of Cheyenne,Wyoming, wasn't far behind, trailing Papczynski by just seven pins with a Day 1 total of 722, which was tallied thanks to a mark of 446 scratch and 276 pins of handicap.

Evelyn Testerman of Perryville, Maryland, also cracked 700 on Wednesday, using 508 scratch and 198 pins of handicap to finish the day in third place at 706.

The division's highest scratch total on opening day was put up by Sharon Powers of Lakewood, Colorado, who used games of 213, 190 and 248 to come in with 651. Powers added three pins of handicap to that tally to finish the first round in ninth place at 654.

70-74:
One pin separated first and second place after Round 1 with Veleda Hare of Twin Falls, Idaho, leading with 678 (585 scratch; 93 handicap) while Melody Rane of Phoenix used a scratch score of 560 and 117 pins of handicap to come in at 677.

Gail Owens of Savannah, Missouri, was third after Wednesday's first three games of qualifying. Owens rebounded from a 143 start to finish with scores of 206 and 199, which pushed her grand total to 656 (548 scratch; 108 handicap).

75 and older:
Viola Forrest of De Witt, Arkansas, was steady during her first three games, coming in with scores of 100, 133 and 119. That gave Forrest a scratch total of 353, which was combined with 339 pins of handicap to put Forrest in first place at 691.

Ruth Ancheta of Mililani, Hawaii, finished Day 1 in second place with 674 (500 scratch; 174 handicap) while Martha Boyd of West Monroe, Louisiana, was third with 670 (433 scratch; 237 handicap).

OPEN DIVISION:

50-54:
Jeff Baker of Union, Missouri, shook off a 161 start by finishing his set with games of 250 and 275. That gave Baker a scratch total of 686, which was combined with 12 pins of handicap to put him atop the Day 1 standings at 698.

Randolph Jackson Jr. of Alamogordo, New Mexico, finished Wednesday's opening round in second place just 10 pins back at 688 (616 scratch; 72 handicap).

Mike Wootton of Sheridan, Wyoming, was third at 686 (617 scratch; 69 handicap).

Eric Ray of Midvale, Utah, connected for 12 strikes in a row during Game 3 to record the day's only perfect game. The 300 propelled Ray to a Day 1 total of 625, which was good enough for ninth place.

55-59:
Matthew Carnley of Omaha, Nebraska, got to the top of the division standings without the benefit of handicap as he rolled games of 234, 245 and 280 to place first with a three-game tally of 759.

Sharon Green of Bonner Springs, Kansas, was second at 714, which included 543 scratch to go along with 171 pins of handicap.

Like Carnley, Todd Reichenbeger of Barre, Vermont, is bowling scratch at this year's Senior Championships. That didn't stop Reichenbeger from putting his best foot forward, however, as he recorded games of 212, 233 and 268 to finish Day 1 in third place at 713.

60-64:
Randll Fischer of Grangeville, Idaho, secured the opening-round lead thanks to a three-game mark of 719 (569 scratch; 150 handicap).

Jackie Jones of Canon City, Colorado, was close behind, placing second at 703, which included 559 scratch and 144 pins of handicap.

William Vancouwenberghe of Anchorage, Alaska, was eight pins behind Jones, placing third with 695 (587 scratch; 108 handicap).

65-69:
Wilfred (Mark) Hudson of Eugene, Oregon, found himself atop the division standings on opening day with a score of 733. Hudson got there thanks to scratch games of 191, 205 and 265 to go along with 72 pins of handicap.

Kirt Gundry of Lansing, Michigan, doesn't get any handicap at this year's event, but he certainly didn't seem to need any on Day 1 as he fired games of 231, 238 and 257 to post a 726 total and finish the day in second place.

Susan Polis of Homer, Alaska, secured third place after Round 1 of qualifying, coming in with a mark of 722 (569 scratch; 153 handicap).

70-74:
Each of the top three bowlers in this division eclipsed the 700 mark on Wednesday, led by Clifford Champlin of Old Saybrook, Connecticut, who shot 501 scratch (184, 159, 159) and added 213 pins of handicap to finish first at 714.

Champlin's lead is far from insurmountable, however, as Bob Ellis of Vidalia, Georgia, finished the day in second place at 707 (566 scratch; 141 handicap) while Jim Buchmann of Bowman, North Dakota, secured third with 704 (539 scratch; 165 handicap).

75 and older:
Jeff Ramp of Salem, Oregon, put up the highest Day 1 total across all divisions, using a 552 scratch mark (210, 189, 153) and 246 pins of handicap to end the opening round with a tally of 798.

Charles Trudell of Syracuse, New York, used games of 194, 211 and 199 to author 604 scratch, which was combined with 126 pins of handicap to give him a second-place score of 730.

Larry Hayes of Boone, North Carolina, finished Wednesday's first round in third place at 715 (505 scratch; 210 handicap).

All 393 competitors will return to bowl another three-game qualifying block on Thursday, and the top six scorers in each division after six games, including handicap, will advance to Friday's championship rounds, which are scheduled to start at 10 a.m. Eastern.

Qualifying scores will not be carried over to the championship rounds, but bonus pins will be awarded to each player based on his or her qualifying position. The top qualifier in the division will receive 50 bonus pins, while the second seed will receive 40. Bonus pins will decrease by 10 pins for each spot, with the sixth qualifier receiving zero bonus pins.

The championship rounds will feature three games, and the bowlers authoring the highest totals, including handicap and bonus pins, will earn titles.

For more information on the USBC Senior Championships, visit BOWL.com/SeniorChamp.

August 7, 2025
FINALISTS DETERMINED AT 2025 USBC SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

FORT WORTH, Texas – Qualifying came to an end at Cityview Lanes in Fort Worth, Texas, on Thursday, and now just 72 of the tournament's nearly 400 competitors remain in contention for titles at the 2025 United States Bowling Congress Senior Championships.

The top six bowlers across two divisions – Open and Women's – in six age-based classifications – 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75 and older, have advanced to Friday's championship rounds. The national event features men's and women's bowlers age 50 and older who qualified through either a state or province (Canada) senior tournament.

Qualifying scores will not be carried over to the championship rounds, but bonus pins will be awarded to each player based on his or her qualifying position. The top qualifier in the division will receive 50 bonus pins, while the second seed will receive 40. Bonus pins will decrease by 10 pins for each spot, with the sixth qualifier receiving zero bonus pins.

The championship rounds, which are set to begin at 10 a.m. Eastern on Friday, will feature three games, and the bowlers authoring the highest totals, including handicap and bonus pins, will earn titles.

Below are the top six in each classification that have advanced to the championship rounds:

WOMEN'S DIVISION:

50-54:
The title of qualifying leader went to Katherine Hawkins of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, who posted a two-day, six-game total of 1,401, which included 1,137 scratch and 264 pins of handicap.

Day 1 division leader Victoria Sedillo of Capitan, New Mexico, finished second with a mark of 1,387 (997 scratch; 390 handicap) while Lauren Poole of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was third at 1,377.

The last three advancing spots in the division went to Kendry Tackett of Clinton, Tennessee (1,369), Karla Keller-Rook of Centertown, Missouri (1,362), and Lisa Blagojevic of Brighton, Ontario, Canada (1,356).

55-59:
Patricia Garner of Gardena, California, remained atop the division standings for the second day in a row. Garner stayed in first place thanks to a two-day total of 1,429 (1,189 scratch; 240 handicap).

Alethia Donathan of Mililani, Hawaii, and Tammy Kutsch of Brule, Nebraska, tied for second with matching six-game scores of 1,321. Donathan got there with 973 scratch and 348 pins of handicap while Kutsch authored 925 scratch to go along with 396 pins of handicap.

There was a tie for the next two spots in the standings as well with Carolie Pollock of Wheatland, Wyoming, and Lydia Sullivan of Sanderson, Florida, both coming in at 1,310 to tie for fourth place.

The final advancing spot in the division went to Janet Brown of Agency Village, South Dakota, who moved up from 20th place after Day 1 to qualify sixth on Thursday with a six-game total of 1,308 (948 scratch; 360 handicap).

60-64:
The division's qualifying lead was captured by Jackie Selders of Middleton, Idaho, who reached the top spot thanks to a six-game total of 1,349, which included 1,115 scratch and 234 pins of handicap.

Juanita Morehouse of Glasgow, Montana, used 1,034 scratch and 294 pins of handicap to settle into second place with 1,328.

Third place went to Kimberley Haney of Aberdeen, Maryland, who came in at 1,326 (1,152 scratch; 174 handicap), which left fourth place for Briana Hooper of Branson, Missouri (1,322).

The last two finalist spots in the division went to Claudia Ferrari of Haleiwa, Hawaii, and Valarie Schlem of Piedmont, South Dakota, who finished with totals of 1,312 and 1,295, respectively.

65-69:
Jane Lessenger of Cheyenne, Wyoming, moved up from second place on Day 1 to finish as qualifying leader with a two-day, six-game total of 1,433, which included 881 scratch and 552 pins of handicap.

Linda Papczynski of Lowell, Arkansas, who led the group on Wednesday, qualified for the finals in second place with 1,390 (1,090 scratch; 300 handicap).

Pam Thompson of Rugby, North Dakota, placed third at 1,326 (858 scratch; 468 handicap) while Marla Davis of Houston (1,315) and Dee Polreis of Sioux Falls, South Dakota (1,303) finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

The sixth and final advancing spot in the division went to Sharon Powers of Lakewood, Colorado, who moved on to the finals thanks to a six-game mark of 1,299 (1,293 scratch; 6 handicap).

70-74:
Top qualifier honors in this division went to Jing Lebaquin of Cerritos, California, who used 999 scratch and 336 pins of handicap to post a six-game total of 1,335.

Arlene Garcia of Manhattan, Kansas, and Melody Rane of Phoenix were close behind, coming in with respective totals of 1,333 and 1,322.

Spots four through six in the finals were collected by Veleda Hare of Twin Falls, Idaho (1,307), Wanda Kremer of Rugby, North Dakota (1,291), and Cheryl Hill of Detroit (1,287).

75 and older:
Viola Forrest of De Witt, Arkansas, put her name atop the division standings for the second day in a row. Forrest earned her position as qualifying leader thanks to a six-game mark of 1,397, which included 719 scratch and 678 pins of handicap.

Ruth Ancheta of Mililani, Hawaii, and Martha Boyd of West Monroe, Louisiana, tied for second place at 1,301. Ancheta got there thanks to 953 scratch and 348 pins of handicap while Boyd put up 827 scratch and added 474 pins of handicap.

Fourth place went to Shirley Bentley of Barbourville, Kentucky, who came in with 1,279 (1,081 scratch; 198 handicap).

Spots five and six were earned by Myrna Schedel of Bismarck, North Dakota (1,278), and Lillian Singleton of Birmingham, Alabama (1,269).

OPEN DIVISION:

50-54:
Cory Moore of Twin Falls, Idaho, finished atop the division standings with a qualifying mark of 1,371. Moore got there thanks to 1,365 scratch and six pins of handicap.

John Sayaloune of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, wasn't far behind, placing second just 12 pins behind Moore at 1,359 (1,089 scratch; 270 handicap).

Andrew Blagojevic of Brighton, Ontario, Canada, qualified third at 1,352, which was 13 pins better than the 1,339 fourth-place total authored by James Ross of Cottondale, Alabama.

Also advancing to the finals were Mike Wooton of Sheridan, Wyoming (1,324), and Ian Noel Herda of Alberta, Canada (1,301).

55-59:
The top two qualifying spots in this division went to Todd Reichenbeger of Barre, Vermont, and Matthew Carnley of Omaha, Nebraska, both of whom were bowling scratch.

Reichenbeger earned the top spot with a six-game total of 1,441, and Carnley settled into second place with 1,407.

Third place went to Steve Johnson of Rosholt, South Dakota, who put up 1,172 scratch and added 192 pins of handicap to finish qualifying at 1,364.

Spots four through six went to Roger Hammer of Muskogee, Oklahoma (1,318), John Spingler of Clay, New York (1,306), and Canada's Ronaldo Maniego (1,301).

60-64:
Randll Fischer of Grangeville, Idaho, stayed atop the division standings for the second day in a row and finished as qualifying leader with a two-day total of 1,383 (1,083 scratch; 300 handicap).

Kevin Becera of Mililani, Hawaii, was close behind, settling into second place with 1,378, which included 1,186 scratch and 192 pins of handicap.

Third and fourth went to Jeffery Phillips of Batesville, Arkansas, and Dave Kist of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, who ended qualifying with totals of 1,376 (1,268 scratch; 108 handicap) and 1,366 (1,216 scratch; 150 handicap), respectively.

The division's final advancers were Jackie Jones of Canon City, Colorado (1,362), and James McDonald of Woodstock, Maryland (1,324).

65-69:
Kirt Gundry of Lansing, Michigan, finished as qualifying leader despite being one of just two competitors in this classification who was bowling scratch. Gundry reached the top spot thanks to a two-day, six-game total of 1,406.

Second place went to Danny Bray of Coalfield, Tennessee, who ended qualifying with a mark of 1,389 (1,317 scratch; 72 handicap).

Third position was secured by Susan Polis of Homer, Alaska (1,373), and fourth was claimed by Timothy Paulus of Gleason, Wisconsin (1,365).

The last two spots in the finals went to Ed Rigby of Glen Burnie, Maryland (1,354), and Terry Burson of Stone Mountain, Georgia (1,344), who finished in fifth and sixth place, respectively.

70-74:
Bob Ellis of Vidalia, Georgia, finished atop the standings with a six-game mark of 1,404. He got there thanks to a six-game scratch total of 1,122 and 282 pins of handicap.

David Long of Durham, North Carolina, was close behind, finishing qualifying in second place just 10 pins back at 1,394 (1,028 scratch; 366 handicap).

Day 1 leader Clifford Champlin of Old Saybrook, Connecticut, landed in third with 1,350 (924 scratch; 426 handicap).

Also advancing to Friday's finals were Patrick Chan of Scarborough, Ontario, Canada (1,331), Jim Buchmann of Bowman, North Dakota (1,326), and Jacqueline Smith of Avondale, Arizona (1,319).

75 and older:
Jeff Ramp of Salem, Oregon, retained the lead in this classification, finishing with a two-day, six-game total of 1,490, which included 998 scratch and 492 pins of handicap.

Charles Trudell of Syracuse, New York, was second at 1,364 (1,112 scratch; 252 handicap), and Larry Hayes of Boone, North Carolina, placed third with 1,323 (903 scratch; 420 handicap).

The final three advancing positions in the division went to David Dress of Rutland, Vermont; Bill Davis of Sun City West, Arizona; and Sidney Rhodes Sr. of Grand Rapids, Michigan, who finished qualifying with 1,322, 1,292 and 1,283, respectively.

For more information on the USBC Senior Championships, visit BOWL.com/SeniorChamp.

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JUNIOR TEAM USA BOWLERS SET TO BEGIN COMPETITION AT 2025 PANAM BOWLING YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP IN GUATEMALA

ARLINGTON, Texas – Eight extremely talented young athletes are in Guatemala preparing to represent Junior Team USA on the lanes at the 2025 PANAM Bowling Youth Championship, which will take place at the 28-lane Metrobowl Zone 15 in Guatemala City from Aug. 9-16.

The American contingent features Gianna Brandolino of Channahon, Illinois; Erin Klemencic of Powder Springs, Georgia; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio, and Annalise OBryant of Ball Ground, Georgia, on the women's side while Brandon Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey; Josh Hammons of Topeka, Kansas; Landin Jordan of Sycamore, Illinois, and Ernesto Reynoso of Folsom, California, will don the red, white and blue for the men.

The octet will be under the direction of Junior Team USA Head Coach Kelly Kulick, a United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer, and assistant coach Andy Diercks.

Official practice sessions and the event's opening ceremony are scheduled for Sunday with singles competition in the U16, U18 and U21 divisions set to begin one day later.

Doubles play in all three divisions will take place on Tuesday with trios being contested on Wednesday.

Team competition will take place over two days, beginning on Thursday and ending one week from today on Friday, Aug. 15, which will be the final day of competition at this year's tournament.

Once competition has been completed and all medals have been doled out, the closing ceremony will officially bring the 2025 PANAM Bowling Youth Championship to an end.

All eight American athletes competing in Guatemala want to be part of those medal ceremonies; nevertheless, their hopes and goals for the event aren't focused on winning alone.

"Since this is my last year on Junior Team USA, I said in January that this was one last ride," Bohn said. "Now we're here, so I'm just going to go out there, take it one shot at a time and give it my all.

“Honestly, I’m just excited to get out on the lanes and represent the red, white and blue. I’m beyond blessed to do what I love and even more blessed to do it for my country.”

Martin felt the same.

“I’m incredibly grateful and excited for the opportunity to travel to this event,” Martin said. “I think we have a really strong team traveling, and I believe we’ll work well together. I know we will give it our all and have some fun, which will lead us to our ultimate goal of bringing back some gold medals.”

Medals are certainly on Hammons’ mind as well, but he also wants to use the event as a learning experience to improve his game as a whole.

“I am hoping to win as many medals as possible, but I also want to learn as much as I can about international competition,” Hammons said. “I am hoping this will be a super fun experience and that I can take what I learn from it to further my game for the future.”

Klemencic also is hoping to learn a great deal from her experiences at the 2025 PANAM Bowling Youth Championship.

“I want to perform to the best of my ability, have some fun and learn from everybody,” Klemencic said. “I would love to get the chance to win for this country and team, but I am just very excited and grateful for this amazing opportunity.”

The PANAM Bowling Youth Championship will be Junior Team USA’s second competition of 2025 as Katelyn Abigania of San Diego and Connor Fleming of Fort Worth, Texas, represented Junior Team USA at the International Bowling Federation Youth World Cup in Helsingborg, Sweden, in June. Abigania placed 10th at that event while Fleming finished 23rd.

While those were very respectable performances, Jordan, Brandolino, Reynoso and OBryant are hoping for even greater success during their time in Guatemala.

“I’m going to work hard and try to bring home lots of hardware while enjoying every moment on and off the lanes with the team,” OBryant said. “It’s an honor to have the opportunity and represent my country, and I’m looking forward to soaking it all in and making some awesome new memories.”

Reynoso’s outlook was very similar.

“Honestly, I’m just super excited to take this all in and do the best I can,” Reynoso said. “It has always been my dream to win gold medals on the international stage, so I really appreciate the program for believing in me and giving me this opportunity to make that dream come true.”

Brandolino already realized that dream when she brought home one gold medal (team) and one bronze (doubles) at the 2023 PANAM Bowling Youth Championship in Lima, Peru.

Now, she's in Guatemala hoping for another strong performance that results in needing to make some extra room in the trophy case.

"I think we're all ready to go out there and win some medals," Brandolino said. "I think our overall group is going to have great chemistry, which will lead to success on and off the lanes. I'm super excited to be able to compete for Junior Team USA again and have the chance to win more gold medals."

Brandolino and Jordan have been friends for quite some time. As such, it's not surprising that Jordan's outlook was largely the same.

"I'm very much looking forward to this upcoming week with the team in Guatemala," Jordan said. "I feel like being able to represent the red, white and blue is the highest honor in any sport, so I can't wait to hit the lanes and get to work with the rest of the team to bring home some gold medals for the USA."

For more information on Junior Team USA, visit BOWL.com/JuniorTeamUSA.

Aug. 8, 2025

WINNERS DETERMINED AT 2025 USBC SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

FULL STANDINGS

FORT WORTH, Texas – After three days of competition at Cityview Lanes, 12 winners emerged Friday from the 2025 edition of the United States Bowling Congress Senior Championships.

Nearly 400 athletes age 50 and older traveled from across the United States and Canada to participate in the 2025 event after earning spots through either a state or province senior tournament.

Competition was held across two divisions – Open and Women's – in six age-based classifications – 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74 and 75 and older.

Qualifying consisted of six games over Wednesday and Thursday to determine Friday's finalists. The top six scores in each division, including handicap, advanced to the championship round.

Pinfall dropped for all finalists, but they received bonus pins based on their qualifying positions. The top qualifier in each division received 50 bonus pins, while the second seed was given 40 bonus pins. The bonus pins continued to decrease by 10 for each qualifying position.

The 2025 champions were determined based on total pinfall for Friday's three games, including handicap and bonus pins.

WOMEN'S DIVISION:

50-54:
Lisa Blagojevic of Brighton, Ontario, Canada, earned bragging rights in her division and for her drive back home with her performance Friday, recording the win with a 740 total.

Blagojevic, advancing as the sixth seed, rolled games of 181, 200 and 227 for a scratch total of 608, and she received 132 pins of handicap. She started her final game with five strikes to make her move away from the field.

"Coming into today, I didn't have any bonus points, so I just wanted to bowl and have fun," said Blagojevic, who made her second appearance at the USBC Senior Championships. "I just got up every shot and kept telling myself to hit my mark, strong legs and see what happens. It's kind of surreal, and I'm pretty proud of myself."

Her husband – Andrew Blagojevic – also qualified for the 2025 Senior Championships and advanced to Friday's final round for the Open Division's 50-54 classification, finishing fourth.

"We both made it this year and decided to make a trip out of it," Blagojevic said. "It's been a lot of fun. It was nice to have a week away together and just bowl and meet a ton of people. And, I got bragging rights now, so it's even better."

Kendry Tackett of Clinton, Tennessee, placed second with 692, edging Lauren Poole of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, by two pins (690).

55-59:
Janet Brown of Agency Village, South Dakota, made the most of her third appearance at the Senior Championships, recording the top score in her division with a total of 734.

Qualifying as the sixth seed, Brown used steady games of 189, 179 and 186 for a 554 scratch score and added 180 pins of handicap.

"I've been here three times, and I finally got it," Brown said. "I had never made it to the finals. It really means a lot to me. I had some really tough girls to beat, and they were all very good."

While Brown will enjoy the victory, she's excited to share it with her youth bowlers from Buffalo Lanes.

"I run a youth league, so this will mean a lot to my kids, too," Brown said. "I know it's going to push them harder to bowl."

Lydia Sullivan of Sanderson, Florida, finished as the runner-up with a score of 728, while Tammy Kutsch of Brule, Nebraska, placed third with 686.

60-64:
Kimberley Haney of Aberdeen, Maryland, also made the most of her third tournament appearance, posting a 677 total to claim the top spot.

Haney finished qualifying in third to receive 30 bonus pins, and she improved each game at Cityview Lanes, rolling scratch scores of 158, 194 and 208 for a 560 series. She added 87 pins of handicap to her final tally.

“The first game today was rough, but I sprung back,” Haney said. “My four strikes at the end of the third game really helped, too. The third time’s a charm.”

She now holds two national wins. Haney also claimed a win in Ruby Doubles at the 2021 USBC Women’s Championships in Reno, Nevada.

“It means a great deal to me,” Haney said. “I love going to the Women’s Championships and love coming to this tournament because you get to meet so many people. It’s really fun, and I’ve always enjoyed it.”

Jackie Selders of Middleton, Idaho, was second with 643, while Valarie Schlem of Piedmont, South Dakota, was third with 626.

65-69:
Although several of the divisions in 2025 were decided by less than 10 pins for the top spot, Pam Thompson of Rugby, North Dakota, recorded her victory by the slimmest margin – one pin.

Thompson had games of 141, 154 and 135 for a 430 scratch total as the third seed (30 bonus pins) and received 234 pins of handicap to finish with 694.

Sharon Powers of Lakewood, Colorado, earned the sixth seed Thursday by one pin, but she just missed out on the top score, finishing with a score of 693. Powers – a two-time winner at the Women’s Championships – finished with the highest scratch total of any competitor on Friday (690).

Third place went to Jane Lessenger of Cheyenne, Wyoming, who finished with 672.

70-74:
Jing LeBaquin of Cerritos, California, posted the top score in her division, finishing with an overall score of 733.

After earning the top seed and 50 bonus pins, LeBaquin rolled scratch games of 190, 171 and 154 for a 515 total. She added 168 pins in handicap to her winning score.

Arlene Garcia of Manhattan, Kansas, finished as the runner-up with 715, and Wanda Kremer of Rugby, North Dakota, took third with 646.

75 and older:
Viola Forrest of DeWitt, Arkansas, won her second title at the Senior Championships, finishing with a total score of 799.

The 93-year-old captured her first win during the 2020 event in Henderson, Nevada.

She qualified as the top seed in 2025 to earn 50 bonus pins and posted games of 136, 145 and 129 for a scratch series of 410. Forrest also received 339 pins of handicap.

Forrest faced an injury which caused her to miss the 2022 Senior Championships in Louisville, Kentucky, but she was excited to be back on the lanes and surrounded by her fellow competitors as she made her way to the top spot.

“I was scheduled to go to Louisville in 2022, but I fell and broke my hip and wrist,” Forrest said. “This is a comeback for me. I love being around people, so this is what it’s all about.

“It’s a thrill, really. I lost about 30 pins on my average after I fell. I didn’t bowl for a whole year, and I haven’t gotten it back up yet. I may not do it, but I don’t care as long as I can still roll the ball. It’s going to be a good trip home. My daughter brought me, a good friend came with me and we met some super people and had a lot of fun.”

Lillian Singleton of Birmingham, Alabama, was second with 734, and Shirley Bentley of Barbourville, Kentucky, placed third with 675.

OPEN DIVISION:

50-54:
James Ross of Cottondale, Alabama, settled in well over the course of his first trip to the Senior Championships this week, saving his strongest performance for Friday’s final round to claim the top spot with a total of 739.

Starting with 20 bonus pins as the fourth seed, Ross rolled games of 223, 249 and 202 for a scratch score of 674. He added 45 pins of handicap to secure the title.

“It was a little overwhelming with all the people here, but once I was able to settle down and started talking to everyone, I was able to get a little comfortable, get in rhythm and find my shot,” Ross said. “I just kept bowling and hoping for the best, and that’s what happened.

“My biggest takeaway from this is to not be afraid to enter any tournament, since you never know what can happen. I had my doubts coming in, but if you show up and do your best, good things can happen.”

John Sayaloune of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, recorded the runner-up finish with 726, while Ian Noel Herda of Alberta, Canada, was third with 714.

55-59:
A big finish in Game 3 helped Steve Johnson of Rosholt, South Dakota, secure the win with a 742 total at Cityview Lanes.

Johnson started with 30 bonus pins after claiming the third seed in qualifying, but he started Friday’s block with 166. He picked up the pace in Game 2 with 195, before firing 255 to close his set with a scratch series of 616. He added 96 pins of handicap.

Todd Reichenbeger of Barre, Vermont, finished second with 735. Ronaldo Maniego of Manitoba, Canada, placed third with 674.

“I was just happy to make the cut, first of all,” Johnson said. “I knew the competition was really strong and was thrilled to climb up to third. I had a rough start to the first game but found my way to the top at the end. I had to punch out with six strikes in the end to win by only seven pins.”

60-64:
Kevin Becera of Mililani, Hawaii, made the most out of his first trip to bowl in the United States, claiming the top spot in his division by nearly 100 pins with a 776 total.

Becera earned 40 bonus pins based on his performance in qualifying and put together steady games of 205, 213 and 222 on Friday for a scratch set of 640. He added 96 pins for handicap.

“It means a lot,” Becera said. “The opportunity to represent Hawaii and travel all this way and win the championship was an awesome experience. I want to thank my family for all their support. It’s my first time being off the island and actually bowling a tournament in the states. It’s pretty awesome.”

He had some support in preparing for his time at Cityview Lanes, too.

“There was a lot of practice, and my son helped me with all the technical stuff,” Becera said. “I also want to thank Roy Yamanuha for being my driller and giving me the opportunity to bowl.”

The runner-up was Randy Fischer of Grangeville, Idaho, with 683, while Dave Kist of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, claimed third with 678.

65-69:
Susan Polis of Homer, Alaska, posted a five-pin victory Friday, finishing with a 673 total.

She qualified in third to claim 30 bonus pins and had games of 167, 178 and 145 for a scratch total of 490 at Cityview Lanes. Polis added 153 pins for handicap.

Polis edged Danny Bray of Coalfield, Tennessee, who finished as the runner-up with 668. Kirt Gundry of Lansing, Michigan, was third with 653.

70-74:
Bob Ellis of Vidalia, Georgia, recorded the win in his debut at the Senior Championships, cruising to a top score of 728.

He had set the pace early in qualifying but faced some issues with his footing in the final two games Thursday. Ellis maintained his spot as the top qualifier to earn 50 bonus pins, however.

After a 160 start Friday, he found the right look in Game 2 to start to pull away from the field with 210 and closed with 167 for a scratch score of 537. He received 141 pins for handicap.

“It’s great,” Ellis said. “It’s my first time bowling a national tournament like this – I had been

to a national bass tournament representing the state of Georgia in 2005. I had butterflies and nerves and everything, but it's been great. It was great to represent the state and our league, and the good Lord blessed me on this whole thing."

David Long of Durham, North Carolina, placed second with 682, and Patrick Chan of Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, came in third with 653.

75 and older:
Jeff Ramp of Salem, Oregon, registered the largest total score Friday, finishing with 809 to record the win.

Ramp – who also finished as the top qualifier for 50 bonus pins – started strong with 241 and closed with 150 and 122 for a scratch series of 513. He received 246 pins of handicap.

Larry Hayes of Boone, North Carolina, was second with 735, and Sidney Rhodes Sr. of Grand Rapids, Michigan, placed third with 656.

The 2026 Senior Championships is slated for Aug. 4-7 at The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

For more information on the USBC Senior Championships, visit BOWL.com/SeniorChamp.

August 11, 2025
JUNIOR TEAM USA'S BOHN WINS GOLD, HAMMONS BRONZE ON DAY 1 AT 2025 PANAM BOWLING YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP IN GUATEMALA

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala – Brandon Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey, earned a gold medal while teammate Josh Hammons of Topeka, Kansas, secured bronze in U21 Men's Singles on the first day of competition at the 2025 PANAM Bowling Youth Championship, which is being contested at Metrobowl Zone 15 in Guatemala City.

Bohn reached the top of the podium on Monday thanks to a six-game total of 1,427 (a 237.83 average), which included games of 245, 238, 216, 217, 278 and 233.

That effort allowed the 21-year-old American left-hander to finish 69 pins ahead of his closest pursuer, Mexico's Eduardo Figueroa, who took home silver with a six-game mark of 1,358.

Junior Team USA's Hammons was close behind, using five games over 200 (259, 262, 204, 247 and 234) to come in at 1,352, which was good enough for a 225.33 average and a bronze medal.

Landin Jordan of Sycamore, Illinois, and Ernesto Reynoso of Folsom, California, also represented Junior Team USA in U21 Men's Singles action on Monday.

Jordan placed fifth in the 36-player field with a score of 1,332 while Reynoso tallied 1,217 to finish 17th.

In U21 Women's Singles, the gold medal went to Maria Lopez of Mexico, who bested the other 33 players in the field on Day 1 with a six-game score of 1,247 (a 207.83 average).

Puerto Rico's Juanelyz Solla claimed silver with 1,225, which was one pin better than the 1,224 total authored by Colombia's Sara Duque en route to third place and the bronze medal.

Junior Team USA's Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio, narrowly missed the podium, finishing in fourth place at 1,205, which included four games over 200 (201, 236, 203 and 226).

Gianna Brandolino of Channahon, Illinois, also landed in the U21 Women's Singles top 10 on Monday. The 18-year-old right-hander finished with 248 to place eighth at 1,154.

Teammates Erin Klemencic of Powder Springs, Georgia (1,141), and Annalise OBryant of Ball Ground Georgia (1,080), were close behind, placing 11th and 16th, respectively.

The 2025 PANAM Bowling Youth Championship is being contested on a 44-foot oil pattern designed specifically for the event.

Bohn was able to tame the challenging lane pattern better than anyone in the U21 division on Monday thanks to keeping cool and staying clean.

"Staying patient, controlling the pocket and filling frames were probably my biggest keys to success today," Bohn said. "I only had a few shots there were out the window, and, luckily, I filled those frames and then came away with a few more good shots after that."

According to Hammons, Monday's bronze-medal effort was all about sticking to the script and grinding when things got tough.

"I felt pretty good today," Hammons said. "We had a solid game plan going in and found some nice ball reaction for the most part. I had a little bit of a struggle in Game 4 and tried a couple different things, but we got some good knowledge from that. I figured I wasn't out of it until the end, so I fought my way back and wound up getting a medal."

Bohn was certainly happy to have secured some hardware of his own on Day 1, but he knows that he and his teammates still have a lot of work left to do in Guatemala City this week.

"It feels really good to come out here, put six games together and come away with gold," Bohn said. "It's always great to get off to a good start, but now the real tournament starts with doubles, trios and especially team."

Doubles play will take place on Tuesday with trios being contested Wednesday.

Team competition will take place over two days, beginning Thursday and ending on Friday, which will be the final day of competition at this year's tournament.

Once competition has been completed and all medals have been doled out, the closing ceremony will officially bring the 2025 PANAM Bowling Youth Championship to an end.

The PANAM Bowling Youth Championship is Junior Team USA's second competition of 2025 as Katelyn Abigania of San Diego and Connor Fleming of Fort Worth, Texas, represented Junior Team USA at the International Bowling Federation Youth World Cup in Helsingborg, Sweden, in June. Abigania placed 10th at that event while Fleming finished 23rd.

August 12, 2025

JUNIOR TEAM USA DOUBLES SQUADS SWEEP GOLD, SILVER AT 2025 PANAM BOWLING YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP IN GUATEMALA

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala – Tuesday was a long but productive day for Junior Team USA bowlers at the 2025 PANAM Bowling Youth Championship, which is being contested at Metrobowl Zone 15 in Guatemala City.

The American women kicked things off by earning gold and silver medals in U21 Women's Doubles early Tuesday afternoon. Then, just about eight hours later, their male counterparts followed suit by closing the evening out with a sweep of the top two spots in U21 Men's Doubles.

Gianna Brandolino of Channahon, Illinois, and Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio, were the first Junior Team USA bowlers to reach the top of the podium on Day 2.

They got there thanks to a six-game total of 2,472, which included 1,264 (205, 203, 267, 214, 191 and 184) from Martin and 1,208 (171, 228, 210, 212, 199 and 188) from Brandolino.

Erin Klemencic of Powder Springs, Georgia, and Annalise OBryant of Ball Ground, Georgia, weren't far behind, finishing second in the 17-team field at 2,443 to give Junior Team USA the U21 Women's Doubles silver medal as well.

OBryant used games of 210, 202, 188, 168, 244 and 212 to lead the duo with 1,224 while Klemencic added 1,219 (203, 203, 158, 186, 256 and 213).

The division's bronze medal went to Rosalia Guzman and Letizia Santos of the Dominican Republic, who recorded a mark of 2,428 thanks to 1,364 from Guzman and 1,064 from Santos.

On the men's side, Brandon Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey, and Josh Hammons of Topeka, Kansas, authored a dominating performance en route to the U21 Men's Doubles gold medal.

The duo topped the 18-team field with a six-game mark of 2,693 thanks to 1,414 (259, 236, 235, 210, 237 and 237) from Bohn and 1,279 (231, 201, 172, 249, 234 and 192) from Hammons.

The next-highest score in the division was the 2,558 Landin Jordan of Sycamore, Illinois, and Ernesto Reynoso of Folsom, California, used to secure the silver medal.

Reynoso contributed 1,372 (199, 251, 227, 268, 162 and 265) to the American effort while Jordan posted 1,186 (181, 169, 203, 219, 226 and 188).

The U21 Men's Doubles bronze medal went to the Costa Rican pair of Mateo Gordienko and Mathias Sasso, which came in with 2,462 thanks to scores of 1,354 and 1,108, respectively.

In terms of medals won, Tuesday went as well as it possibly could have for the eight Junior Team USA bowlers competing in Guatemala, and that meant something different to each of them.

For Brandolino, winning doubles gold was particularly special because of who she got to win it with.

"Winning a gold medal with Jillian Martin is surreal because I would've never thought that I would have been bowling with her with how good she is; she's elite," Brandolino said. "Not only did we bowl, but we accomplished something that we can bring back to the U.S. and for our team."

According to Martin, the secret to the pair's success was a combination of chemistry and like-minded lane-play strategy.

"We throw it pretty similarly, and we like to see similar pictures out on the lane by playing more angle, which definitely came into play today, especially at the beginning," Martin said. "Also, we work really well together. We had great communication, which started yesterday and carried into today. We just tried to have some fun out there and just be us."

Bohn and Hammons have certainly had fun in Guatemala thus far as both have medaled in each of the first two events in which they've competed – Bohn took U21 Men's Singles gold on Monday while Hammons took bronze.

While Bohn was obviously happy to stand on the top step of the podium for the second day in a row, he was even more pleased about having helped his partner win his first international gold medal.

"It's an honor to compete for the United States, and it's even cooler to help bring a gold medal home for a first timer," Bohn said. "I remember what it felt like when I won my first international gold medal, so I wanted that for Josh (Hammons) even more than I wanted it for myself."

Hammons wanted it too, and he wasn't shy about expressing how he felt at having accomplished the feat.

"I'm very, very excited," Hammons said. "It was a great experience, and I had a great doubles partner. We stayed patient and got it done, so I'm really pumped."

Reynoso and Jordan were equally pumped as Tuesday's performance gave each young man his first international medal.

"This feels great," Reynoso said. "This is everything we've worked towards. Ever since I was a young kid, I've dreamed about being on this stage, so I'm really excited to get this medal around my neck. I'm still trying to take it all in."

The moment was equally meaningful for Jordan.

"This was the next big step in my career, winning at the international level," Jordan said. "To be able to come out here and do it with Ernie (Reynoso), it was honestly the best possible way it could've been done."

Even though Klemencic and OBryant walked away with silver medals on Tuesday as well, things hardly went the best possible way they could have gone. In fact, the two had to rally down the stretch to secure their spot on the podium.

Nevertheless, according to Klemencic, the outcome was made even more rewarding by how hard they had to work to achieve it.

"We had a rocky start," Klemencic said. "We knew what the lanes were doing, but we either weren't executing, or we weren't getting pin carry. Still, we stuck with it, and it was a great feeling to be able to come back from behind to get silver."

OBryant's assessment was very similar.

"When the transition hit, we got fooled a little," OBryant said. "When that happened, we needed to figure out what our move was, and that's when coach pulled us aside and got us squared up. We made really good shots from then on, and fortunately it worked out."

With doubles finished, Wednesday's focus will shift to trios.

Team competition will then take place over two days, beginning Thursday and ending on Friday, which will be the final day of competition at this year's tournament.

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August 13, 2025

AMERICAN MEN WIN TRIOS GOLD AT
2025 PANAM BOWLING YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala – One day after winning gold and silver medals in doubles, the Junior Team USA men earned gold in U21 Men's Trios at the 2025 PANAM Bowling Youth Championship in Guatemala on Wednesday.

The American men's trio of Brandon Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey; Josh Hammons of Topeka, Kansas; and Ernesto Reynoso of Folsom, California, reached the top of the standings at Metrobowl Zone 15 in Guatemala City thanks to a six-game total of 4,081, an average of 226.72 per bowler per game.

Bohn led the way with 1,511 (a 251.83 average) thanks to games of 234, 278, 247, 208, 244 and 300. Hammons was next in line at 1,411 (235, 257, 246, 242, 227 and 204) while Reynoso contributed 1,159 (209, 214, 214, 169, 194 and 159).

The Canadian squad of Adan Jodoin, Mathis Blanchette and Matys Bibeau earned the silver medal with 3,692, which left Jose Urias, Eduardo Figueroa and Luis Perez of Mexico to settle for bronze with 3,618.

In U21 Women's Trios competition on Wednesday, Junior Team USA's Gianna Brandolino of Channahon, Illinois; Erin Klemencic of Powder Springs, Georgia; and Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio, walked away with fourth place thanks to a six-game mark of 3,449.

Martin had the best day among American women, posting an 1,184 block total on games of 212, 211, 191, 201, 166 and 203. Klemencic added 1,154 (201, 210, 183, 172, 215 and 173) and Brandolino finished with 1,111 (182, 163, 184, 171, 183 and 228).

Mexico's Maria Lopez, Andrea Perez and Ivanna Villalobos captured gold thanks to a mark of 3,621.

Colombia's trio of Maria Molina, Sara Duque and Nicole Ortiz took silver with 3,512, and Elena Weinstok, Alejandra Sandoval and Emma Barrantes of Costa Rica earned bronze with 3,501.

Americans Annalise OBryant of Ball Ground, Georgia, and Landin Jordan of Sycamore, Illinois, didn't compete in trios on Wednesday, but each rolled six games to continue adding to their totals in the U21 All-Events competitions.

OBryant managed a six-game total of 1,205 (175, 196, 235, 215, 169 and 215) on Day 3 while Jordan came in with 1,204 (180, 201, 182, 215, 241 and 185).

Even though the Junior Team USA men won the gold medal handily, Hammons definitely noticed some differences in how the tournament's 44-foot oil pattern played for he and his teammates on Wednesday.

“The lanes were definitely different today, especially on the pairs on the high end of the house,” Hammons said. “On the fresh, it was a little tighter, and then the end pairs were hooking a significant amount more, but we just adjusted and stuck to our gameplan.”

The lane-play differences impacted Reynoso as well, which is why he was grateful to have two strong teammates like Hammons and Bohn to back him up.

“Reactive didn’t look that great, so I just rode it out as best I could and jumped on the backs of Brandon (Bohn) and Josh (Hammons) today,” Reynoso said. “Still, I did the best I could, and I’m excited about the win; it feels pretty good.”

Bohn has certainly been feeling good thus far. After all, the 21-year-old left-hander has won three gold medals in three days – singles, doubles and trios – and is leading the U21 Men’s All-Events standings by more than 300 pins with two days of competition remaining.

Nevertheless, those two days will be dedicated to the team event, which is the competition Bohn wants to win most of all.

“Everything that’s happened the last three days has been great, but now we get to bowl the team event, which is what we came here for,” Bohn said. “We’re just going to go out there tomorrow and Friday and give it our all for six games and hope it’s enough.”

Martin and the Junior Team USA ladies will adopt a similar approach.

“There was a lot more urethane on the lanes today, which isn’t something we usually see as much of on the women’s side,” Martin said. “That tripped us up a little bit, but we’re going to learn and grow so that we can be better tomorrow and Friday and hopefully try to win another gold medal.”

Teams in both the men’s and women’s divisions will roll one six-game block on Thursday and their final six games on Friday, which will be the final day of competition at this year’s tournament.

Once competition has been completed and all medals have been doled out, the closing ceremony will officially bring the 2025 PANAM Bowling Youth Championship to an end.

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AMERICAN MEN SIT THIRD, WOMEN SIXTH AFTER DAY 1 OF TEAM EVENT AT 2025 PANAM BOWLING YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala – The Junior Team USA men and women are in third and

sixth place in their respective divisions after Thursday's opening three-game block of U21 Team competition at the 2025 PANAM Bowling Youth Championship, which is being contested at Metrobowl Zone 15 in Guatemala City.

The American quartet of Brandon Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey; Josh Hammons of Topeka, Kansas; Landin Jordan of Sycamore, Illinois; and Ernesto Reynoso of Folsom, California, finished Thursday's opening round of U21 Men's Team competition in third place in the nine-team field thanks to a three-game mark of 2,452 (an average of 204.33 per player per game).

Puerto Rico and Canada grabbed the top two spots in the men's team standings on Thursday, coming in with scores of 2,533 and 2,505, respectively.

Bohn led the way for the American men, authoring a three-game total of 693 (a 231 average), which he got thanks to games of 237, 245 and 211. Hammons was second with 600 (197, 192 and 211). Reynoso added 583 (193, 214 and 176), and Jordan contributed 576 (162, 217 and 197).

Even though things didn't go as smoothly as they would have liked on Thursday, Bohn and his teammates remain confident heading into Friday's final three-game block of competition.

"Today felt a little different. The lanes were different, it was much hotter and we just never got anything going," Bohn said. "Still, we have three more games tomorrow, and we're going to give it everything we've got. We've come this far, and we know our abilities. We just need to go out and execute and hope the pins fall our way."

The Junior Team USA women's quartet of Gianna Brandolino of Channahon, Illinois; Erin Klemencic of Powder Springs, Georgia; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio; and Annalise OBryant of Ball Ground, Georgia, will enter Friday's final round playing catchup as well.

That's because the American women finished sixth in the eight-team U21 Women's Team standings on Thursday with a three-game tally of 2,216 (a 184.67 average per player per game).

Colombia led the pack at 2,424 while Canada (2,370), Guatemala (2,312), Mexico (2,241) and Puerto Rico (2,221) also landed in the top five after the first three-game block.

Even though the Junior Team USA women will start Friday's final round of competition nearly 100 pins off the podium and more than 200 back of first place, Martin remains confident that she and her teammates are more than capable of putting their best foot forward when it matters most.

"We tried a bit of a different gameplan going into today, but we still struggled to see a good picture and couldn't string anything together," Martin said. "We have another gameplan going into tomorrow and three more games to be the confident, determined and resilient athletes that we know we are."

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August 15, 2025

AMERICAN TEAMS WIN SILVER AND BRONZE ON FINAL DAY OF COMPETITION AT 2025 PANAM BOWLING YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala – Friday marked the final day of competition at the 2025 PANAM Bowling Youth Championship, and Junior Team USA finished strong, earning a silver medal in U21 Women's Team competition and bronze in U21 Men's Team at Metrobowl Zone 15 in Guatemala City.

The American women's foursome of Gianna Brandolino of Channahon, Illinois; Erin Klemencic of Powder Springs, Georgia; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio; and Annalise OBryant of Ball Ground, Georgia, started the day on the outside looking in, sitting in sixth place in the eight-team field with just three games to go.

The ladies in red, white and blue came out swinging, however, shooting a stellar 941 (an average of 235.25 per bowler) during Game 4 – the first game of the day on Friday – thanks to 256 from Klemencic, 255 from Martin and 215 each from Brandolino and OBryant.

The Americans would cool off a bit from there, closing with scores of 759 and 762, but that was enough to give the squad a two-day, six-game total of 4,678 and the division's silver medal.

The gold went to Canada's quartet of Mei Yen-Lachapelle, Jade Cote, Alex-Anne Auclair and Samantha Cirillo, which reached the top of the podium with a score of 4,796 (a 199.83 average per player per game).

Colombia captured bronze with 4,587. It was represented by Catalina Tovar, Maria Molina, Sara Duque and Nicole Ortiz.

Martin had the strongest set among American women on Friday, using games of 255, 228 and 198 to record a 681 series for her final three games. Klemencic added 620 (256, 184 and 180) while Brandolino and OBryant contributed 599 (215, 194 and 190) and 562 (215, 153 and 194), respectively.

In U21 Men's Team action, the gold medal went to Adan Jodoin, Mathis Blanchette, Matys Bibeau and Reiner Reyes of Canada, who worked together to put up a two-day, six-game mark of 5,177 (an average of 215.71 per player per game), which was tops in the nine-team field.

Puerto Rico's foursome of Pedro Irizarry, Felipe Rijos, Edgardo Irizarry and Jesus Colon placed second and took silver with 5,004.

Junior Team USA's men's squad of Brandon Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey; Josh Hammons of Topeka, Kansas; Landin Jordan of Sycamore, Illinois; and Ernesto Reynoso of Folsom, California, earned bronze with 4,966.

The Americans came to Metrobowl Zone 15 hoping to stage a rally and challenge for gold on Friday, but final-round games of 883, 755 and 876 caused them to finish the day exactly where they started, in third place.

Bohn came in with the top score for the Junior Team USA men on Friday, using games of 268, 191 and 224 to post 683. Hammons was close behind, finishing with 660 (235, 158 and 267). Reynoso managed 634 (209, 248 and 177) while Jordan added 537 (171, 158 and 208).

In addition to the team medals, Bohn, Hammons and Martin each walked away with hardware in U21 all-events, which measured each player's performance over the course of 24 games of competition at this year's tournament, six each in singles, doubles, trios and team.

Bohn ran away with the gold medal in U21 Men's All-Events. The 21-year-old left-hander who, due to his age, was competing in his last tournament for Junior Team USA, authored a 24-game total of 5,728 (a 238.67 average), which included 1,427 in singles, 1,414 in doubles, 1,511 in trios and 1,376 in team.

Hammons earned silver with a score of 5,302 (1,352 singles; 1,279 doubles; 1,411 trios and 1,260 team), and Canada's Jodoin collected bronze thanks to 5,084.

Colombia's Duque earned gold in U21 Women's All-Events, amassing a 24-game mark of 5,002 (a 208.42 average).

Junior Team USA's Martin was second at 4,894 (1,205 singles; 1,264 doubles; 1,184 trios and 1,241 team) while Maria Lopez of Mexico secured bronze with a score of 4,815.

As a group, Junior Team USA medaled 24 times in 34 opportunities during U21 division competition at the weeklong tournament in Guatemala.

Individually, the American medal count was as follows:

Men
Bohn – 5 (four gold, one bronze)
Hammons – 5 (two gold, one silver, two bronze)
Reynoso – 3 (one gold, one silver, one bronze)
Jordan – 2 (one silver, one bronze)

Women
Martin – 3 (one gold, two silver)
Brandolino – 2 (one gold, one silver)
Klemencic – 2 (silver)
OBryant – 2 (silver)

Even though the squad was hoping for even more success, all eight athletes were proud of what they and their teammates accomplished at the 2025 PANAM Bowling Youth Championship.

“This experience was almost perfect,” Bohn said. “I came away with four out of five gold medals, and I couldn’t have asked for a better trip with better teammates. It’s unfortunate the pins didn’t fall our way like we wanted them to at the end, but that doesn’t take away the memories, the friendship and all the cool moments we had along the way.”

Having not competed internationally before, Hammons didn’t realize just how much those friendships off the lanes can impact performance on the lanes; nevertheless, he learned that lesson firsthand during the week of competition in Guatemala, and it’s something he’ll be sure to keep in mind going forward.

“The camaraderie aspect is super important,” Hammons said. “Knowing each other and trusting each other is crucial in every event. I was blessed enough to have some success here this week, and it was super great to do it with three other guys that I trust and know better now. We had an amazing time.”

Reynoso also enjoyed himself and felt like he learned some things along the way.

“This was an amazing experience for my first time,” Reynoso said. “I learned even more than I thought I would, and I’m ready to keep trying. Plus, I walked away with my first gold medal ever, so I’m super stoked.”

Jordan didn’t walk away with any gold at this year’s tournament, but he was plenty proud to head home with silver and bronze after a hard-fought week of international competition.

“This week was a grind,” Jordan said. “It was awesome to see success from the team in the beginning of the week. Unfortunately, we weren’t able to continue the same success through the team event, but we are still coming home with some medals, which is what we came to do.”

Martin was certainly happy to be able to add three medals to the American women's tally, especially since, like Bohn, she was competing as a Junior Team USA member for the last time.

"Overall, I feel really good about taking home a silver medal for all-events; it means so much to me," Martin said. "Throughout the week, it was definitely a struggle, and we had our ups and downs.

"This was my last Junior Team USA competition, and I feel so grateful to have been here this week with these ladies, the guys and the coaches. I'm really proud of all of us. It's been a ride."

OBryant also was taking her final ride as a Junior Team USA member in Guatemala, and even though that ride was bumpier than she would have liked, she still valued the experience a great deal.

"It was a grind for me personally; unfortunately, I felt like I had more downs than ups," OBryant said. "Still, with the support of the teammates and coaches, it was hard to be upset or have a bad state of mind because of the positivity I had around me. I'm going home with some hardware, and I'm very grateful to have had the opportunity to represent my country on the lanes again."

Brandolino felt a similar sense of gratitude both for the medals she'll be taking home and the teammates she fought alongside while winning them.

"I'm super grateful to come home with a gold and silver medal," Brandolino said. "I feel like we really bonded as a team, not just the girls' side and not just the boys' side. All eight of us came together as a team and communicated really well, which made it a fun week on and off the lanes."

Klemencic's assessment was equally positive.

"This was my first time getting to travel with Junior Team USA, and I thought it was a very interesting and unique experience," Klemencic said. "There were definitely some struggles, but we overcame a lot of things, worked together and pulled through, so I enjoyed it."

The PANAM Bowling Youth Championship began on Aug. 10 and was Junior Team USA's second competition of 2025 as Katelyn Abigania of San Diego and Connor Fleming of Fort Worth, Texas, represented Junior Team USA at the International Bowling Federation Youth World Cup in Helsingborg, Sweden, in June. Abigania placed 10th at that event while Fleming finished 23rd.

August 15, 2025

SIX INDUCTEES TO BE ENSHRINED IN USBC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2026

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame will welcome six new members when the 2026 class is inducted April 29 during the USBC Convention in Reno, Nevada.

The USBC Board of Directors elected Michelle Feldman of Auburn, New York, in the Superior Performance category; Marliss Tapp of Portage, Michigan, and Bob Larson of Kenosha, Wisconsin, in the Outstanding USBC Performance category; and Jo Dimond of Columbus, Ohio, Mark Martin of Waterford, Michigan, and Rod Ross of Pocatello, Idaho, in the Meritorious Service category.

The USBC Board of Directors directly elected the class of 2026 as USBC will transition to a new Hall of Fame Committee structure that will determine elections for 2027 and beyond. The new structure creates Hall of Fame Subcommittees with subject matter experts on performance and meritorious service separately.

Here is the Class of 2026:

Superior Performance – Michelle Feldman

Feldman, 49, amassed 12 professional women's titles in the span of just nine years (1995-2003) on the Ladies Professional Bowlers Tour (now the Professional Women's Bowling Association) before the LPBT was forced to shut down after the 2003 season.

She continued to compete in the USBC Women's Championships and the Professional Bowlers Association's Women's Series before injuries prevented her from continuing to bowl competitively. Due to those injuries, Feldman was granted a medical exemption in lieu of completing the participation requirement for the USBC Hall of Fame.

Feldman, a right-hander, earned her first title at the 1996 Columbia 300 Delaware Open and also won titles in 1997 and 1998. She collected multiple titles in 2000 (3), 2001 (2) and 2002 (3) when she also garnered Player of the Year honors. Her 12th and final title came in 2003 at the Dallas Open.

During her win in the 1997 Southern Virginia Open, Feldman, then 21, became the first woman to roll a televised 300 game in women's professional competition.

In addition to her 12 women's tour titles, Feldman earned two titles on the PBA Women's Series (2008) and won the Women's Series Showdown (2010).

Her record in Women's Championships competition was sterling as well. Feldman collected five wins at the Women's Championships, beginning with a Classic Team title in 1998. She won two championships in 2003 (Classic Singles and Classic All-Events) and added another Classic Singles title in 2009 when she shot a then-record 816 series. Her final Women's Championships victory came in 2011 in Scratch Doubles with Aleta Sill.

Feldman's combination of power, competitive spirit and a knack for rising to the occasion during big moments helped propel her to a hall of fame career.

Outstanding USBC Performance – Bob Larson

Larson, 85, competed in 42 consecutive USBC Open Championships from 1969-2010 and collected four Eagles along the way.

Larson, a right-hander, was part of three Team All-Events champions and also collected a Regular Doubles title.

Two of Larson's Team All-Events titles came in back-to-back years as part of the Kendor Corp. No. 1 team out of Milwaukee in 1982 and 1983. The 1982 event was held in Baltimore, and the team successfully defended its title the following year in Niagara Falls, New York.

Larson earned his last two Eagles at the 1986 event in Las Vegas. One of those championships came in the form of yet another Team All-Events title as part of the Faball Enterprises No. 1 team from Milwaukee. His other Eagle was a Regular Doubles title with partner Don Cook.

Larson has three other top-five finishes at the Open Championships as he was part of the fifth-place team in Regular Team (1982) and also had a pair of third-place finishes in Regular Team (1985) and Regular Doubles (1996). He finished with a career average just shy of 200 (198.6) at the Open Championships.

Larson adds this honor to previous inductions into both the Kenosha USBC (1976) and Wisconsin State USBC (2003) Halls of Fame.

Outstanding USBC Performance – Marliss Tapp

Tapp, 73, was part of four Women's Championships winning teams in the span of just eight years (1997-2004).

All of Tapp's championships came in the Classic Team division with the first of the four coming at the 1997 event in Reno, Nevada, as part of the Contour Power Grips team.

The next three championships would come as part of the vaunted High Roller team that collected titles in 2000 (Reno, Nevada), 2002 (Milwaukee) and 2004 (Wichita, Kansas).

Each of the four winning team totals was more than 3,000, with a high of 3,327 at the 2002 event and a low of 3,017 in 1997. The winning team total in 2000 was 3,234 and 3,320 in 2004.

Tapp, a right-hander, was part of a pair of record-setting teams as the 3,234 total in 2000 marked the first time the 3,200 mark was reached in the Classic Team division. That total stood as the record for just two years until Tapp's 2002 team became the first to break the 3,300 barrier with a then-record 3,327 total. Tapp's 2004 team came up just shy of the record, finishing just seven pins short with 3,320. The record was broken in 2006 when the Together Once Again team from North Richland Hills, Texas, rolled 3,350.

Tapp would compete in 30 Women's Championships in her career and adds this hall of fame honor to her previous inductions into the Michigan State USBC and the Greater Kalamazoo Bowling Association Halls of Fame.

Meritorious Service – Jo Dimond

Dimond's work and efforts to serve and promote the sport of bowling at all levels, including the national level, have left a lasting impression on those in the bowling industry and inspired others to work for the good of the sport.

Dimond, 77, served three terms on the USBC Board, starting with the 2011-2012 season. Prior to that, she served as a director for the Women's International Bowling Congress from 2002-2005.

Shortly after the merger of the WIBC and American Bowling Congress to create the USBC, Dimond served on the USBC Restructuring Task Force (2008-2009). Her national service includes time spent on the Nominating Committees for WIBC and USBC and as an original member of the Membership Development and Local Delivery System teams for Bowling Headquarters in the early 1990s.

She has served on the Legal and Legislative, National Policy Manual and USBC Hall of Fame Committees and as chair of the Awards and Recognition committee. Additionally, Dimond served on the Performance Standards Task Force and the Membership Task Force. Simply put, there seemingly isn't an area of national service that Dimond hasn't touched.

Dimond has also championed charitable causes and worked on fundraising campaigns for national organizations such as Special Olympics (where she learned sign language to better communicate with the bowlers) and the Bowlers to Veterans Link.

Her service to the sport continues as she currently serves as the Association Manager for the Central Ohio USBC, a position she has held since 2005. She also is the conference coordinator for 63 high schools in central Ohio and is the Ohio High School Athletic Association Central District tournament manager.

Her numerous bowling accolades include the 1997 WIBC Helen Baker Award, the 1996 Ohio Association Manager's Club Gene Myers Award and the 1995 Buckeye Bowling Writers Mary Jannetto Award.

Dimond adds this induction to her previous honors in the Ohio State and Central Ohio USBC Halls of Fame and the Bowling Centers Association of Ohio Hall of Fame.

Meritorious Service – Mark Martin

Martin's national service in the sport of bowling dates all the way back to the days of the American Bowling Congress and continued through the decades as he participated in a multitude of committees and task forces, chairing many of them.

Martin, 71, started as an ABC Jurisdictional Associate (1998-2002) and then served as an ABC Director (2002-2005). During the conversion of the ABC to the USBC, Martin served on the all-important ABC (2004-2005)/USBC (2006-2007) Strategic Planning Committees.

In the time frame from 2010-2019, he would serve on, and chair, the following USBC committees: Legal and Legislative, National Policy and USBC Hall of Fame. During that same time frame, Martin also served on the Equipment Specifications and Finance Committees. His expertise in all areas of bowling helped bring an experienced and leading voice to each of these areas and committees.

His national service is rooted in a commitment to the sport on the local and state level. Martin was a director for the Greater Detroit Bowling Association for 10 years (1986-1996) before serving as Executive Director/Association Manager (1996-2022). He was Zone Director for the Michigan State USBC from 1998-2018 and has chaired the Detroit Hall of Fame Board since 2018.

In the state of Michigan, Martin might be best known in bowling circles as creator and operator of the Michigan State Masters and Senior Masters tournaments (2007-2018). He also served as chairman of the Masters Committee since its inception in 2007 through 2018 and as chairman of the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame Committee (2010-2018).

Martin also served bowling through the media. He was host and/or executive producer of a couple of local television shows that featured and promoted bowling – the Michigan Kingpins/Bowling Showcase (2013-2024) and the Greater Detroit Bowling Bonanza (2002-2004). He's been an award-winning bowling writer for the Oakland Press (1999-2013), a columnist for the Bowlers Digest (1996-2016) and editor of a monthly bowling newspaper – the Bowling Showcase News (2016-2020).

Martin received the Director of the Year Award from the Michigan State Men's Bowling Association in 2003. He was inducted into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame in 2003 and the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame in 2016.

Meritorious Service – Rod Ross

Ross, 69, has coached numerous professional and world-renowned amateur bowlers and has helped revolutionize coaching in the sport by developing cutting-edge computer and video training technology that have become industry standards, but it's his work on the national level with Team USA and Junior Team USA that helps set him apart from most coaches.

Ross' coaching with the national teams started as an assistant coach with Junior Team USA (2002-2004) and then as Junior Team USA's Head Coach (2004-2017). He was an assistant coach for Team USA (2007-2010) before assuming the mantle as Team USA Head Coach from 2010-2020.

Under Ross' leadership as coach of Junior Team USA and Team USA, the teams amassed more than 300 medals (with more than 150 gold) in the following tournaments: Men's and Women's World Championships, World Bowling Youth Championships, World Bowling Junior Championships, Pan American Games, PANAM Elite Championships, World Cup, World Games and PANAM Champion of Champions.

Included in the hundreds of medals in international competition during Ross' tenure were more than 25 world championships at the adult level, seven gold medals at the Pan American Games and three QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup titles.

From 2010-2012, the Junior Team USA girls, Junior Team USA boys, Team USA women and Team USA men all were the reigning world champions under Ross' guidance.

Prior to his tenure with Team USA, Ross put in the work to become a USBC Bronze-level coach (1991), then Silver (1993) and finally Gold (2000). He also was the coach at the International Training and Research Center during his time as Team USA Head Coach (2010-2020).

Ross has served on the International Bowling Pro Shop and Instructors Association Board of Directors and has been a presenter at the World Bowling Coaching Conference, iCoach in Finland and at USBC coaching conferences. He's been a member of the International Bowling Federation-Global Coach Education Working Group and served as chair of the World Bowling Coaching Committee.

He received the Friends of IBPSIA Award in 2017 and received the 2005 United States Olympic Committee's "Doc" Counsilman Science Award for his work in bowling. The award recognizes a coach who utilizes scientific techniques and equipment as an integral part of their coaching methods or has created innovative ways to use sport science.

Ross adds this hall of fame honor to his previous selections as USOC National Coach of the Year for Bowling (2004, 2010, 2012, 2015, 2019).

Revised USBC Hall of Fame Committee Structure

The new USBC Hall of Fame Committee includes six members, two of whom are Actively Engaged Athletes in order to meet with United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee compliance standards.

Underneath the Hall of Fame Committee are Subcommittees for Performance and Meritorious Service. Each Subcommittee has five members. Members of the Hall of Fame Committee are eligible to chair and/or serve on the Subcommittees based on their subject matter expertise.

Listed below are the newly appointed members of the USBC Hall of Fame Committee and Subcommittees as approved by the USBC Board of Directors:

USBC Hall of Fame Committee

Anthony Colangelo - Chair

Glenda Beckett

Stephanie Dyson

David Haynes

Shannon Pluhowsky

Marci Williams

USBC Hall of Fame Subcommittee – Performance

Johnny Campos - Chair

Mike Aulby (USBC Hall of Fame member, Class of 2001)

Cindy Coburn Carroll (USBC Hall of Fame member, Class of 1998)

Anthony Colangelo (Ex-Officio Guest)

Anne Marie Duggan (USBC Hall of Fame member, Class of 2005)

Dave Husted (USBC Hall of Fame member, Class of 2012)

USBC Hall of Fame Subcommittee – Meritorious Service

Andrew Cain – Chair (USBC Hall of Fame member, Class of 2020)

Darlene Baker (USBC Hall of Fame member, Class of 2024)

Anthony Colangelo (Ex-Officio Guest)

Jo Dimond (USBC Hall of Fame member, Class of 2026)

Mark Martin (USBC Hall of Fame member, Class of 2026)

Jim Zebehazy (USBC Hall of Fame member, Class of 2020)

In 2026, the subcommittees will begin their work advising the main committee on inductee selections moving forward, starting with the Class of 2027.

Including the 2026 class, there are 471 members of the USBC Hall of Fame – 237 in Superior Performance, 132 in Meritorious Service, 55 in Veterans, 25 in Outstanding USBC Performance and 22 in Pioneer. The Veterans and Pioneer categories are no longer active categories.

August 18, 2025

USBC YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP NAMES SIX JUNIOR GOLD COMPETITORS 2025 DAVID DAHMS SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS

ARLINGTON, Texas – Six competitors from the 2025 Junior Gold Championships have been selected to receive the David Dahms Sportsmanship Award.

The winners were determined by the USBC Youth Advisory Group based on nominations received from participants at this year's Junior Gold Championships, which was held across eight bowling centers in and around Green Bay, Wisconsin, in July.

The David Dahms Sportsmanship Award is given to competitors who best exemplify sportsmanship, leadership, positive attitude and enthusiasm during the Junior Gold Championships. The honor is awarded to one male and one female participant in each division.

Each winner in the 12-and-under (U12), U15 and U18 divisions receives a 100-point SMART scholarship. The 2025 winners are:

12-and-under division
- Girls: Jade Campbell, Valdosta, Ga.
- Boys: Bishop Peters, Sherwood, Ark.

15-and-under division
- Girls: Emily Beardsley, East Greenbush, N.Y.
- Boys: Matteo Hughes, Fairfax, Va.

18-and-under division
- Girls: Ashtyn DeVries, Prince Frederick, Md.
- Boys: Andrew Jeske, Green Bay, Wis.

The award is named for David Dahms, who was instrumental in the development and launch of the Junior Gold program.

Aug. 19, 2025

WEEK ADDED TO 2026 USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN RENO, NEVADA

ARLINGTON, Texas – With more than 10,400 teams registered for the 2026 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships in Reno, Nevada, the tournament staff has elected to open an additional week of squads in July.

The 122nd edition of the event now will run from March 14 to July 12 at the famed National Bowling Stadium. The tournament originally was scheduled to close July 5.

The 2026 USBC Open Championships is in position to post the tournament's top team count in Reno since 2011 (12,837). The event was last held at the 78-lane venue in 2023 and featured 9,565 teams.

The new squads will open to all starting Aug. 26 at 11 a.m. Eastern.

Captains on the waitlist for July prior to Aug. 19, 2025, will be moved or scheduled before the public opening Aug. 26.

The Open Championships is scheduled to make its 15th trip to Reno and 12th visit to the

National Bowling Stadium in 2026.

Reno's premier resort casinos – Eldorado, Silver Legacy and Circus Circus – will serve as the presenting sponsors and hosting hotels in 2026, giving bowlers the chance to save on expenses through special rates and benefits through MyBowlingVacation.com.

Eldorado and Silver Legacy will feature rates starting at $60 per night, while Circus Circus will have rates starting at $49 per night (rates are subject to change based on the selected hotel nights).

Bowlers will be able to save on resort fees, too. With the extension of the 2026 Open Championships, the resort casinos will allow for additional time to take advantage of early booking (with no deposit required) and waive all resort fees. The offer will be extended to Sept. 30, 2025 (previously was scheduled to end Aug. 31, 2025).

Reservations made after the deadline will receive 50% off resort fees, but bowlers are encouraged to secure their preferred dates as soon as possible.

August 22, 2025

USA BOWLING ANNOUNCES 2025-2026 REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SERIES SCHEDULE

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress has announced the schedule for the 2025-2026 USA Bowling Regional Tournament Series, which will feature 16 events across the country beginning Oct. 19 in Columbus, Ohio, and concluding May 3, 2026, in Eagan, Minnesota.

For the third consecutive year, the USA Bowling Regional Tournament Series will award a total prize fund of more than $120,000 in scholarships to youth athletes. The program continues to provide young bowlers an opportunity to compete at a high level while developing their skills and passion for the sport.

Heather Dionisio, Youth Program Director at Myrtle Beach Bowl, shared why her center continues to support the series.

"We proudly support USA Bowling because we believe in investing in the future of our sport," Dionisio said. "Youth bowling is where it all begins. It is where kids learn, grow and develop skills that will last a lifetime. These young bowlers are incredibly talented, and we are passionate about giving them the platform and support they need to keep reaching new heights."

The 2025-2026 USA Bowling Regional Tournament Series schedule is as follows:

- **Oct. 19, 2025 – Mideast** | Columbus Square Bowling Palace | Columbus, Ohio
- **Nov. 2, 2025 – Midwest** | Let's Roll Seneca | Wichita, Kan.
- **Nov. 2, 2025 – Heartland** | Stardust Bowl | Addison, Ill.
- **Nov. 9, 2025 – Upper Midwest** | Bowlerama Lanes | Des Moines, Iowa

- **Nov. 16, 2025 – Atlantic East** | Bowl America Southwest | Midlothian, Va.
- **Nov. 23, 2025 – Lower Great Lakes** | Mike Aulby's Arrowhead Bowl | Lafayette, Ind.
- **Dec. 7, 2025 – Northeast** | Rab's Country Lanes | Staten Island, N.Y.
- **Jan. 4, 2026 – Coastal South** | Aloma Bowl | Winter Park, Fla.
- **Jan. 10, 2026 – South Central** | The Lanes at Oak Hills | San Antonio
- **Feb. 22, 2026 – Pacific** | Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes | Citrus Heights, Calif.
- **Feb. 28, 2026 – South** | Bowlero Austell | Marietta, Ga.
- **March 8, 2026 – Mountain** | Sleeping Giant Lanes | Helena, Mont.
- **March 29, 2026 – Southeast** | Myrtle Beach Bowl | Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- **March 29, 2026 – Southwest** | Suncoast Bowling Center | Las Vegas
- **April 11, 2026 – New England** | Nutmeg Bowl | Fairfield, Conn.
- **May 3, 2026 – Upper Great Lakes** | Cedarvale Lanes | Eagan, Minn.

The winning team in each age-based division at each regional qualifier will earn a spot at the national event, which will be held in Minneapolis, in June of 2026.
Each event will include a seeding round and match-play bracket. Teams will bowl eight round-robin Baker match games to determine seeding for the double-elimination bracket at each regional event. Match play will be best-of-three matches until a winner is determined. USA Bowling lineups will consist of four players using a modified Baker format. Bowlers 1 and 2 will each bowl three frames (1-5-9 and 2-6-10, respectively) while Bowlers 3 and 4 each bowl two frames (3-7 and 4-8).

August 27, 2025

SEVEN TNBA YOUTH MEMBERS BENEFIT FROM WEEKEND AT ITRC

ARLINGTON, Texas – The National Bowling Association Youth Weekend returned to the International Training and Research Center, providing seven student-athletes with the unique opportunity to receive instruction and train at the world-class facility.
The event, created through a partnership between the United States Bowling Congress and TNBA, took place this year from Aug. 14-16. The first year of the TNBA Youth Weekend at the ITRC was in 2010.
Over the course of the three-day program, players received on-lane training and participated in drills and classroom sessions with the ITRC staff. Participants also had the opportunity to hear from guest speakers and tour the ITRC and **International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame**.

Applications were sent to TNBA youth members that were high school students in grades 9-12 who also were USBC-certified bowlers. As part of the application process, players were asked to

submit a video showing their bowling style from different angles along with a resume of their accomplishments and at least one letter of recommendation. This year's seven participants were selected from that pool of TNBA youth program applicants and included five boys and two girls:

Gavin Fernandez, Henderson, Nev.

Jordan Peareara, Providence, R.I.

Pryce Robinson, Chicago

Leoangelo Salcedo, North Las Vegas, Nev.

Aarin Shepard, Highland, Calif.

Amari Thompson, Eastover, S.C.

Sara Ward, Cranston, R.I.

The participants were joined by TNBA Assistant Junior Program Manager Dominique Walker and Field Representative and Western Region Tournament Director Pam Sterling.
Providing instruction to the student-athletes were USBC Director of Coaching Development and USBC Gold-level coach Stephen Padilla, USBC Gold-level and ITRC coach Lou Marquez, and Tom Nassar of USBC's Equipment and Specifications team and the Wicks Pro Shop.

"My favorite part has been working with some of the best coaches in the world and the training they give you," Thompson said. "I think it's something that everyone should get to do, but I know that I'm lucky that I got to do it. I'm grateful for that."

Shepard noted what a great job the instructors did as well.

"They're great at making you understand what you're capable of, and they fix things that you didn't even notice were a problem before," Shepard said. "Everything they do is helping me a lot, and it's moving pretty fast."

Professional Bowlers Association champion and Team USA member Packy Hanrahan was the guest speaker for the event. He discussed his background and talked about how he got into bowling later in life. Hanrahan recounted his collegiate career at Wichita State where he was "the ninth-best bowler on the team," but decided to pursue bowling after graduation with the support of his family. He spoke about his love for the sport and told the attendees that "bowling is the type of sport that you can get better at by being committed, practicing often and taking advice from those around you."

Hanrahan's presentation and words of wisdom left a lasting impression on the attendees.

“The coolest thing for me was meeting Packy,” said Peareara. “For him to share his knowledge of the game, being open and honest about his journey and all the things he’s gone through, that was pretty cool. Not everyone would do that and share those things.”

The fact that Hanrahan is a two-hander had a direct impact on Shepard.

“Having Packy here definitely helped since I switched to two-handed not too long ago,” Shepard said. “He was able to give me some specific tips since he’s also a two-hander.”

During the weekend, an emphasis was placed on individual instruction to develop both the physical and mental game. The instruction featured analysis through several of the training tools used at the ITRC, including the facility’s advanced video system and Specto technology. There were sessions covering the bowler’s release and an assessment of each player’s spare shooting.

“I learned a lot about lane transition and how to deal with that,” said Salcedo. “It was something that I was struggling with before, so I think learning about it here will help me.”

“I’ve learned how important it is to be consistent and to hit my mark every time,” Fernandez said. “I’m hoping to go pro one day, so this experience will help.”

In addition to on-lane instruction, the participants took part in classroom sessions on topics that included the physical game, bowling ball dynamics, ball motion dynamics and understanding the science of lane conditions and lane play.

“It wasn’t just the bowling part, but the classroom part was really good for me,” Robinson said. “It shows you that you can learn things outside of the lanes as well.”

Ward agreed with Robinson. “The classroom environment has been very helpful; I learned a lot through that.”

The classroom and on-lane instruction were complemented by tours of the facility, including the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame at the conclusion of the first day.
Visiting the IBMHOF wasn’t the only tour provided for the participants as they also enjoyed a tour of USBC’s Equipment Specifications Department.

Peareara, who, as he grows older, wants to help others learn the sport, summed up the weekend.

“Honestly, everything I’ve learned here is going to help me; I couldn’t pick out one specific thing,” he said. “I want to be a bowling coach or youth instructor in the future, so I can take the things I’ve learned here and apply them to that.”

Aug. 28, 2025

USBC HALL OF FAMER WAYNE ZAHN DIES AT AGE 84

ARLINGTON, Texas – United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Wayne Zahn died Aug. 20 at the age of 84.

Zahn was the youngest competitor to be enshrined in the hall of fame at the time of his induction, earning his spot in the Superior Performance category at just 39 years old in 1980.

The talented right-hander – originally from Milwaukee – left his mark at the highest level, winning 13 national titles on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour between 1963 and 1976. He was inducted to the PBA Hall of Fame in 1981.

After recording his first professional victory in 1963, Zahn posted a pair of wins in 1964. He captured three titles in 1966 – including a pair of majors (PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA National Championship) – to secure top honors as PBA Player of the Year.

He added a second three-win campaign in 1968, which included his third major and second victory at the PBA National Championship (now known as the PBA World Championship). Zahn's final win took place in 1976, defeating Earl Anthony for the title at the Showboat Invitational in Las Vegas.

Zahn – a charter member of the PBA – also recorded the top average on the PBA Tour during the 1966 and 1967 seasons, becoming the first competitor to claim the award in back-to-back years.

Zahn's on-lane success at the professional level helped him secure the 31st position on the list of the 50 greatest players in PBA history, published in 2009.

He made 25 appearances at the USBC Open Championships, collecting an Eagle in Classic Team at the 1967 event in Miami Beach, Florida. Zahn helped the members of Balancer Glove of Fort Worth, Texas, claim the win with a 6,298 total.

August 29, 2025

EIGHT ATHLETES SELECTED TO REPRESENT SENIOR TEAM USA AT 2025 IBF WORLD SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN RENO

ARLINGTON, Texas – Eight highly accomplished bowlers have been chosen by the National Selection Committee to represent Senior Team USA on the lanes at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Seniors Championships, which will take place at the famed National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, from Oct. 14-23.

Chris Barnes of Denton, Texas; Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey; Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa; and John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida, will make up the men's team while Dana Ausec of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Lynda Barnes of Denton, Texas; Rina Sabo of Bennett, Colorado; and Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio, comprise the women's squad.

The octet has combined to win 118 international medals throughout their illustrious careers, and five of the eight – Chris Barnes, Lynda Barnes, Bohn, Janawicz and Woessner – are United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famers.

Senior Team USA is scheduled to arrive at the 2025 IBF World Seniors Championships on Oct. 14. Unofficial practice sessions will take place on Oct. 15 with official practice and the tournament's opening ceremony following on Oct. 16.

Competition will get underway on Oct. 17 with the opening rounds of Men's and Women's Singles.

Singles play will conclude and medals will be awarded on the morning of Oct. 18. Later that day, the first round of Men's and Women's Doubles will commence.

The remainder of the doubles event will take place on Oct. 19 and will see medals conferred at day's end.

All rounds of Men's and Women's Team competition will occur on Oct. 20.

The first two rounds of the Men's and Women's Masters events will take place on Oct. 21 with the remainder occurring on Oct. 22, which will be the final day of competition at this year's tournament.

The Victory Banquet will officially bring the 2025 IBF World Seniors Championships to a close on the evening of Oct. 22.

September 2, 2025

USBC ANNOUNCES 13 BOWLER'S ED GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR FIRST HALF OF 2025

ARLINGTON, Texas – Twelve schools and one non-profit organization will have the opportunity to incorporate bowling into their educational plans and activities during the 2025-2026 school year.
The 13 recipients have been chosen by the United States Bowling Congress to receive Bowler's Ed kits and curriculum information through the Bowler's Ed Grant Program, directly impacting more than 7,500 students.
As a curriculum- and equipment-based physical education program, Bowler's Ed is designed to introduce students to the lifetime sport of bowling. USBC Youth sponsored 12 grants while one is sponsored by the Colorado State Bowling Proprietors' Association.

Each Bowler's Ed kit brings a bowling-center-like atmosphere into classrooms, gyms and recreational spaces, providing teachers and supporting staff with the equipment and tools needed to enjoy the sport in the most convenient way.

The schools and non-profit organization selected to receive Bowler's Ed kits for the 2025-2026

school year were determined based on applications submitted by the June 30, 2025, deadline. The kits will be received by the following schools and non-profit organization:

- Boys & Girls Club of Huntington County – Huntington, Ind.
- Cloves C. Campbell Sr. Elementary School – Phoenix
- Dana Elementary School – Hendersonville, N.C.
- Lake Murray Elementary School – Lexington, S.C.
- Loranger Middle School – Loranger, La.
- Manavon Elementary School – Phoenixville, Pa.
- Mannford Elementary School – Mannford, Okla.
- Manor Hill Elementary School – Lombard, Ill.
- Port Chester Middle School – Port Chester, N.Y.
- Pritchardville Elementary School – Bluffton, S.C.
- Ridgeview Elementary School – Craig, Colo.
- St. Josaphat School – Chicago
- Weyerhaeuser Elementary School – Eatonville, Wash.

“As a Title 1 school with a high percentage of low-income families and an increasing population of Adapted Physical Education students, the Bowler’s Ed Equipment Grant will allow us to expose our students to a highly accessible sport while also contributing to our district’s mission – Success for All,” said Griffin Gambino, Physical Education teacher at Port Chester Middle School. “Additionally, this equipment will provide us an opportunity to host community events that will bring our students, families, teachers and staff together. Thank you, USBC!”
The curriculum includes lessons that put a new twist on subjects that students are already learning about such as math, language arts, social studies, problem solving, computer skills and more. It also introduces the students to a sport that they can play for a lifetime while providing great exercise, building endurance and developing hand-eye coordination in a fun way. Curriculums are free and can be obtained by request at **BOWL.com/BowlersEd**.

Schools and organizations are able to teach students and young athletes about bowling in an educational and fun setting through the grant program. Each kit provides six sets of a carpeted mobile bowling lane, rubber bowling ball and plastic pins. A step-by-step curriculum and an

instructional video on the fundamentals of bowling, which includes etiquette, safety, scoring and fitness activities, are also provided in each kit.
"The reason this grant is so important to the Boys & Girls Club of Huntington County is because this will give our members the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the sport of bowling," said Brianne Karlin, Unit Director for the Boys & Girls Club of Huntington County. "Bowling is one of the fastest growing collegiate sports that offers scholarships. The sport of bowling is one of the most inclusive sports that welcomes athletes of all skill levels. This grant will open many new doors for our members."
USBC Youth Development works with local associations, schools and bowling centers throughout the country to deliver the In-School Bowler's Ed kits.

The initiative is supported by the bowling industry and aims to bring bowling centers and associations together with schools and non-profit organizations in their communities, allowing physical education teachers and other instructors the opportunity to make bowling one of the sports they teach to their students.

Since 2010, the Bowler's Ed Grant Program has awarded 380 grants, impacting more than 5 million students from 47 states and provinces across the United States and Canada.

For schools, facilities or organizations interested in applying for a Bowler's Ed grant, the application portal is open for the second half of the year. The submission deadline for this round is Dec. 31, 2025.

September 3, 2025

CHAMPIONS CROWNED AT 2025
BOWLING.COM YOUTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The winners in each of the four age-based divisions at the 2025 Bowling.com Youth Open Championships have been determined by the United States Bowling Congress Youth Department.

The 2025 Youth Open Championships, a non-qualifying tournament open to all USBC Youth members, was contested at Super Bowl in Appleton, Wisconsin, from July 9-27.

Bowlers in the four age-based divisions (10-and-under, 12-and-under, 15-and-under and 18-and-under) earned more than $80,000 in scholarship prizes and won national titles in team, doubles, singles and all-events.

Each event featured a scratch and optional handicap division with 175 teams and 839 bowlers participating in this year's tournament.

The roster of 2025 winners included the following teams and individuals:

18-and-under division

Team – Scratch: Ashland Arrows (Brantyn Long, Luke Rhine, Jackson Neubauer, Max Oeken), Ohio, 2,683. **Team – Handicap –** Team Florida (Vincent Vo, Kaiden Coshatt, Mackenzie Reddington, Calista Dalyander), Fla., 2,863. **Doubles – Scratch –** Matteo Quintero, Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Jos Weems, Griffith, Ind., 1,451. **Doubles – Handicap –** Andrew Lynnes and Sara Lynnes, Lake Havasu City, Ariz., 1,380. **Girls' Doubles – Scratch** – Trishna Desai, Centereach, N.Y., and Kylie Oppedisano, Newtown, Conn., 1,350. **Girls' Doubles – Handicap** – Katy Wolf, Gillette, Wyo., and Juliann Amende, Sheridan, Wyo., 1,470. **Boys' Singles – Scratch** – Clayton Washington, Midlothian, Va., 772. **Boys' Singles – Handicap** – Andrew Lynnes, Lake Havasu City, Ariz., 871. **Girls' Singles – Scratch** – Macy Jones, Shobonier, Ill., 784. **Girls' Singles – Handicap** – Cate Olson, Tuscaloosa, Ala., 838. **Boys' All-Events – Scratch** – Derrick Lewandowski, Blue Grass, Iowa, 2,156. **Boys' All-Events – Handicap** – Hayden Fowler, Frankfort, Ky., 2,236. **Girls' All-Events – Scratch** - Macy Jones, Shobonier, Ill., 2,009. **Girls' All-Events – Handicap** – Chloe Dingess, Grove City, Ohio, 2,145.

15-and-under division

Team – Scratch: DKJ Pro Shop (Tyler Anderson, Anna Antony, Kristofer Wagner, Donaven Kline), N.J., 2,726. **Team – Handicap –** Alley-gators (Eli Anckner, Francis Johnson, Mateo Ruiz, Miklo Bloom), Fla., 2,793. **Doubles – Scratch –** Anna Antony, Newtown, Conn., and Kristofer Wagner, Orlando, Fla., 1,405. **Doubles – Handicap –** Vincent Vo, Clearwater, Fla., and Kaiden Coshatt, Tavares, Fla., 1,625. **Girls' Doubles – Scratch** – Makenna Morales, Hobart, Ind., and Addison Voiles, Frankton, Ind., 1,206. **Girls' Doubles – Handicap** – Makenna Morales, Hobart, Ind., and Addison Voiles, Frankton, Ind., 1,368. **Boys' Singles – Scratch** – Eli Anckner, Jacksonville, Fla., 783. **Boys' Singles – Handicap** – Vincent Vo, Clearwater, Fla., 864. **Girls' Singles – Scratch** – Madison Thomas, Belleville, Mich., 691. **Girls' Singles – Handicap** – Arianna Oliveira, Beacon Falls, Conn., 789. **Boys' All-Events – Scratch** – Eli Anckner, Jacksonville, Fla., 2,157. **Boys' All-Events – Handicap** – Vincent Vo, Clearwater, Fla., 2,474. **Girls' All-Events – Scratch** – Anna Antony, Farmington, Conn., 1,984. **Girls' All-Events – Handicap** – Arianna Oliveira, Beacon Falls, Conn., 2,216.

12-and-under division

Team – Scratch: No Thumbs (Trisden Willms, Nehemiah Keefer, Treavor Mason, Brennan Brandel), Mich., 2,391. **Team – Handicap –** The Big Four (Thomas Marsh, Luke Marsh, Liam Guitreau, Champion Pouncy), Mich., 2,879. **Doubles – Scratch –** Treavor Mason, Arlington, Texas, and Brennan Brandel, Hemlock, Mich., 1,395. **Doubles – Handicap –** Jack Johnson, Villa Rica, Ga., and Donovan Glanz, Enterprise, Ala., 1,521. **Girls' Doubles – Scratch** – Samantha Ruffin, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Leslie Majors, Indianapolis, 1,005. **Girls' Doubles – Handicap** – Jamy Standifer, Griggsville, Ill., and Leah Caudill, Lewistown, Mo., 1,471. **Boys' Singles – Scratch** – Brennan Brandel, Saginaw, Mich., 695. **Boys' Singles – Handicap** – Donovan Glanz, Enterprise, Ala., 868. **Girls' Singles – Scratch** – Isabella Jones, Edinburgh, Ind., 572. **Girls' Singles – Handicap** – Angelis Rivera Machuca, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 763. **Boys' All-Events – Scratch** – Brennan Brandel, Saginaw, Mich., 2,001. **Boys' All-Events – Handicap** – Champion Pouncy, Trussville, Ala., 2,192. **Girls' All-Events – Scratch** – Leslie Majors, Indianapolis, 1,584. **Girls' All-Events – Handicap** – Jamy Standifer, Griggsville, Ill., 2,176.

10-and-under division

Team – Scratch: U10 Team 1_DeWerth & Crew (Abigail Huberty, Oaklie Huberty, Lennon Short, Amber Couture), Neb., 1,346. **Team – Handicap –** U10 Team 1_DeWerth & Crew (Abigail Huberty, Oaklie Huberty, Lennon Short, Amber Couture), Neb., 2,225. **Doubles – Scratch –** Braydon Camp and Bryson Camp, Toms River, N.J., 781. **Doubles – Handicap –** Angel Rivera and Yelena Hernandez, Cleveland, 1,266. **Girls' Doubles – Scratch** – Amber Couture, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Lennon Short, Fremont, Neb., 655. **Girls' Doubles – Handicap** – Abigail Huberty and Oaklie Huberty, Fremont, Neb., 1,389. **Boys' Singles – Scratch** – Bryson Camp, Brick, N.J., 470. **Boys' Singles – Handicap** – Jude Jordan, Pierre, S.D., 732. **Girls' Singles – Scratch** – Taylor Morgan, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 504. **Girls' Singles – Handicap** – Lucy Dubeau, Bolton, Conn., 761. **Boys' All-Events – Scratch** – Xavier Martinez, Sheboygan, Wis., 1,357. **Boys' All-Events – Handicap** – Jude Jordan, Pierre, S.D., 2,160. **Girls' All-Events – Scratch** - Taylor Morgan, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1,416. **Girls' All-Events – Handicap** – Oaklie Huberty, Fremont, Neb., 2,225.

Sept. 4, 2025

USBC TEAM USA TRIALS RETURNS TO GOLD COAST IN LAS VEGAS FOR 2026 AND 2027

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress Team USA Trials and United States National Amateur Bowling Championships will return to Las Vegas in 2026 and 2027 and be contested at the Gold Coast Bowling Center.

The 2026 event will be held at the 70-lane venue – located inside of the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino – from Jan. 2-7. Registration is scheduled to open Sept. 9, 2025, at 11 a.m. Eastern.

The 2027 event also is slated for Jan. 2-7. Information regarding registration for 2027 will be available at a later date.

The field size for each year will allow for 175 entries in both the men's and women's divisions.

The USBC Team USA Trials and U.S. Amateur bring together both youth and adult athletes from across the United States to compete for the chance to represent their country on the lanes for the calendar year.

Team USA Trials features five separate qualifying days on five different oil patterns, with competitors earning points based on their finish against the field each day. The top score for the block earns one point, the runner-up for the squad earns two points, etc.

Each athlete will add their points up for a final score at the end of the week, and the lowest

overall scores have the chance to earn automatic spots on Team USA and Junior Team USA for the year.

Those overall scores also will determine the stepladder finalists for the U.S. Amateur. To be eligible for the U.S. Amateur, an athlete must not meet the criteria to be considered a professional bowler.

In addition to automatic spots for Team USA and Junior Team USA, the National Selection Committee also will be on hand to choose additional members for each team based on performances at Gold Coast and submitted resumes (Team USA only).

September 4, 2025

USBC ANNOUNCES NEW NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES REGARDING SLOW OIL-ABSORBING HIGH-PERFORMANCE BALL USE AT EVENTS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress will adopt new tournament rules at nationally conducted events. These rules will either eliminate the use of slow oil-absorbing high-performance (urethane) bowling balls or require them to be manufactured at a minimum 78D hardness.

USBC has updated the Equipment Specifications Manual to define slow oil-absorbing high-performance balls subject to the 78D rule, and a complete list of ineligible balls for national tournaments is available on BOWL.com. The removal includes all slow oil-absorbing high-performance balls manufactured before Aug. 1, 2022, which will be ineligible for national tournament use regardless of their manufactured hardness.

Effective Dec. 31, 2025, slow oil-absorbing high-performance bowling balls with oil absorption times over 90 minutes must be at least 78D hardness to be USBC approved for sale in the United States. Bowling balls with an oil absorption time greater than 90 minutes and featuring high-performance cores will be subject to the new approval specification. Entry level reactive balls and balls with non-high-performance cores will not be subject to the specification.

Previously approved slow oil-absorbing high-performance bowling balls under 78D will remain on the USBC approved ball list. These models, while limited in USBC national events, can still be manufactured for use in certified leagues and tournaments that choose to allow them.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, the following restrictions will apply to the use of slow oil-absorbing high-performance balls at USBC national tournaments:

Not allowed (regardless of hardness):

- U.S. Open
- USBC Masters

· PWBA Tour (national events including the U.S. Women's Open and USBC Queens and all PWBA Regional events)
· U22 Masters and Queens
· USBC Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships (Nationals)
· USA Bowling National Championships

Allowed if 78D Hardness:

· USBC Open Championships
· USBC Women's Championships
· Bowlers Journal Championships
· USBC Senior Masters
· USBC Super Senior Classic
· USBC Senior Queens
· Youth Open Championships

Restricted Use (Qualifying only):

· Junior Gold Championships: 78D slow oil-absorbing high-performance balls will be allowed for qualifying only. Beginning with match play and through the finals, no slow oil-absorbing high-performance balls (regardless of hardness) will be allowed.

No Change:

· Team USA Trials
· USBC Collegiate sectional and regular season USBC Collegiate events
· Junior Gold qualifiers
· USA Bowling Regionals
· USBC Senior Championships
· USBC Youth Scratch Championships
· The Forty Frame Game
· Survivor Tournament

The rule changes come following a formal comment period from bowling ball manufacturers and a public survey about proposed rule changes to better govern slow oil-absorbing high-performance ball technology.

The following unsolicited comment from a top-level bowler perhaps best summarizes the need for USBC to take action regarding the matter of slow oil-absorbing high-performance balls:

"Whatever you (USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy) and the Congress (USBC) can do to ensure more bowlers are playing the same game is good for the sport."

USBC sought to address some key issues:

- **Lane pattern integrity** – Slow oil-absorbing high-performance balls can alter lane patterns more quickly, disrupting the intended lane pattern design and creating imbalances between different styles of players.
- **Competitive fairness** – When slow oil-absorbing high-performance and reactive equipment are both used in the same competitive environment, it causes competitive imbalances between different styles of bowlers.
- **Player development concerns** – Increasing reliance on slow oil-absorbing high-performance balls may reduce player versatility and hinder long-term skill development, particularly among younger and developing athletes.
- **Governance and integrity challenges** – Slow oil-absorbing high-performance balls can measure softer over time, making it difficult to distinguish between natural aging and tampering. These issues have contributed to protests and confusion at events, creating enforcement challenges and questions around competitive integrity.

The approach to national youth and collegiate events allows slow oil-absorbing high-performance balls to remain part of the competition at early stages while addressing the issues above for the match-play and finals rounds of the events when champions are determined.

“These changes take positive steps toward addressing the issues related to athlete development, lane pattern integrity and competition equity,” USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said. “We know there will not be universal agreement, but this direction makes meaningful improvements to our competitions.”

Additionally, USBC will take immediate steps to add hardness spot-check testing at national tournaments. These checks will be used primarily for research and data collection while also serving as a tool to identify bowling balls suspected of tampering. Hardness testing reinforces enforcement efforts and helps protect the integrity of competition.

September 05, 2025

TEAM USA ROSTER FINALIZED FOR 2025 IBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG

ARLINGTON, Texas – The National Selection Committee has chosen 12 outstanding athletes to represent Team USA on the lanes at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Championships, which will take place at Top Bowl, Kai Tak Sports Park in Kowloon, Hong Kong, China, from Nov. 24-Dec. 5.

The American women donning the red, white and blue in Hong Kong will be Julia Bond of Lincoln, Nebraska; Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Breanna Clemmer of Lebanon, Illinois; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio; Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and Lauren Russo of O’Fallon, Missouri.

Andrew Anderson of Chesterfield Township, Michigan; Ryan Barnes of Denton, Texas; Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas; A.J. Johnson of Kenosha, Wisconsin; Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois, and Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, will comprise the Team USA men’s contingent.

Those talented athletes will be under the direction of Team USA Head Coach Bryan O’Keefe and Kelly Kulick, a United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer who serves as Junior Team USA Head Coach and assistant coach for Team USA.

Presently, 23 countries are slated to send men’s teams to the 2025 IBF World Championships while 22 nations are expected to compete on the women’s side.

Official practice sessions and the tournament’s opening ceremony will take place on Nov. 24, kicking off 12 straight days of bowling action in Hong Kong.

The first event of the 2025 IBF World Championships will be singles. Men’s and women’s qualifying will occur on Nov. 25 and Nov. 26, respectively, with Round 2-, semifinal- and final-round action in both divisions taking place on Nov. 27.

A similar schedule will be followed for the doubles event but in reverse order. For doubles, the women will qualify first, bowling on Nov. 28 with the men following on Nov. 29. The final three rounds of doubles competition in both divisions will be contested on Nov. 30.

The final two events of the 2025 IBF World Championships will be trios and team.

The first two rounds of Men's Trios will occur on Dec. 1 with Women's Trios following on Dec. 2.

The focus will shift from three bowlers to five on Dec. 3, which is when the first two rounds of Men's Team and Women's Team competition will occur.

The excitement is sure to reach a fever pitch during the last two days of competition when the action moves from Top Bowl to Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Wanchai.

The trios semifinals and finals in both divisions will take place at Queen Elizabeth Stadium on Dec. 4 with the Men's Team and Women's Team semis and finals following on Dec. 5, which will be the last day of competition at this year's tournament.

After the last balls have been rolled and the final medals have been awarded, the Victory Banquet will officially bring the 2025 IBF World Championships to a close on the evening of Dec. 5.

USBC HALL OF FAMER JEAN HAVLISH DIES AT AGE 89
ARLINGTON, Texas –

United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer and Professional Women's Bowling Association champion Jean Havlish of Rockville, Minnesota, died Sept. 1 at the age of 89. Havlish was inducted in the USBC (then Women's International Bowling Congress) Hall of Fame in 1987 in the Superior Performance category.

Havlish, a right-hander originally from St. Paul, Minnesota, collected a pair of wins in the USBC Women's Championships, earning both at the 1964 event in Minneapolis. She took home the singles title with a 690 total and went on to post a then-record 1,980 all-events score, earning the win in that event as well. In addition to those two wins, Havlish posted four other top-10 finishes at the Women's Championships.

She also left her mark on the **PWBA Tour**, earning three titles. Her first came at the 1966 Indianapolis Open and was followed by a pair of wins in 1968 at the Park Lanes Open in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and the TWA Open in North Kansas City, Missouri.

Havlish also was a member of **Team USA** in 1981 where, during the American Zone event in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, she contributed to first-place team and third-place trio performances for the U.S. women's team.

But Havlish's athletic accomplishments were not limited to the sport of bowling. Prior to gaining fame as a bowler, she played three seasons as a shortstop in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League for the Fort Wayne Daisies.

Havlish is the only bowler inducted in the Minnesota Sports Hall of Fame. She was named one of the Top 100 Minnesotan Sports Figures of the 20th Century by the Minneapolis Star Tribune and Sports Illustrated ranked her 36th among the top 50 Minnesota athletes of the

20th century. She also is a member of the Minnesota State and Twin Cities USBC Halls of Fame.
Havlish was born on Nov. 23, 1935, to Howard and Mary Havlish and was the oldest of five children. Visitation and a private service have already taken place.

September 18, 2025

ROYAL PIN WOODLAND TO HOST U.S. OPEN IN 2028 AND 2029, U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN IN 2028

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress and Bowling Proprietors' Association of America have announced an agreement that will make Royal Pin Woodland the host for the 2028 and 2029 editions of the U.S. Open. The U.S. Women's Open will also be heading to Indianapolis in 2028.

With the agreement, the iconic 70-lane venue will have hosted eight consecutive editions of the U.S. Open by 2029 while the U.S. Women's Open, a major on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour, will have made three trips to Royal Pin Woodland in five years by 2028.

In 2024, the PWBA Tour returned to Royal Pin Woodland for the first time since the tour's relaunch in 2015 and saw Malaysia's Sin Li Jane win the U.S. Women's Open title on her way to 2024 PWBA Player of the Year honors.
EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, won the 2025 edition of the U.S. Open to collect his second career victory at one of bowling's most prestigious major championships.

The 2026 U.S. Women's Open will be held June 9-16 and will be the second major tournament of the season on the PWBA Tour.

"Royal Pin Entertainment is proud to continue its commitment to professional bowling at the highest level by hosting the U.S. Open in 2028 and 2029 as well as the 2028 U.S. Women's Open," said Jimmy Clapper, General Manager of Royal Pin Entertainment. "For decades, Royal Pin Woodland has been the stage for unforgettable moments and iconic champions. We are excited to continue building on that legacy by celebrating and showcasing the very best in the sport for years to come."

With a combined six U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open competitions being held at Royal Pin Woodland over the next four years, the venue will continue its own tradition of hosting major championships. It also remains the only venue to have hosted every Professional Bowlers Association major championship.

In addition to its history with the U.S. Open, including both the men's and women's events in 1996 (qualifying and match play before the finals took place at Market Square Arena), Royal Pin Woodland has hosted 40 PBA Tour stops as well as the USBC Masters and Junior Gold Championships over a span of 44 years.

September 23, 2025

2026 INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUE SET;
SECTIONAL HOST SITES DETERMINED FOR 2026 AND 2027

ARLINGTON, Texas – No matter where they come from or what program they represent, every United States Bowling Congress Collegiate bowler hopes to perform well at sectionals each year in order to earn the opportunity to compete for national titles at the season-ending Intercollegiate Team Championships and Intercollegiate Singles Championships.

Now, the athletes who will compete in USBC Collegiate competition during the next two seasons know where the road to glory may take them as a national finals venue has been determined for 2026 and sectional sites have been locked in for 2026 and 2027.

The 2026 Intercollegiate Team Championships and Intercollegiate Singles Championships will be contested at The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in Green Bay, Wisconsin, from April 13-18, 2026.

Ashwaubenon is certainly no stranger to top-flite bowling action as the famed center has hosted regional and national events on both the Professional Bowlers Association and Professional Women's Bowling Association Tours as well as elite amateur tournaments such as the Junior Gold Championships.

In order to reach the national finals in Green Bay, USBC Collegiate bowlers and teams will have to be at their best during sectional competition, which will take place at four sites across the country on March 13-15 in 2026 and March 12-14 in 2027.

Three of those four sites will be familiar as Cityview Lanes in Fort Worth, Texas, Smyrna Bowling Center in Smyrna, Tennessee, and Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois, all have been sectional hosts multiple times, including each of the last two seasons.

The fourth site will be new, however, as Mount Lebanon Lanes in Pittsburgh will host USBC Collegiate sectional competition for the first time in 2026 before welcoming postseason action again in 2027.

The four sectional host sites for 2026 and 2027 were determined after a new contract was agreed upon between USBC Collegiate and representatives from each of the four venues.

Oct. 7, 2025

USBC HALL OF FAMER GLENN ALLISON DIES AT AGE 95

ARLINGTON, Texas – United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Glenn Allison of Corona, California, died Oct. 7 at the age of 95.

A legend at the USBC Open Championships for his on-lane success and record-setting longevity and heralded by many as “Mr. 900” for rolling three consecutive 300 games in 1982, Allison was inducted in the Superior Performance category in 1979.

He began his celebrated journey at the Open Championships during the 1947 event in Los Angeles. The talented right-hander returned for a second appearance in 1950 and made his annual trek to compete at each edition of the event from 1954 to 2024 to set the tournament’s participation mark with 72 appearances.

Across 121 editions of the Open Championships, only four other competitors have reached 70 years on the tournament lanes (Bill Doehrman, Joe Norris and Sylvester Thiel at 71 appearances and Clinton Zavakos at 70 appearances).

Allison’s wins at the Open Championships took place in 1962, 1964, 1966 and 1970.

He paired with fellow USBC Hall of Famer Dick Hoover to win Classic Doubles in 1962. Allison fired a 780 series (his highest set at the Open Championships) to lead the way as the duo claimed victory with a 1,431 total.

A pair of team wins followed for Allison as he helped Falstaff Beer (1964) and Ace Mitchell Shur-Hooks (1966) to the top spot in the Classic Division.

In 1970, he collected his fourth Eagle with games of 258, 258 and 214 for a 730 series in Classic Singles.

As Allison continued to accrue accolades at the Open Championships, he also made his way toward the top of the tournament’s pinfall list. He joined the 100,000-Pin Club during his 55th appearance in 2006 and finished his career in third place on the all-time list with 123,341 pins across 72 years for a lifetime average of 190 at the tournament.

He was 430 pins away from passing USBC Hall of Famer Joe Norris (123,770) for second and 747 pins shy of going around USBC Hall of Famer Bill Lillard Sr. for the pinfall record (124,087).

At the 2024 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting, Allison was recognized for his 72nd appearance at the Open Championships during an on-stage tribute and was presented with a commemorative gold, diamond and black onyx ring with the number “72” inscribed on it.

Allison’s perfect performance and 900 series during a league session at La Habra 300 Bowl on July 1, 1982, serves as one of the sport’s most recognizable achievements even though the series was not approved by the American Bowling Congress (now USBC).

The USBC reevaluated the award application in 2014 but upheld the decision approved by its predecessor.

Allison – a charter member of the Professional Bowlers Association – was inducted to the PBA Hall of Fame in 1984 after claiming five national titles. He also recorded one victory on the PBA50 Tour.

Information concerning funeral services for Allison is not yet available.

Oct. 9, 2025

DEMAND CONTINUES, WEEK ADDED TO 2026 USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN RENO

ARLINGTON, Texas – With more than 11,000 teams planning to make their way to the famed National Bowling Stadium in 2026 for the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships, the tournament staff has opened an additional week of squads to accommodate the demand to compete in Reno, Nevada.

The 2026 event now will run from March 14 to July 19. The 122nd edition of the USBC Open Championships originally was scheduled to conclude July 5 and was extended in August to July 12.

The new squads will open to all starting Friday, Oct. 10 at 11 a.m. Eastern.

The 2026 Open Championships is trending toward its largest team count in Reno since 2011 (12,837) and approaching an increase of nearly 1,500 teams from the tournament's last visit to the NBS in 2023 (9,565).

Reno's premier resort casinos – Eldorado, Silver Legacy and Circus Circus – will serve as the presenting sponsors and hosting hotels in 2026 and are giving bowlers the chance to save on lodging through special rates and benefits through MyBowlingVacation.com.

Eldorado and Silver Legacy will feature rates starting at $60 per night, while Circus Circus will have rates starting at $49 per night (rates are subject to change based on the selected hotel nights).

Bowlers will be able to save on resort fees, too. Reservations made through MyBowlingVacation.com will receive 50% off resort fees from now through the end of the 2026 Open Championships. Competitors are encouraged to secure their preferred dates (with no deposit required) as soon as possible.

October 14, 2025

U22 MASTERS AND U22 QUEENS HEADED TO ORLANDO IN 2026

ARLINGTON, Texas – After spending the first two years of their existence in the greater Detroit area, the United States Bowling Congress U22 Masters and U22 Queens will move to Florida and be contested at Boardwalk Bowl in Orlando in 2026.

The agreement will see Boardwalk host the U22 Masters and U22 Queens from May 22-25 in 2026. Registration for this year's tournaments is scheduled to open on Jan. 5, 2026.

The U22 Masters and U22 Queens, which annually award a total of eight spots on Junior Team USA to age-eligible top finishers, wrapped up inside the famed Strobl Arena at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Michigan, in 2024 and 2025.
The inaugural titles were won by Brandon Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey, on the U22 Masters side and Dannielle Henderson of Jacksonville, Alabama, for the U22 Queens.
Bohn successfully defended his title and won his second U22 Masters crown in 2025 while this year's U22 Queens title was earned by Aleesha Oden of Council Bluffs, Iowa.
While 2026 will mark Boardwalk Bowl's first time hosting the U22 Masters and U22 Queens, the 80-lane center is no stranger to elite competition as it has been the site of regional and national events on both the Professional Bowlers Association and Professional Women's Bowling Association Tours, summer events for The National Bowling Association (TNBA) and multiple USBC local and state championships.
The U22 Masters and U22 Queens feature two seven-game rounds of qualifying before each field is cut for bracket match play. Advancers are seeded based on qualifying position into the tournaments' match-play brackets.

All matches in both tournaments are two games with total pinfall determining the winner. A player is eliminated from competition upon losing his or her second match.
Three athletes in each field advance to the stepladder finals and earn the right to compete for the tournament titles and possible berths on Junior Team USA.

Junior Team USA eligibility will be reserved for athletes who have not reached their 21st birthday by Jan. 1, 2027, for the 2026 U22 Masters and U22 Queens.

October 17, 2025

USBC AND PWBA HALL OF FAMER FRAN WOLF DEKEN DIES AT AGE 81

ARLINGTON, Texas – Fran Wolf Deken of Olathe, Kansas, a member of both the United States Bowling Congress and Professional Women's Bowling Association Halls of Fame, died Oct. 16, 2025. She was 81.
Lauded as one of the most influential people in the history of women's bowling, Deken was inducted into the **PWBA Hall of Fame** in 1997 (Meritorious Service/Builder category) and the **USBC Hall of Fame** in 2006 (Meritorious Service category).
Deken's lifelong love of the sport began at age 10 when she first bowled at the Winnetka (Illinois) Community House. While she tried other after-school sports such as soccer, field hockey, volleyball, basketball and softball during her high school years at New Trier High School in Winnetka, it was her prowess in bowling that allowed her to compete collegiately

at the University of Iowa, where she earned national titles in 1962 (doubles) and 1964 (singles, team, all-events).

Following her collegiate accomplishments, Deken spent some time bowling in the professional ranks with moderate success. Deken then turned her attention to serving the sport in a different way. She became best known as an extraordinary advocate and tireless promoter for the sport of bowling, women's bowling in particular, where she also became known as one of the preeminent historians of the women's game.

Following a stint where she served on the PWBA Board of Directors (1976-1981), Deken took on the role of PWBA Tour Tournament Director on two separate occasions (1981-1991 and 2001-2003). It was in this role that she gained notoriety from her industry peers and respect from the women professional bowlers for her behind-the-scenes work and attention to detail.

In a March 2021 feature story that ran on BOWL.com as part of Women's History Month, Deken said, "I loved competing, but after a couple of years on tour, it became pretty clear to me I probably wouldn't be bowling on any TV shows. The shows ended up being such a high point of the tour, and keeping things moving smoothly behind the scenes so that the players could focus on the bowling was important and very rewarding for me."

Deken's contributions weren't limited to her role as PWBA Tournament Director. Deken's industry experience included roles as Group and Tournament Coordinator for the Showboat Hotel, Casino and Bowling Center in Las Vegas and Director of Operations for the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

She served on numerous boards and committees on the state, local and national levels. Included in her service on the national level was a 20-year term on the USBC Hall of Fame Committee (including chairperson from 2012-2014), a stint on the PWBA Hall of Fame Committee, four years as a member of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America Tournament Committee (2012-2014) and decades as a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America (now the International Bowling Media Association) where she served on several committees, was on the board and served as president (2002).

Deken's service on the local and state level was equally impressive. She was secretary for the Greater Reno WBA (now the Greater Reno Sparks USBC) from 2000-2002. She served on the Tulsa Area USBC Board for several years where she chaired different committees and was president (2017-2018). On the state level, she was the association manager for the Oklahoma State USBC for several years beginning in 2017.

Deken also was a noted contributor when it came to coverage of the sport. At various times in her career, Deken wrote bowling columns, created a bowling report radio show and published a bowling newspaper.

Through all of that, Deken remained an active competitor in the sport. In addition to multiple state and local titles, she logged 38 years at the USBC Women's Championships (1972-2017), found success as a senior by representing her country and bringing home gold medals in competitions such as the 16th Maccabiah Games, the 10th Pan American Maccabiah Games and the Tournament of the Americas. Deken also owns titles in the Golden Ladies Super Seniors (2005 and 2008) and was named BWAA Senior Bowler of the Year in 2001.

Her storied career earned her numerous accolades, including the BWAA President's Award (1998 and 2007), the Remo Picchietti Humanitarian of the Year (2010), President's Choice Award (2012 from the Oklahoma State USBC) and the IBMA Hennessey Award of Merit (2016).

In addition to the aforementioned inductions into the PWBA and USBC Halls of Fame, Deken's dedication and performances also have earned her induction into the Southern

Nevada USBC (1997 – Superior Performance), Tulsa Area USBC (2014 – Skill), Oklahoma State USBC (2014 – Skill), Greater Kansas City USBC (2014 – Superior Performance) and Kansas State USBC (2019 – Performance/Service) Halls of Fame.
She is survived by her sons, Paul (June) Wolf and Charlie Wolf; four grandsons – Sam, Dade, Hank and Max Wolf; as well as her lifelong best friends Virginia Norton and Vesma Grinfelds. The family requests no flowers, but donations in her honor may be made to the Inclusion Connections Belong KC Capital Campaign (**ickc.org/donate**) to build a supported living facility for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

October 15, 2025

SENIOR TEAM USA SET TO BEGIN COMPETITION
AT 2025 IBF WORLD SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN RENO

ARLINGTON, Texas – Eight talented Senior Team USA bowlers have descended upon "The Biggest Little City in the World" and are readying themselves for the start of competition at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Seniors Championships, which will be contested at the famed National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, starting tomorrow and running through next Wednesday.

The American squad will feature Chris Barnes of Denton, Texas; Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey; Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa; and John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida, on the men's side while Dana Ausec of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Lynda Barnes of Denton, Texas; Rina Sabo of Bennett, Colorado; and Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio, will don the red, white and blue for the Senior Team USA women.

The U.S. contingent is formidable to say the least as the group has combined to win 118 international medals during their storied careers, and five of the eight – Chris Barnes, Lynda Barnes, Bohn, Janawicz and Woessner – are United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famers.

Nevertheless, the group will have to have its "A Game" in order to reach the podium in Reno, where it will battle world-class athletes from 36 other nations in singles, doubles, team, all-events and Masters competition.

Official practice sessions and the tournament's opening ceremony will take place on Thursday. Competition begins Friday with the opening rounds of Men's and Women's Singles.

The slate will shift to doubles action on Saturday when all divisions will bowl their qualifying blocks.

Sunday will see the conclusion of both the singles and doubles events along with each competition's medal ceremonies. The first round of team competition also will be staged later that day.

The remaining rounds of Men's and Women's Team competition will occur on Monday with medals being doled out at day's end.

The first two steps of the Men's and Women's Masters events will take place on Tuesday, which will be the same day medals are conferred in the all-events competition.

Next Wednesday, the final day of competition at this year's tournament, will feature the conclusion of the Masters event and its accompanying medal ceremonies.

The Victory Banquet will officially bring the 2025 IBF World Seniors Championships to a close later that same evening.

Bohn hopes to be sporting multiple gold medals by that point because he didn't travel to Reno for a good time; he's looking to win.

"There isn't a moment when I put my shoes on and don't try to be the best I can be," Bohn said. "I don't lace them up to finish second even though that does happen from time to time; I lace them up to try to win, so the most important thing is to try to earn as many gold medals as possible. But everybody brings their 'A Game' to the table at events like these, so I've got to believe all of our opponents are going to be looking to do the same."

Hess has gold-medal aspirations as well, but he also is excited about where the tournament is being held and the teammates who will be competing alongside him.

"I love bowling at the National Bowling Stadium," Hess said. "That was the location of my 2011 USBC Masters win, so to go back there now representing Team USA is pretty special. Also, to get to bowl with this great group of athletes and chase gold medals is exciting."

For Ausec, much of the excitement stems from being able to compete on home turf.

"It's extra special to compete for Team USA on home soil because of the friends and family that are able to be here in person to support us," Ausec said. "I think it's as meaningful to them to be able to share this moment with their loved ones in person as it is for us to be here competing."

Woessner's feelings were largely the same.

"There's no greater honor than representing your country, and to do it on home soil makes it even more amazing," Woessner said. "I was fortunate enough to represent the team last year in Reno for the PANAM Games when our women's team won all the gold medals. I look forward to using the knowledge gained for another gold medal sweep this year."

For Bohn, competing at home isn't just a privilege; it's a responsibility and a source of extra motivation.

"We're not bowling for money here; we're bowling for pride," Bohn said. "The fact that we're hosting makes it another step above and beyond and makes us want to do the best we can to win because there's nothing like winning at home."

Oct. 16, 2025

USBC, KEGEL EXTEND LANE MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress has completed an extension to maintain its long-standing agreement with Kegel to serve as the official lane maintenance provider for USBC Championship Tournaments and a USBC Gold Product Partner.

The partnership will celebrate its 20th year during this extension. Kegel has provided lane maintenance equipment and supplies for USBC events since 2006 and will continue to serve roles in technical and on-site support for both short- and long-duration tournaments. Kegel also supports lane maintenance for the Professional Women's Bowling Association.

"Our partnership with USBC has stood the test of time, built on mutual respect, collaboration and a shared dedication to the integrity of the sport," said Kegel CEO Chris Chartrand. "We're proud to continue working alongside USBC to deliver world-class lane conditions for bowling's most prestigious events."

At the USBC Open and Women's Championships, Kegel provides the tournament staff with the latest lane machines, oils and cleaners as well as training and support throughout the duration of the events to maintain the playing environment across several months of competition.

For many of USBC's short-duration events and on each national stop during the PWBA Tour season, Kegel provides equipment and collaborates with the managing staff to ensure on-site procedures for maintenance are followed and lanes are oiled for competition.

Nick Hoagland, who has served as the lead consultant in oil pattern development for USBC Championship Tournaments and the PWBA Tour since 2016, also works alongside the team at Kegel in the preparation and execution of each tournament's lane maintenance plan and schedule.

"We're excited to continue our partnership with Kegel and celebrate 20 years of teamwork in conducting national tournaments across the United States," USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said. "We share a passion in providing a great tournament experience for all bowlers, and Kegel has always delivered in creating and maintaining a quality playing environment through its equipment, innovation and team members."

For more information on USBC Championship Tournaments, visit BOWL.com/Tournaments. To learn more about Kegel, head to Kegel.net.

October 17, 2025

TEAM USA'S HESS, JANAWICZ GUARANTEED SENIOR MEN'S SINGLES MEDALS AT 2025 IBF WORLD SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN RENO

RENO, Nev. – Senior Team USA bowlers Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa, and John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida, finished second and third, respectively, during Friday's six-game block of Senior Men's Singles qualifying at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Seniors Championships, which is being contested at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

By finishing in the top four in the 140-player field on Friday, Hess and Janawicz both punched their tickets to Sunday's Senior Men's Singles semifinals and guaranteed themselves no worse than a bronze-medal finish in the event.

However, since they will enter the semifinals as the No. 2 (Hess) and No. 3 (Janawicz) seeds and face one another, they also have guaranteed that an American will advance to the gold-medal match.

There, the winner of the all-American bout between Hess and Janawicz will take on either No. 1 seed Adam Hayes of Australia or Belgium's Gery Verbruggen, who qualified fourth.

Hayes captured the top spot by leading Friday's Senior Men's Singles qualifying round with a six-game mark of 1,390 (a 231.7 average), which came as a result of games of 186, 216, 238, 246, 259 and 245.

Hess and Janawicz were close behind, finishing with marks of 1,384 and 1,370, respectively.

Hess got there thanks to scores of 233, 186, 237, 259, 248 and 221 while Janawicz used marks of 216, 276, 234, 203, 213 and 228.

Verbruggen captured the fourth and final spot in the semifinals with a six-game tally of 1,335. He needed every bit of it too as Senior Team USA's Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey, was close behind, finishing fifth at 1,327 (257, 218, 204, 198, 218 and 232).

Chris Barnes of Denton, Texas, also cracked the top 15 for Senior Team USA, finishing Friday's round 12th with 1,270 (205, 202, 188, 225, 227 and 223).

France's Pierre Luc Sanchez fired the only 300 game of Senior Men's Singles qualifying, which came during Game 3 on Friday. The perfect score helped propel Sanchez to 15th place with a total of 1,263.

Although Hess didn't achieve perfection on Friday, he was still quite pleased with his performance on the lanes.

"I saw the right shape from the beginning, we were able to stay ahead of the moves and I was able to trust in myself and make the shots to get there," Hess said. "Bowling with Parker (Bohn), one of my best friends out on tour, was awesome. We were jabbing each

other and having a great time all day long. Also, the communication with Coach (Stephen) Padilla was unbelievable, so, overall, it's Day 1, and we're off to a great start."

Hess will look to keep the good times rolling during Sunday's medal round, which he views as something of a mixed bag.

"It's sort of a good news bad news situation with JJ (Janawicz) and I being No. 2 and No. 3," Hess said. "You never really want to bowl your teammate, but at least it guarantees that one of us will bowl for gold.

"The nerves are still going to be there for me because this is a building that I've had a lot of success in in the past and we're bowling for Team USA on home soil, but we're off to a successful start, so I'm just going to try to keep riding that momentum."

Janawicz's outlook for the medal round is similar.

"I plan on pretty much doing the same thing on Sunday that I did today," Janawicz said. "I had a really good look early on; my execution just wasn't very good that first game. Still, I feel really good heading into the medal round, so I don't plan on doing anything a whole lot different."

Like Hess, Janawicz felt like he was quick to figure out what the 42-foot IBF World Seniors Championships oil pattern was asking for on Friday; it was just a matter of execution.

"I was able to get lined up reasonably quickly today; I just didn't make very good shots during the first game," Janawicz said. "I knew I had the right ball reaction, and thankfully I was able to figure out a couple of things that were going wrong physically. From there, it was pretty good."

Janawicz and Hess will both look to be good when Senior Men's Singles semifinal action kicks off Sunday morning at 8 a.m. Pacific.

Meanwhile, the two will look to put their best foot forward during Senior Men's Doubles qualifying, which gets underway from the National Bowling Stadium on Saturday at 6 p.m. Pacific.

With the men done for the day, focus will shift to Senior Women's Singles qualifying, which will begin Friday night at 6 p.m. Pacific and see Dana Ausec of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Lynda Barnes of Denton, Texas; Rina Sabo of Bennett, Colorado; and Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio, try to crack the top four and reach the medal found for the Senior Team USA women.

October 18, 2025

FOUR SENIOR TEAM USA DUOS ADVANCE TO DOUBLES MEDAL ROUNDS AT 2025 IBF WORLD SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN RENO

RENO, Nev. – Senior Team USA went a perfect 4 for 4 during Senior Doubles qualifying at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Seniors Championships on Saturday, advancing two pairs on the men's side and two pairs on the women's side to Sunday's medal rounds.

The American men secured the top two spots in the 70-team Senior Men's Doubles competition with Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey, and Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa, placing first with a six-game mark of 2,660 (a 221.67 average per bowler per game) while John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida, and Chris Barnes of Denton, Texas, finished second with 2,608.

Janawicz authored the best individual performance among American men at the National Bowling Stadium on Saturday, using games of 248, 234, 207, 246, 237 and 228 to finish the day with a six-game mark of 1,400 (a 233.33 average).

Bohn was next in line with 1,333, which he arrived at thanks to games of 242, 173, 247, 211, 235 and 225. Hess was just six pins back of his doubles partner and close friend, finishing at 1,327 (177, 247, 247, 192, 240 and 224) while Barnes contributed 1,208 (185, 197, 197, 180, 259 and 190) to the Senior Team USA men's cause.

The American women were equally strong during Senior Women's Doubles qualifying earlier in the day with Rina Sabo of Bennett, Colorado, and Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio, finishing first among 54 duos with a six-game score of 2,364 (a 197 average per bowler per game) and teammates Lynda Barnes of Denton, Texas, and Dana Ausec of Colorado Springs, Colorado, qualifying third at 2,328.

Barnes led the way for the American women, rolling games of 190, 226, 219, 225, 225 and 201 to finish Saturday's action with a six-game mark of 1,286 (a 214.33 average).

Sabo was second with 1,215, which included high games of 277, 223 and 214. Woessner and Ausec added 1,149 and 1,042, respectively.

Thanks to Saturday's strong performances, all four Senior Team USA squads advanced to the Senior Doubles medal rounds, which kick off Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Pacific.

On the men's side, Bohn and Hess will face the German duo of Bodo Konieczny and Michael Kr Mer in one semifinal while Janawicz and Barnes square off against Maurizio Celli and Marco Reviglio of Italy in the other.

Celli and Reviglio earned their spot in the semifinals by finishing third on Saturday with a six-game mark of 2,563. Konieczny and Kr Mer earned the fourth and final berth in the Senior Men's Doubles medal rounds with 2,546.

The Senior Women's Doubles semifinals will pit Americans Sabo and Woessner against Finland's Reija Lunden and Jaana Taavitsainen in one match while the other sees Barnes and Ausec battle Germany's Martina Beckel and Michaela Gobel-Janka.

Beckel and Janka earned the No. 2 seed for the women's semifinals by coming in with a six-game score of 2,359 on Saturday. Lunden and Taavitsainen secured fourth place with 2,308.

All semifinal tandems will earn no worse than a bronze-medal finish; nevertheless, the Americans have their sights set on gold and silver, which is exactly what they'll be guaranteed if they can win their opening matches on Sunday morning to set up USA vs. USA gold-medal bouts in each division.

According to Bohn, should that scenario come to pass, it would be a no-lose proposition.

"Whenever you bowl your teammates, there is no loser," Bohn said. "If all four of us happen to be bowling for gold, it's a win-win all the way around."

Hess shared his partner's viewpoint on the situation.

"It's *Team* USA," Hess said. "We want everybody to get there. If that happens, then may the best team win, but we'll all go celebrate the gold and silver as a team when it's over. That's the plan for tomorrow."

For Chris Barnes, part of the fun of making it to Sunday's medal rounds was having a front-row seat to watch his partner's dominant performance during qualifying on Saturday night.

"I said to JJ (Janawicz) earlier that he actually really does want to be me so that he could watch himself bowl because it would have to be incredible if he actually got to see how great he is," Barnes said. "He bowled so well today that I'm just trying to keep up. I'll try to help him out a little bit tomorrow so that he doesn't have to carry his 165 pounds and my 210 all at the same time."

But all joking aside, Janawicz has complete confidence in himself and his partner. As such, his plan for Sunday will just be to continue looking for ways to improve.

"We're going to constantly tweak the strategy to keep trying to get just a little bit better," Janawicz said. "We're hitting the pocket pretty well, so it's just a matter of a little tweak of the physical game and maybe some ball surfaces. Still, I don't have any doubt we can bowl a good game right out of the gate come tomorrow."

The 42-foot IBF World Seniors Championships oil pattern has been a bit kinder to the men than it's been to the women during the first two days of competition at this year's tournament. As such, the Senior Team USA women know that they'll have to be prepared for anything during Sunday's medal rounds because, according to Lynda Barnes, it's been anything but smooth sailing thus far.

"They're hard," Barnes said. "That's just it. You have to be on top of your game, you have to throw it good, you have to match up and you have to be watching the pairs in front of you.

The coaches are doing a great job keeping us steady and in the right-now moment because you can't get too caught up in what's going on because it changes so quickly.

"Dana (Ausec) and I both came out of the gate with two strikes each today and thought we were looking good, and then the fourth frame hit and made it clear it wouldn't be smooth sailing. But the teamwork and communication are key, and then you just show your heart and keep grinding and working"

Woessner agreed.

"Rina (Sabo) and I bowled well the first two games, and then, after that, all we did is grind," Woessner said. "Every pair of lanes we hit was different in a different way. I had one pair where the left lane hooked at my toes, and the right lane went 60 feet. I'm usually quick to blame myself, but as I looked back, I realized it wasn't me; they're just that hard."

Battling difficult lane conditions is hard enough as an individual, but it's even harder when a player has to worry about how his or her performance is impacting their partner.

That's a battle that Ausec has been fighting during each of the first two days of action at the National Bowling Stadium.

"I've done nothing but struggle while watching this woman (referring to Barnes) put the most professional games together for two days straight," Ausec said. "Yesterday, I felt like I let her down from a singles standpoint because I wasn't giving her good enough reads. At some point I was out of the mix, but I wanted to keep throwing good shots to help her continue to make the reads and make the moves.

"Today, it was a similar situation, but when you're bowling with somebody, you just grind. No matter what, I was there, and I was going to make the best shots I could because there was no way I was going to let her down, especially the way she was bowling. There was no way I was going to let that happen."

Despite bowling the second-highest set among American women on Saturday, Sabo, who is making her Senior Team USA debut this week in Reno, felt the same sense of responsibility.

"Bowling with these ladies is an honor," Sabo said while trying to hold back tears. "When I found out I was bowling with Jodi (Woessner), I told my husband that I can't let her down."

According to Ausec, that mindset, even more than physical talent, is what sets Team USA apart and helped them succeed on Saturday.

"It's all about the team, and the four of us are here because that's the way we feel," Ausec said. "It's all about bowling for your country and for others. We all probably have a little bit of selfishness inside us because you can't get to this level with out it, but we're more about the team than about ourselves."

And because of that, when asked to discuss their outlook for Sunday's medal rounds, all four Team USA ladies simply stated "as long as the U.S. wins, then we all win."

But before Senior Men's and Women's Doubles semifinal competition begins, Hess and Janawicz will attempt to bring home singles gold for Senior Team USA.

Senior Men's Singles semifinal action kicks off Sunday morning at 8 a.m. Pacific with Hess facing Janawicz on one side of the draw while No. 1 seed Adam Hayes of Australia takes on No. 4 Gery Verbruggen of Belgium on the other.

After medals are conferred in singles and doubles, the day will conclude with the opening three games of qualifying in both the Senior Men's Team and Senior Women's Team competitions.

October 19, 2025

SENIOR TEAM USA MEDALS SIX TIMES IN SINGLES AND DOUBLES, STARTS STRONG IN TEAM AT IBF WORLD SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS

RENO, Nev. – Sunday was a long but productive day for Senior Team USA at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Seniors Championships, which is being contested at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

The day began with the medal rounds in both singles and doubles and ended with the opening three-game blocks of Senior Men's and Senior Women's Team competition.

At day's end, Senior Team USA bowlers walked away with six medals (two gold, one silver and three bronze) and finished in the top three in both divisions after Round 1 of team qualifying.

Sunday's American gold medals were secured by John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida, in Senior Men's Singles and the duo of Rina Sabo of Bennett, Colorado, and Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio, in Senior Women's Doubles.

Senior Team USA's lone silver on the day went to Dana Ausec of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Lynda Barnes of Denton, Texas, who fell to Sabo and Woessner, 462-436, in the Senior Women's Doubles gold-medal match.

The three American bronze medals earned on Sunday went to the men with Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa, collecting his thanks to a third-place finish in Senior Men's Singles and the others going to the two U.S. Senior Men's Doubles squads – Janawicz partnered with Chris Barnes of Denton, Texas, and Hess teamed up with Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey – both of whom landed in third place as well.

Once the podium was taken down and the medals were put away, the Americans shifted their focus to the tournament's most-coveted event, the team competition.

Team event always takes top priority for Team USA bowlers during international competition, and the four men and four women donning the red, white and blue in Reno made that clear on Sunday.

While the American women led the way during doubles earlier in the day, it was the men who got the best of things during the first three games of team on Sunday night.

Chris Barnes, Janawicz, Hess and Bohn didn't just lead the pack during Round 1, they dominated the 35-team field, finishing with a three-game mark of 2,614 (an average of 217.83 per player per game), which was 125 pins better than the 2,489 put up by the second-place team from the Netherlands.

Belgium finished third during the opening set with 2,462, which left Italy to claim the final position in the Day 1 top four with 2,445.

Barnes was tops for the American men on Sunday night, notching games of 236, 204 and 234 for a 674 series (a 224.67 average).

Janawicz wasn't far behind, coming in with 662 (256, 192 and 214) while Hess and Bohn added 639 each. Hess got there with games of 197, 210 and 232 while Bohn reached the mark using scores of 234, 212 and 193.

That effort puts the Senior Team USA men in prime position to earn the No. 1 seed for the semifinals and make a strong run at the coveted Senior Men's Team gold medal.

On the women's side, Woessner, Sabo, Ausec and Lynda Barnes kept themselves in the thick of the Senior Women's Team medal hunt after finishing Round 1 in third place in the 27-team field with a three-game score of 2,280 (an average of 190 per player per game).

That put the Americans 19 pins ahead of Germany (2,261), which holds the fourth and final qualifying position heading into Monday's final three games of qualifying.

At the same time, the Senior Team USA ladies find themselves just 10 pins behind Finland (2,290) for second place and 17 behind Day 1 leader Canada (2,297) for the top spot.

Woessner led the way for the American women Sunday afternoon, using high games of 239 and 232 to finish with a three-game mark of 627. Sabo was second with 578 while Barnes and Ausec chipped in 543 and 532, respectively.

But before the team event got underway, the Americans put in a great deal of hard work during the singles and doubles medal rounds. As such, here is a closer look at how those competitions played out.

Senior Women's Doubles
After the American women qualified first and third for the Senior Women's Doubles semifinals on Saturday afternoon, they had one wish, which was for each pair to win its opening match the following day so that they could bowl one another for gold.

The fearsome foursome of Senior Team USA ladies set that plan in motion as soon as the lights came on Sunday morning with Sabo and Woessner topping Finland's Reija Lunden and Jaana Taavitsainen by a score of 450-393 while Lynda Barnes and Ausec dispatched Germany's Martina Beckel and Michaela Gobel-Janka by a final margin of 445-374.

Sabo and Woessner got there thanks to games of 229 and 221, respectively, while Barnes posted 253 and Ausec contributed 192 during that pair's semifinal victory.

Once the all-American gold-medal match had been set up, the only question left to be answered was which Senior Team USA duo would reach the top step on the podium.

The answer remained elusive until the final frames of the hard-fought match, but in the end, Sabo and Woessner were able to do just enough to hold off their talented teammates and emerge with a 26-pin victory.

Woessner led the way for the winning duo, striking eight times and staying clean to post a match-high score of 248.

Sabo was strong as well during her first international medal match – the 2025 IBF World Seniors Championships is the right-hander's first international competition for Senior Team USA – ripping off a clutch four-bagger in the middle of the game and finishing with a solid score of 214.

Despite coming up a bit short in their bid to capture gold, Barnes and Ausec bowled well too with Barnes putting up 232 and Ausec adding 204.

Although Barnes would have liked to come out on top during the final match, she still counted the day's experience as a victory.

"The goal was for the U.S. to win, so we achieved our goal as soon as we got to bowl each other," Barnes said. "Am I disappointed? Sure, I am because you always want to take gold, but I'm happy for Rina (Sabo) and Jodi (Woessner). Also, I had a great time bowling with Dana (Ausec); she bowled great."

Ausec was pleased with her efforts on Sunday as well, especially after struggling to find good ball reaction on the 42-foot IBF World Seniors Championships oil pattern during the first two days of competition.

"I feel good that I was finally able to help a little bit today," Ausec said, "It was fantastic getting to bowl with Lynda Barnes; she's just amazing. This is the first silver medal I've won, so I'm taking that as a win and something nice to add to my portfolio."

Sabo was similarly pleased with the golden addition she'll be making to her own trophy case.

"This is my first international medal, it's gold and it's with Jodi (Woessner)," Sabo said. "This is such a memorable moment. My dreams are coming true this week, and it's a blessing. I couldn't ask for anything more."

Woessner was equally grateful for having had the opportunity to partner with Sabo, whom she credited with getting the pair into the medal rounds in the first place.

“Rina (Sabo) was amazing yesterday. She got us there, and she was the reason why we had this opportunity today,” Woessner said. “She drug me along yesterday, so I was just happy that I was able to figure something out and try something different that worked well today. I was glad I was able to contribute and help get her a gold.

“After my performance the first two days, I wasn’t sure I was going to get the chance to get up on that podium except for maybe the team event. Prior to that, I was questioning myself a little bit, so I was very happy with what I saw and how I performed today. It’s giving me a lot of confidence heading into the team event.”

Senior Men’s Doubles
Like their female counterparts, the Senior Team USA men came to the National Bowling Stadium on Sunday with dreams of an all-USA gold-medal match dancing in their heads.

Unfortunately, their opponents felt like performing a different number, one that saw Germany’s Bodo Konieczny and Michael Kramer take down No. 1 seeds Bohn and Hess, 435-414, in one Senior Men’s Doubles semifinal while the Italian duo of Maurizio Celli and Marco Reviglio eliminated Chris Barnes and Janawicz by a mark of 439-382 in the other.

Bohn rolled a solid 215 while Hess added 199 in the losing effort for the first American pair. The other Senior Team USA cause was bolstered by 194 from Janawicz and 188 by Barnes.

One match later, Konieczny and Kramer would go on to defeat Reviglio and Celli, 380-369, to earn Senior Men’s Doubles gold, leaving the Italians to settle for silver.

While Hess is always pleased to medal during international competition, he wasn’t shy about expressing his disappointment in Sunday’s outcome.

“When representing Team USA, of course, the first goal is to get to the medal rounds, but I’d be remiss if I didn’t say I was disappointed,” Hess said. “We just didn’t bowl as good a match as we needed to, and that stinks.”

Bohn’s feelings were similar to those of his partner.

“Obviously, we always want more and to be at the top,” Bohn said. “We want to be the team or individual that’s standing tall when all the dust settles, but the fact that all of us were there and had that opportunity was still something special. Right now, I don’t want to shine the light on the fact that it resulted in bronze instead of silver or gold.”

For Barnes, the disappointment stemmed from not being able to help Janawicz pay off the stellar bowling he’d done throughout the doubles event with a gold medal.

“I feel bad for JJ (Janawicz) because he bowled fantastic to help get us here,” Barnes said. “That pair was tough for us, and it resulted in the only game where he didn’t look like the superstar he’s been throughout this event.

“That being said, I had a chance to pull my weight and maybe take over to push us through, so I feel bad that I didn’t do my part. Still, we’ll learn from that and try to improve our

performance during the team event. I'm bowling with three great guys, so I'm really looking forward to that."

Janawicz is looking forward to it as well.

"I'm very blessed and fortunate to be here," Janawicz said. "To be a part of this team and get to be around such great teammates and the core staff of Team USA is something I'm extremely grateful for."

Senior Men's Singles
Sunday morning began with the conclusion of singles competition, and Senior Team USA was fortunate enough to have two athletes competing in Hess and Janawicz.

Unfortunately, since Hess was seeded No. 2 among Senior Men's Singles qualifiers and Janawicz was No. 3, it meant the two Americans would have to face one another in Round 1 instead of duking it out in the gold-medal match.

Although the two are happy to be teammates day in and day out, both men are highly competitive, so they each entered the semifinal tilt with victory in mind.

Still, only one could win, and it was Janawicz on this day.

The smooth right-hander kept his score sheet clean and struck on seven of his first nine deliveries en route to a final score of 236.

Hess avoided open frames and managed six strikes of his own, but spares in the eighth, ninth and tenth just weren't enough, forcing the powerful righty from Iowa to settle for 226 and a bronze-medal finish.

While Hess would certainly have loved to have come out on top, he was quick to give Janawicz his due credit.

"Of course I wanted the opportunity to bowl for gold, but John bowled a better game than I did," Hess said.

Thankfully for Hess, Janawicz didn't stop there.

After striking during seven of the first nine frames against Hess, Janawicz went one better and struck on eight of his first nine shots during the gold-medal match against Australia's Adam Hayes.

Hayes, who advanced to the finals courtesy of a 244-196 victory over Belgium's Gery Verbruggen in the other semifinal, did his best to stick with Janawicz, but opens in the third and fourth frames and the inability to string strikes thereafter allowed the American to secure the victory before the match reached the 10th frame.

When the final shots had been delivered, Janawicz emerged with a 241-181 victory and the Senior Men's Singles gold medal.

Afterward, Janawicz was matter of fact when describing his feelings about the win.

“It’s always great to be able to win gold medals,” Janawicz said. “It’s also just good to be able to perform well when you need to. I feel very fortunate.”

Hayes took home the Senior Men’s Singles silver medal while Verbruggen joined Hess in capturing bronze.

Senior Women’s Singles
No Americans qualified for the Senior Women’s Singles medal rounds, which saw Germany’s Manuela Öing take home gold after defeating top seed Alicia Marcano of Venezuela by a score of 201-190.

Öing reached the gold-medal match thanks to a 278-226 semifinal win over Japan’s Eiko Suzuki while Marcano punched her ticket after taking down Janka, 182-178.

Marcano walked away with the Senior Women’s Singles silver medal, which left Suzuki and Janka to each claim bronze.

Monday will see the remaining rounds of team competition completed at the National Bowling Stadium.

Round 2 of Senior Men’s Team qualifying will get the day started at 9 a.m. Pacific with Senior Women’s Team qualifying following at 1:30 p.m. Pacific. The semifinals and finals are scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Pacific and 5:30 p.m. Pacific, respectively, with medal presentations wrapping the night up one hour later starting at 6:30 p.m. Pacific.

October 20, 2025

SENIOR TEAM USA MEN AND WOMEN WIN TEAM GOLD MEDALS AT 2025 IBF WORLD SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS

RENO, Nev. – Senior Team USA bowlers won gold medals in the Senior Men’s Team and Senior Women’s Team events at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Seniors Championships in Reno, Nevada, on Monday night.

That meant that at night’s end, both American squads got to stand on the top step of the podium, both got to listen to the Star-Spangled Banner play inside the National Bowling Stadium and both walked away with the same color medals hanging around their necks.

But despite ending up in the same place, the paths the two groups took to get there were considerably different.

The Senior Team USA men’s foursome of Chris Barnes of Denton, Texas; Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey; Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa; and John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida, enjoyed a relatively smooth journey, leading the 35-team Senior Men’s Team field by more than 225 pins after six games of qualifying and then promptly sweeping both

Belgium and the Netherlands 2-0 during best-of-three Baker matches in the semifinals and finals to secure gold.

On the other hand, the American women's quartet of Dana Ausec of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Lynda Barnes of Denton, Texas; Rina Sabo of Bennett, Colorado; and Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio, took a slightly more exciting route.

Like their male counterparts, the Senior Team USA women qualified first, but they didn't reach the top spot in the 27-team Senior Women's Team standings until Game 5 of qualifying, and their final leading margin was only 10 pins.

Nevertheless, when the semifinals got underway, it looked as if the Senior Team USA women would dominate.

Woessner, Barnes, Ausec and Sabo all struck on their first shots during Game 1 of their best-of-three Baker match against No. 4 seed Germany.

A 4-pin from Woessner stopped the string in the fifth frame, but strikes from Barnes and Ausec in the sixth and seventh kept the Americans in the driver's seat.

The Germans, meanwhile, struggled mightily, opening six times in the first nine frames en route to a 136 finish.

The Senior Team USA ladies, on the other hand, stayed clean and posted a score of 236 to collect a 100-pin victory and a 1-0 lead in the match.

At that point, it looked as if the Americans would breeze past the Germans and punch their ticket to the gold-medal match.

But the Germans had other ideas.

Both teams started the second game with doubles, but an open from the Americans in the third frame and a closing German four-bagger allowed Germany to collect a 220-206 Game 2 victory and square the match 1-1.

Team USA held a three-pin lead at the midway point of the deciding game, but after the Americans chopped a spare in the seventh frame, they suddenly found themselves trailing Germany by six pins with just three frames remaining.

Sabo and Woessner produced strikes in the eighth and ninth to put their team back in the lead, but after Barnes left a 10-pin on her first ball in the 10th frame, Germany suddenly controlled its own destiny.

If their anchor bowler could strike on her first ball in the 10th frame, the Germans would finish no worse than the high 180s, which would be enough to eliminate the Americans, who had already finished with 181.

All Ausec, Barnes, Sabo and Woessner could do was watch as the left-handed German anchor bowler's first delivery in the final frame made its way toward the 1-2 pocket.

The shot was a good one, hitting the pocket light and generating good pin action; nevertheless, when all was said and done, the 10-pin refused to go down, and that allowed the Americans to escape with a 181-167 victory and a berth in the gold-medal match.

There, Senior Team USA would face Australia, which punched its ticket to the Senior Women's Team finals thanks to a 2-0 (182-159; 174-172) sweep of Canada in the other semifinal.

The Yankees and Aussies traded the first two games of the final match with the Americans taking advantage of a pocket 7-10 split and a missed single-pin spare to win Game 1, 186-179, before suffering two open frames of their own during a 225-175 Australian win in Game 2.

After Woessner started Game 3 with a spare, Barnes, Ausec and Sabo promptly produced strikes in frames two, three and four to propel Team USA to a 35-pin lead after five frames.

Barnes and her Australian counterpart both struck in the sixth frame, but the Australians added another strike in the seventh, which is when the Americans suffered an open frame due to a failed 3-10 split conversion.

Suddenly, the Team USA lead was down to just three pins with three frames remaining.

Sabo and Woessner threw strikes in the eighth and ninth frames, respectively, but so did their Aussie opponents.

The Australian anchor bowler was first to step up for the 10th frame, and after she delivered a solid strike on her first shot, the Americans suddenly found themselves on the brink of elimination for the second time in less than an hour.

If Barnes failed to match with a strike of her own during her first shot in the final frame, Australia would win.

But Barnes didn't fail; instead, she delivered a no-doubt pocket strike, keeping the American lead intact.

Still, the Americans weren't out of the woods yet. If the Australian anchor threw another strike, it would set up the same scenario, forcing Barnes to match in order to stave off defeat.

The Aussie anchor stepped up and delivered another solid pocket shot, but this one couldn't shake the 10-pin.

With the pressure off, Barnes pelted the 1-3 pocket yet again. Her shot left the 10-pin standing as well, but it was of no consequence as she had helped Team USA secure a thrilling 226-22 victory and the Senior Women's Team gold medal.

After the match, Barnes was quick to point out that even though she was the one with the ball in her hand during the final frame, the moment wasn't hers alone.

“When you have four teammates and your coaches looking you in the eye and saying ‘you’ve got this; go do it,’ it means the world,” Barnes said. “I didn’t throw that shot; *we* threw that shot.

“There was actually a key moment there where I was talking about changing balls and trying something else, but I talked to my teammates, and we all made the executive decision that I would just dig in, stay with the ball and make a little move. The belief and inspiration we give each other means that you throw every shot together, good and bad.”

Woessner, too, acknowledged the role of belief and support in her squad’s victory.

“We just really had each other’s back no matter what,” Woessner said. “When it counted, we all got together and did what we needed to do and got it done. It wasn’t easy, but we got it done as a team, and it’s an incredible feeling.”

The feeling was especially sweet for Sabo, who is making her Senior Team USA debut this week in Reno.

“This feels amazing,” Sabo said. “You feel all these emotions all at once. You do your best to keep them behind when you’re on the approach so that you can make the best shots you can, but once it’s over, they all come out. We had to work hard to come away with gold; this was well earned today.”

Ausec has had to work hard from the very beginning of this year’s tournament as she has had difficulty finding consistent ball reaction on the challenging 42-foot IBF World Seniors Championships oil pattern.

Nevertheless, despite her individual struggles, Ausec was dialed in and ready to do whatever she could to help her team make it past the finish line with team gold around their necks on Monday.

“Obviously, it’s no secret that it’s been a pretty rough week for me individually, but I am always about the team,” Ausec said. “I’m so thankful for my teammates because they made me feel like I was amazing even when I wasn’t. I was here for it today and ready to give everything I could, and thankfully I was able to give some good shots today.”

The Senior Team USA men delivered plenty of good shots of their own during their four-game charge to the Senior Men’s Team title, striking 33 times in 46 opportunities.

Bohn, Hess, Janawicz and Chris Barnes began the evening with a nine-strike performance during a 234-202 Game 1 win over Belgium.

The Americans followed that up with an eight-strike effort that includied an opening six-bagger during a 235-182 win in Game 2.

The pace didn’t slow during the gold medal match either as the foursome struck eight times per game during that affair as well, which propelled the group to another pair of victories – 229-190 and 217-191 – and the top of the mountain in Senior Men’s Team competition.

According to Bohn, it's a feeling that's second to none.

"It's truly an honor to sit here right now with three of my good friends on tour, fellow bowlers and, most importantly, fellow Team USA members," Bohn said. "We're walking away with gold, and there's nothing better than that."

Hess fought to choke back emotion as he emphatically agreed.

"For me, this was the one I wanted," Hess said, referring to the Senior Men's Team gold medal. "The National Bowling Stadium has meant so much to my career, so to stand on that podium with these three guys, that's what I came here for. We got it done."

Janawicz and Barnes also discussed how special it was to win as part of a team as opposed to competing individually like they typically do week in and week out in the professional ranks.

"Over the course of the last couple of years, I've gotten used to competing against these guys," Janawicz said. "I have to admit it's way more fun bowling and working with them. This is one of the only avenues we have to do this, so it's a real joy to be able to spend time, communicate, bowl and have fun with three of my long-time friends like this. I'm honored and grateful to be part of the program."

Barnes continued along those same lines.

"Short of collegiate bowling, this is one of the few times we have guys to share victories and occasionally defeats with," Barnes said. "Some of my best memories in bowling, period, are way more team involved than individually involved. This program has meant a ton to my family, and a day like today adds to the pile of memories that Team USA has created. I'm just happy to be a small part of that and what it stands for."

The possibility of making more memories at this year's World Senior Championships still exists as there are still two days of competition remaining at this year's tournament.

Tuesday will start with the first two steps of Masters competition, which will feature best-of-three head-to-head singles matches involving the top 24 bowlers from each division's final All-Events standings, and will end with the All-Events medal ceremonies.

Chris Barnes, Bohn, Hess and Janawicz will be part of the Senior Men's Masters competition while Lynda Barnes, Sabo and Woessner will participate in the Senior Women's Masters event.

Step 1 of Senior Men's Masters play will start the day's action off at 10 a.m. Pacific with Senior Women's Masters Step 1 following at 11 a.m. Pacific.

Two rounds of Masters play will take place on Tuesday with the remainder of the event scheduled for Wednesday, which will be the final day of competition at this year's tournament.

October 21, 2025

THREE AMERICANS WIN ALL-EVENTS MEDALS, THREE STILL IN MASTERS MEDAL HUNT AT 2025 IBF WORLD SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS

RENO, Nev. – Senior Team USA bowlers captured three all-events medals at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Seniors Championships in Reno, Nevada, on Tuesday with John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida, earning gold while Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa, and Lynda Barnes of Denton, Texas, both captured silver.

The awards came in the Senior Men's All-Events and Senior Women's All-Events competitions, which presented medals based on athletes' total pinfall for 18 games, six in singles, six in doubles and six in team.

Janawicz tamed the 42-foot IBF World Seniors Championships oil pattern best among the 140 athletes in the Senior Men's division at the National Bowling Stadium this week, putting up 1,370 in singles, 1,400 in doubles and 1,319 in team to establish the winning 18-game total of 4,089 (a 227.17 average).

Hess wasn't far behind, posting 1,384 in singles, 1,327 in doubles and 1,334 in team to finish just 44 pins behind his Senior Team USA teammate with 4,045.

The bronze medal in Senior Men's All-Events was claimed by Italy's Maurizio Celli, who captured the final spot on the podium thanks to an 18-game mark of 3,943.

In Senior Women's All-Events action, Barnes authored a silver-medal performance with 1,194 in singles, 1,286 in doubles and 1,149 in team for a 3,629 total (a 201.61 average), which was second only Venezuela's Alicia Marcano, who topped the 108-player field and took home gold with 3,794.

The division's bronze medal went to Australia's Dena Buxton, who finished with 3,597.

Senior Team USA's Rina Sabo of Bennett, Colorado, and Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio, also landed in the Senior Women's All-Events top 10 with Sabo finishing fourth at 3,584 (1,164 singles; 1,215 doubles; 1,205 team) and Woessner placing sixth at 3,562 (1,164 singles; 1,149 doubles; 1,249 team).

American Dana Ausec of Colorado Springs, Colorado, ended the competition in 48th position with 3,207 (1,075 singles; 1,042 doubles; 1,090 team).

On the men's side, Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey, and Chris Barnes of Denton, Texas, narrowly missed joining Janawicz and Hess on the Senior Men's All-Events medal stand.

Bohn placed fourth with 3,849 (1,327 singles; 1,333 doubles; 1,189 team), and Barnes took fifth with 3,835 (1,270 singles; 1,208 doubles; 1,357 team).

Even though their primary focus at this year's tournament was on winning team gold – which both U.S. squads did at the National Bowling Stadium on Monday night – Janawicz, Hess and Lynda Barnes were still happy to have garnered some individual accolades as well.

"We wanted to win the team gold medal, and, fortunately, we did that this year," Janawicz said. "Still, whenever you have the opportunity to bowl well in all of the other events and try to get as many medals as possible for the USA, that's always a goal too. It's just nice to be able to perform well over the course of a week and have a strong showing like we've had at this world championship."

Hess' sense of pride was due in large part to how steady a bowler has to be in all phases of the competition in order to succeed in all-events.

"Getting an all-events medal means you were pretty solid all week," Hess said. "To be solid and perform all week, of course, leads to the team doing better things, which is why we're here.

"My ultimate goal coming into this event was to stand on that stage and hear the national anthem with the team. To do that, you have to bowl good. Ending up second in all-events to my teammate is an incredible feeling. Like everyone else, I was here trying to get the gold, but if I had to finish second, finishing second to an awesome man and awesome bowler like JJ (Janawicz) is acceptable to me. The two of us doing what we did led to our team having great success."

Barnes, too, pointed to the team gold medal as being the pinnacle of this year's experience in Reno; nevertheless, walking away with Senior Women's All-Events silver was a welcomed bonus.

"The team is what we came for, but the individual medal is like a cherry on top," Barnes said. "I just wish all four of us could've been up there because it felt a little bit lonely without my teammates. That's what it's all about."

Barnes hopes to have the opportunity to share those moments with teammates in the future. For that reason, she won't be resting on her laurels; instead, she's already focused on improvement.

"I feel disappointed I didn't help my team a little more and make things easier, but that just comes with more competition and bowling more," Barnes said. "I'm taking away things I need to go home and work on and be better so that I can do more for the team. There's some positives there for me as someone who's retired and come back, and I hope that I'll be better in the future to bring more to the team."

Even though the all-events medal ceremony was memorable, it was not the only item on the agenda at the National Bowling Stadium on Tuesday. The first two rounds of each division's Masters competition were contested as well.

The Masters competition included the top 24 all-events finishers in each division, who were seeded by finishing position and pitted against one another in best-of-three singles matches.

Janawicz, Hess, Bohn and Chris Barnes qualified for the event on the Senior Men's side while Lynda Barnes, Sabo and Woessner earned the right to take part in the Senior Women's Masters competition.

Because every participating Senior Team USA bowler qualified in the top eight in their respective divisions, they each earned first-round byes and weren't called to the lanes until Round 2 of action on Tuesday afternoon.

Unfortunately, the extra rest didn't translate into more victories as four of the seven Americans came up short during their best-of-three matches and were eliminated.

Woessner was the only Senior Team USA woman to survive and advance. She did so thanks to a 2-0 sweep (207-167; 227-175) of France's Stephanie Samson.

Meanwhile, Sabo fell 2-0 (190-161; 252-181) to Lynne Gauthier of Canada, and Lynda Barnes lost a three-game thriller to Australia's Samantha Matthews.

Barnes won the opener 190-185 but dropped the next two games by scores of 193-181 and 191-189.

It was a split decision for Senior Team USA in Senior Men's Masters play on Tuesday afternoon with Chris Barnes and Janawicz moving on to Wednesday's quarterfinals while Bohn and Hess saw their tournament runs come to an end during Round 2.

Janawicz earned his spot in the final eight by sweeping Saudi Arabia's Prince Mohammed Alsaud 2-0 thanks to scores of 257-124 and 227-205.

Barnes also only needed two games to move on as he defeated Marco Van de Griend of the Netherlands by scores of 228-169 and 246-189.

That was as good as it got for the Americans, however, as Bohn was swept by Australia's Michael Muir (203-184; 246-213), and Hess fell in three games to Pete Richardson of England.

Hess won the first game 256-238 but then lost the next two by scores of 227-226 and 235-203.

That means that only Janawicz, Woessner and Chris Barnes will hit the lanes for Senior Team USA on Wednesday, which is the final day of competition at the 2025 IBF World Seniors Championships.

The action kicks off at 9 a.m. Pacific with quarterfinal-round action and will continue until Masters medalists are crowned in each division. Masters medal ceremonies will follow at 4:30 p.m. Pacific before the Victory Banquet officially brings this year's tournament to a close. The Victory Banquet will start at 7 p.m. Pacific.

October 22, 2025

JANAWICZ, BARNES, WOESSNER EARN MASTERS MEDALS ON FINAL DAY OF COMPETITION AT 2025 IBF WORLD SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS

RENO, Nev. – Senior Team USA bowlers John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida, and Chris Barnes of Denton, Texas, earned gold and silver medals, respectively, in the Senior Men's Masters event while Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio, claimed bronze in Senior Women's Masters play during Wednesday's final day of competition at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Seniors Championships, which was contested at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

Janawicz and Barnes were the last two men standing in the Senior Men's Masters field, so the Team USA teammates battled one another in the gold-medal match.

As expected, the American stars put on quite a show, striking on more than 72% of their deliveries and combining to average 240.33 over the course of the three-game match.

The fireworks started early as Janawicz and Barnes both started Game 1 with six-baggers.

Neither man managed a strike in the seventh frame, but Janawicz remained clean after converting the 3-pin while Barnes left a 2-8-10 split that he was unable to clean up.

That was the only opening Janawicz needed as he spared the 7-pin in the eighth frame and then struck out to take the first game by a final score of 266-220.

Barnes fired back in Game 2, however, beginning with a six-bagger for the second game in a row before a mixer 7-pin ended his run at perfection one frame later.

Janawicz did his best to stay close, starting the second game strike, spare, turkey, but a 10-pin in the sixth frame and a 3-6 in the eighth allowed Barnes to mark in the 10th frame to win the game, 253-238, and square the match.

Unfortunately for Barnes, that was as good as things would get because the 10-pin would rear its ugly head early and often for him during Game 3.

The talented Texan had trouble getting the dastardly corner pin to fall from start to finish during the deciding game, leaving it standing in the first, third, fourth, seventh and 10th frames.

Barnes would've left two additional 10-pins had he not managed to send messengers careening into it for key strikes in the sixth and ninth frames.

Janawicz left one 10-pin and two 7-pins of his own, but he mixed in a turkey in frames two, three and four, a double in the sixth and seventh and a closing four-bagger to finish with 248 while Barnes' carry issues only allowed him to reach 217.

That allowed Janawicz to win the match, collect the Senior Men's Masters gold medal and cement his status as the most dominant bowler at the 2025 IBF World Seniors Championships.

During his six days competing in Reno, Janawicz collected four gold medals (Senior Men's Singles; Senior Men's Team; Senior Men's All-Events; Senior Men's Masters) and one bronze (Senior Men's Doubles – with Barnes).

Janawicz has enjoyed success at the National Bowling Stadium in the past. As such, he came to this year's tournament with a great deal of confidence; nevertheless, he didn't take it for granted that he'd perform well at this year's event.

"In preparation for these world championships, you want to get as physically sharp as you can, and you want to get your equipment prepared the best you can to match up to what you're going to be bowling on," Janawicz said. "Still, when you get there, you don't always know what's going to happen. You may need to manipulate things more than you expected, or sometimes because of the lane surface, the oil pattern and your particular ball roll, you just can't knock the pins down.

"I was very fortunate that things worked out so well this week because you never want to lay an egg at the world championships. I was able to make good shots for the most part, and that allowed me to contribute to the team in a positive manner and help get us some gold medals. I'm grateful things worked out and happy to be a part of the team."

Barnes employs the same team-first mentality, but that doesn't mean he wasn't hoping to get the better of Janawicz in the gold-medal match; still, at the end of the day, Barnes was happy for his teammate and pleased with his own performance in the final match and for the tournament as a whole.

"JJ (Janawicz) was the class of the field this week," Barnes said. "Bowling him in the final, I knew I'd need every hit. That puts so much pressure on you because you know how great he's playing. The third game of that match was about as good as I can bowl, but I had the 10-pins, and he bowled way too good for me to overcome that.

"Still, all in all, we won a team gold medal, JJ carried me to bronze in the doubles and now I have a silver in Masters. There's always some disappointment and things you can get better at, but, all in all, it was a really good week and a great Team USA experience."

Barnes began his day with a 2-1 (244-228; 180-245; 231-224) quarterfinal victory over Germany's Michael Kramer and a 2-0 (248-178; 213-195) semifinal sweep of Australia's Adam Hayes before falling to Janawicz in the battle for gold.

Before defeating Barnes, Janawicz collected a pair of 2-1 victories, the first over New Zealand's Pete Richardson (184-183; 190-201; 244-210) and the second courtesy of Australia's Michael Muir (240-205; 232-257; 226-219).

Muir and Hayes took home the Senior Men's Masters bronze medals.

In Senior Women's Masters action on Wednesday, Woessner kicked off the morning with a 2-0 (203-191; 215-209) quarterfinal sweep of Australia's Samantha Matthews.

That win pushed the American right-hander into the semifinals and guaranteed her a medal.

Although Woessner had her eyes on gold, she was forced to settle for bronze after falling 2-0 (224-177; 192-153) to Italy's Alessandra Morra in the semifinals.

Morra would go on to take silver after losing 2-0 (198-168; 188-158) to Japan's Eiko Suzuki during the Senior Women's Masters gold-medal match.

That left Morra with silver while Germany's Martina Beckel joined Woessner in capturing bronze.

While Woessner would've preferred a different outcome on Wednesday, she believes she put her best foot forward during Masters competition and got better and better as this year's tournament went on.

"My first two matches were strong," Woessner said. "I bowled well and shot all 200 games, which was at a premium this week, especially for the women. I felt confident going into the semifinal match, but we hit a pair that just didn't react the same as what I'd been seeing, which happens. My opponent bowled great and got me in a hole, and I just couldn't dig out of it.

"Today's final result was disappointing, but I feel like I had a great week. I started off slowly, but I got better and smarter as the tournament went along, so I feel pretty good."

All eight Senior Team USA athletes who competed in Reno have plenty to feel good about as the group medaled 14 times over the course of six days of action at the National Bowling Stadium.

Nine of those medals were contributed by the American men's squad, which featured Janawicz, Barnes, Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa, and Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey.

The remaining five were secured by the Senior Team USA women's foursome of Woessner, Lynda Barnes of Denton, Texas; Rina Sabo of Bennett, Colorado, and Dana Ausec of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Individually, the American medal count was as follows:

Men
Janawicz – 5 (four gold, one bronze)
Hess – 4 (one gold, one silver, two bronze)
Barnes – 3 (one gold, one silver, one bronze)
Bohn – 2 (one gold, one bronze)

Women
Woessner – 3 (two gold, one bronze)

Barnes – 3 (one gold, two silver)
Sabo – 2 (gold)
Ausec – 2 (one gold, one silver)

Competition at the 2025 IBF World Seniors Championships began on Oct. 17 and featured world-class athletes from 37 nations who traveled to the famed National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, to compete in singles, doubles, team, all-events and Masters competitions. The tournament was contested on a 42-foot lane pattern designed specifically for the event.

October 28, 2025

USBC HALL OF FAMER JOHN HANDEGARD DIES AT AGE 87

ARLINGTON, Texas – John Handegard of Sherwood, Oregon, a member of the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame, died Oct. 24, 2025. He was 87.

Handegard, who at the time of his retirement was the Professional Bowlers Association Senior Tour's (now PBA50 Tour) all-time titlist with 14 senior titles, including one major, the 1998 PBA Villages Senior Tournament of Champions, was elected to the USBC Hall of Fame in the Veterans category in 2010.

Handegard was a three-time PBA Senior Player of the Year (1991, 1995 and 1996) and made PBA history by becoming the oldest PBA Tour champion at age 57 when he ran the stepladder and defeated four future USBC and PBA Hall of Famers to capture the 1995 Northwest Classic in Kennewick, Washington.

That record-setting day began with Handegard taking down Mike Aulby by a score of 215-205. Handegard then went on to defeat Norm Duke, 239-225, and Bryan Goebel, 237-235, before besting Mark Williams, 278-247, for the title.

The victory allowed Handegard to break the 30-year-old record held by Buzz Fazio, who won a PBA Tour title in 1964 at the age of 56.

Handegard was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in the Veterans/Senior category in 2009 and was later enshrined in the Oregon State USBC Hall of Fame (2019).

Once his competitive career was over, Handegard turned to the business side of bowling by attempting to revitalize Texas Pro Bowl in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at St. Luke's Church in Oakridge, Oregon, on Nov. 8 starting at 11 a.m. Pacific.

November 11, 2025

Go Bowling Returns to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade®

ARLINGTON, Texas — Bowling is back in the 99th Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade® in New York City, and Go Bowling will once again take part with an impressive state-of-the-art float.

Go Bowling is the ultimate destination for people of all ages to discover the fun of bowling. As the consumer-facing brand of the International Bowling Campus (IBC) — home to the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA), the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and Strike Ten Entertainment (STE) — it has proudly served as an official partner of the iconic holiday celebration since 2018.

This year, Go Bowling will bring out Pinelope, an impressively engineered float that showcases the sport's enthusiasm and energy. The focal point of this stunning float is a towering animatronic bowler in kinetic action, bowling her way along the 2.5 mile parade route surrounded by lively bowling pin costumed characters and eye-catching visuals.

"The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is one of our nation's most cherished traditions, and we're proud to see bowling represented so vibrantly year after year," said Tyler Herreman, president of the BPAA. "This partnership not only celebrates the joy of bowling but also highlights the thousands of local bowling centers that bring families and friends together during the holidays and all year long."

As Go Bowling continues to promote the sport and engage fans, the float has become a highlight of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade lineup, inspiring future generations of bowlers and adding to this beloved annual tradition.

"We're thrilled to once again roll into the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and share the excitement of bowling with millions of spectators across the country," said John Harbuck, president of STE. "The Go Bowling float embodies the energy, creativity and community spirit that make bowling America's number one participatory sport. It's a wonderful opportunity to showcase our sport on one of the biggest stages of the holiday season."

As part of the Macy's Shopping Spree Sweepstakes, one lucky bowler will win a $1,000 holiday shopping spree at Macy's. In addition, Go Bowling will celebrate the season with its "12 Days of Giveaways" throughout November, awarding followers on social media limited-edition Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade–themed bowling balls and pins.

The 99th Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade will air Thursday, Nov. 27, in the U.S. on NBC and stream on Peacock. Check local listings for details. For more information, visit macys.com/s/parade. To follow and participate in the excitement, check out @macys on social media and follow #MacysParade.

To join in Go Bowling's Thanksgiving fun, follow on Facebook, Instagram, X and TikTok, and visit GoBowling.com.

CALIFORNIA'S ANDREW GRANITE AUTHORS 900 SERIES
November 14, 2025

ARLINGTON, Texas – When Andrew Granite of Elverta, California, walked into Country Club Lanes in Sacramento on Nov. 10, he had one goal in mind: He wanted to shoot a three-game series of at least 720 because that would raise his average from 231 to 232 and further solidify his position as average leader in the Lucky Bowler High Roller league.

In order to reach the 240 per game average required to record a 720 series, a bowler must strike anywhere from seven to 10 times each game. That meant that Granite would have been perfectly content to finish that evening's set with somewhere between 21 and 30 strikes.

However, what the 35-year-old right-hander didn't know when he walked through the door that night was that he'd reach 21 strikes before the end of Game 2 and get to 30 by the middle of Game 3.

Granite didn't stop there, however, as he went a perfect 36 for 36 on the night to roll into the bowling record books by recording three 300 games and just the 42nd certified 900 series in United States Bowling Congress history.

Perfect games aren't new to Granite, who came to Country Club Lanes that night having already reached perfection nearly 40 times during his bowling career, including during Professional Bowlers Association competition.

As such, Granite didn't allow himself to get overly excited after reaching 300 during Game 1, especially since his team needed every bit of it.

"The funny part is that if I didn't shoot 300 during Game 1, our team would've lost because we only won that game by three pins," Granite said. "Because it was so close, I wasn't really all that focused on my individual score because I wanted our team to get the win."

Granite took notice of his own performance a bit more after he achieved perfection again during Game 2, however, as that marked the first time he'd ever recorded back-to-back 300 games.

"Getting the second 300 was wild in itself because I'd never done it before," Granite said. "I'd seen friends go back-to-back and I'd gotten close, so after that one, I was like 'whatever happens, happens.' I'm not someone who really gets overly excited, so at that point I was still just doing my best to stay in the moment."

But that got considerably harder to do during Game 3 as the strikes – and pressure – continued adding up.

"By the time we got to the seventh frame of the last game, I couldn't stand still anymore; I was pacing up and down all around the bowling alley," Granite said. "We were on Lanes 9

and 10, so there were people everywhere down there, and the bowlers on the high end were all watching on their phones using LaneTalk."

Despite the nervous energy and mounting pressure, Granite continued to strike, and, before long, he'd recorded the front 9 for the third game in a row, which put him just three strikes away from bowling immortality.

Nevertheless, Granite did his best to keep his mind clear and his routine familiar as he stepped up for the 10th frame.

"I honestly don't know what was going through my head during that last frame," Granite said. "I just tried to keep doing what I'd been doing except I couldn't pace anymore because it would've been sort of strange for me to leave, walk out the back and come back down after each shot."

The lack of steps didn't translate into a lack of success, however, as Granite calmly stepped up and delivered three more picture-perfect strikes to cap off a perfect night and secure the 900.

After the final pins had fallen, Granite suddenly found himself experiencing both pride and relief.

"I definitely felt relieved because I'm not sure I could've gone on much longer pacing around and trying to stay calm," Granite said. "I just wanted to go, go, go. I can't really explain it; I felt like I could run through a wall."

Even though Granite didn't literally run through any barriers that night, he got past a figurative one by becoming just the fourth bowler from California and the 41st overall to notch a certified 900 series.

Granite's feat was made even more unique, however, due to the fact that it was rolled on the Storm Youth Championships Rhode Island – Long oil pattern, a Challenge pattern that's considered far more demanding than typical league conditions.

According to Granite, rolling his perfect series on a Challenge pattern made the achievement just that much more special.

"It's really crazy that I was able to accomplish this on that oil pattern," Granite said. "That's what sticks out to me the most, and it's sort of like icing on the cake because you don't really hear about any of the other 900s being shot on anything other than regular house shots."

For that reason and so many more, November 10, 2025, will be a night that Granite never forgets, one that doesn't just make his list of all-time bowling achievements but ranks as one of his most memorable experiences up to this point in his life as a whole.

"Having this happen is something you can only dream of, and it definitely ranks No. 1 in terms of anything I've ever done in bowling," Granite said. "If I had to quit bowling tomorrow for some reason, I'd be okay with it because I couldn't ask for anything more than this.

“Honestly, this is right up there with the birth of my son and the fact that my wife and I have another baby on the way. Those experiences are at the top, but this experience is a close second.”

One place where Granite will never be second is on his local association’s high series list as his 900 put him in first place, eclipsing the 889 mark that had stood for 26 years prior to Granite’s perfect performance.

Granite also became the third bowler to record a 900 in California, joining Vince Wood, who achieved perfection in Moreno Valley on Sept. 29, 1999, and Jimmy Schmitzer, who reached 900 in Riverside on April 20, 2012.

The first USBC-certified 900 occurred Feb. 2, 1997, when Jeremy Sonnenfeld rolled three consecutive perfect games in Lincoln, Nebraska.

For more information on any USBC records, visit BOWL.com/records.

USBC-Certified 900 Series (42)
Jeremy Sonnenfeld (R), Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 2, 1997
Tony Roventini (L), Greenfield, Wis., Nov. 9, 1998
Vince Wood (R), Moreno Valley, Calif., Sept. 29, 1999
Robby Portalatin (L), Jackson, Mich., Dec. 28, 2000
James Hylton (R), Salem, Ore., May 2, 2001
Jeff Campbell II (R), New Castle, Pa., June 12, 2004
Darin Pomije (R), New Prague, Minn., Dec. 9, 2004
Robert Mushtare (R), Fort Drum, N.Y., Dec. 5, 2005 and Feb. 19, 2006
Lonnie Billiter Jr. (R), Fairfield, Ohio, Feb. 13, 2006
Mark Wukoman (R), Greenfield, Wis., April 22, 2006
P.J. Giesfeldt (R), Milwaukee, Dec. 23, 2006
Rich Jerome Jr. (R), Baltimore, Dec. 22, 2008
Chris Aker (L), Winnemucca, Nev., Oct. 30, 2009
Andrew Teall (R), Medford, N.J., Nov. 2, 2009
Andrew Mank (R), Belleville, Ill., March 18, 2010
William Howell III (L), Middletown, N.Y., Oct. 21, 2010
Matt Latarski (R), Medina, Ohio, Nov. 28, 2010
Bob Kammer Jr. (R), Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 8, 2011
John Martorella Sr. (R), Greece, N.Y., April 12, 2012
Jimmy Schmitzer (R), Riverside, Calif., April 20, 2012
James Williams (R), Pawcatuck, Conn., (bowled in Wakefield, R.I.), April 16, 2013
Joe Scarborough (R), Charlotte, N.C., (bowled in The Villages, Fla.), April 21, 2013
Todd James (R), East New Market, Md., (bowled in Laurel, Del.), March 18, 2014
Amos Gordon (R), Colorado Springs, Colo., April 11, 2014
Earon Vollmar (R), Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 19, 2015
Hakim Emmanuel (R), Stoughton, Mass., Feb. 19, 2015
David Sewesky (L), Dearborn, Mich., Jan. 10, 2016
Dale Gerhard (R), Mill Hall, Pa., Jan. 12, 2016
Sean Osbourn (R), Houston, Nov. 21, 2016
John Buchanan III (R), Evansville, Ind., Jan. 11, 2017

Sam Esposito (R), Homer Glen, Ill., Feb. 3, 2017
Brady Stearns (R), St. Cloud, Minn., March 28, 2017
Joe Novara (R), East Patchogue, N.Y., Oct. 16, 2017
Jonathan Wilbur (R), North Clarendon, Vt., Jan. 14, 2019
Jeremy Milito (L), Holbrook, N.Y., April 25, 2019
Wesley Low Jr. (L), Palmdale, Calif. (bowled in Glendale, Ariz.), July 19, 2020
Cody Schmitt (R), Elkhart Lake, Wis., Nov. 16, 2021
Stephen Kosela (R), Ambridge, Pa., March 13, 2022
Bryan Deck (R), New Castle, Ind., June 20, 2022
Desron Weatherspoon (R), Buffalo, N.Y., Jan. 18, 2025
Andrew Granite (R), Elverta, Calif., Nov. 10, 2025

November 21, 2025

TEAM USA READY TO BEGIN COMPETITION AT 2025 IBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG

ARLINGTON, Texas – Twelve outstanding athletes are set to represent Team USA on the lanes at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Championships, which kicks off on Sunday with unofficial practice sessions at Top Bowl, Kai Tak Sports Park in Kowloon, Hong Kong, China, and runs through Dec. 5.

The American women's roster features Julia Bond of Lincoln, Nebraska; Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Breanna Clemmer of Pikeville, Kentucky; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio; Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and Lauren Russo of O'Fallon, Missouri.

The Team USA men's contingent includes Andrew Anderson of Chesterfield Township, Michigan; Ryan Barnes of Denton, Texas; Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas; A.J. Johnson of Kenosha, Wisconsin; Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois, and Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio.

Those 12 amazing bowlers will be under the direction of Team USA Head Coach Bryan O'Keefe and Kelly Kulick, a United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer who serves as Junior Team USA Head Coach and assistant coach for Team USA.

Twenty-eight countries are slated to compete in men's action at the 2025 IBF World Championships while 22 nations will fight to reach the podium on the women's side.

Official practice sessions and the tournament's opening ceremony will take place on Monday, kicking off 12 straight days of bowling action in Hong Kong.

The first event of the 2025 IBF World Championships will be singles. Men's and women's qualifying will occur on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively, with Round 2-, semifinal- and final-round action in both divisions taking place on Thursday.

A similar schedule will be followed for the doubles event but in reverse order. For doubles, the women will qualify first, bowling on Nov. 28 with the men following on Nov. 29. The final three rounds of doubles competition in both divisions will be contested on Nov. 30.

The final two events of the 2025 IBF World Championships will be trios and team.

The first two rounds of Men's Trios will occur on Dec. 1 with Women's Trios following on Dec. 2.

The focus will shift from three bowlers to five on Dec. 3, which is when the first two rounds of Men's Team and Women's Team competition will occur.

The excitement is sure to reach a fever pitch during the last two days of competition when the action moves from Top Bowl to Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Wanchai.

The trios semifinals and finals in both divisions will take place at Queen Elizabeth Stadium on Dec. 4 with the Men's Team and Women's Team semis and finals following on Dec. 5, which will be the last day of competition at this year's tournament.

After the last balls have been rolled and the final medals have been awarded, the Victory Banquet will officially bring the 2025 IBF World Championships to a close on the evening of Dec. 5.

November 25, 2025

BARNES, HANRAHAN ADVANCE TO SECOND ROUND OF MEN'S SINGLES AT 2025 IBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – Team USA bowlers Ryan Barnes of Denton, Texas, and Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas, performed well enough on Tuesday to advance to the second round of Men's Singles competition at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Championships, which is being held at Top Bowl, Kai Tak Sports Park in Kowloon, Hong Kong, China.

Barnes qualified in 21st place in the 168-player field thanks to a six-game total of 1,343 (a 223.83 average), which included games of 202, 219, 247, 194, 224 and 257.

Hanrahan was just three spots back, claiming 24th place on Day 1 thanks to a six-game mark of 1,333 (221, 266, 214, 213, 203, 216).

Team USA's other four men's competitors – Andrew Anderson of Chesterfield Township, Michigan; A.J. Johnson of Kenosha, Wisconsin; Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois, and Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio – also bowled well on Tuesday with each member of the quartet averaging better than 208 per game on the 46-foot IBF World Championships oil pattern.

Sadly, it wasn't enough as an average of nearly 219 per game was needed in order to finish inside the top 32 and move on.

Anderson narrowly missed the mark, finishing 33rd and missing the cut by just three pins after carding a six-game total of 1,310 (266, 193, 232, 220, 192, 207).

Via was 40th at 1,302 (178, 227, 262, 232, 233, 170) while Johnson (1,285 – 241, 203, 226, 231, 189, 195) and Prather (1,253 – 189, 207, 192, 255, 200, 210) finished 51st and 67th, respectively.

Sweden's Jesper Svensson led the field with a scorching six-game total of 1,497 (a 249.5 average). The talented two-handed lefty posted that mark by rolling games of 258, 236, 257, 279 238 and 229.

Baek Seung Min of Korea was second at 1,455, which included a 288 during Game 2.

The remaining spots in the opening-round top five went to Denmark's Nicolas Carter (1,442), Korea's Ji Geun (1,430) and Gaetan Mouveroux of France (1,426).

The 32nd and final spot in Men's Singles Round 2 went to Qatar's Abdulrahman Al Doseri, who used the day's only 300 game to propel him to a six-game mark of 1,313 (a 218.83 average).

Neither American advancer flirted with perfection on Tuesday, but both were more than steady enough to keep their singles medal hopes alive.

Hanrahan was one of the first two Team USA bowlers to compete during Round 1, which made for a very long day; nevertheless, the two-handed lefty enjoyed his time on the lanes and was happy with the outcome even though he would've liked to have seen all of his American teammates move on along with him and Barnes.

"Getting to put on the red, white and blue is always an honor, so bowling was a blast today," Hanrahan said. "Unfortunately, some of the scores didn't go our way, but we learned a lot. Hopefully, we can take all we learned into the rest of the week and apply it to the remaining events."

Barnes was among the last to bowl on Tuesday, and he was grateful for all that he learned throughout the day while watching his teammates compete.

"I was really fortunate to go last today," Barnes said. "I was able to watch the other guys and see how they played the lanes, which really helped."

All six Team USA men will get to do plenty of watching on Wednesday because they'll have the day off as action shifts to the opening round of Women's Singles.

That will give Americans Julia Bond of Lincoln, Nebraska; Breanna Clemmer of Pikeville, Kentucky; Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio; Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and Lauren Russo of O'Fallon, Missouri, the opportunity to see if they can match Barnes and Hanrahan by punching their tickets to Thursday's final day of singles competition at the 2025 IBF World Championships.

Once the singles medals have been conferred, a similar schedule will be followed for the doubles event but in reverse order. For doubles, the women will qualify first, bowling on Friday with the men following on Saturday. The final three rounds of doubles competition in both divisions will be contested on Sunday.

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November 26, 2025

TEAM USA SENDS THREE WOMEN THROUGH TO WOMEN'S SINGLES ROUND OF 32 AT 2025 IBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – Wednesday marked the opening day of women's bowling at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Championships, and Team USA bowlers Breanna Clemmer of Pikeville, Kentucky; Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, and Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, made the most of their first opportunity to hit the lanes as each finished in the top 32 and advanced to the next round of Women's Singles competition.

Pluhowsky authored the day's strongest performance among American women, rolling games of 225, 203, 236, 191, 211 and 274 to finish with a six-game total of 1,340 (a 223.33 average), which was good enough for fourth place in the 132-player Women's Singles field at Top Bowl, which is located in Kai Tak Sports Park in Kowloon, Hong Kong, China.

Clemmer was next in line for Team USA, finishing 12th with a 1,283 total. The talented right-hander from Kentucky got there by breaking 200 during five of her six games on Wednesday (204, 235, 226, 226, 245).

Coté also was able to reach the 200 mark five times during Round 1 (200, 206, 212, 221, 248), and that allowed her to post a six-game score of 1,254 and qualify 18th.

The opening-round lead was secured by Karen Kaergarrd Nielsen of Denmark, who used a 279 in Game 1 and a 278 during Game 5 to post a field-best 1,437 total (a 239.5 average).

Second place went to Swedish two-hander Nora Johansson, who finished just 13 pins behind Nielsen with 1,424.

The remaining spots in the Round 1 top five went to Korea's Kim Bo Ah (1,392), Pluhowsky and Singapore's New Hui Fen, who shot 300 during Game 4 en route to a fifth-place total of 1,330.

The final berth in Thursday's Women's Singles Round of 32 went to Shayna Ng of Singapore, who grabbed the last qualifying position thanks to a six-game mark of 1,211 (a 201.83 average).

While Pluhowsky, Clemmer and Coté were able to finish Wednesday's block inside the cut line, Team USA's other three women's competitors – Julia Bond of Lincoln, Nebraska; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio, and Lauren Russo of O'Fallon, Missouri – were left on the outside looking in.

Bond finished 47th on Wednesday, recording a six-game total of 1,170 thanks to high games of 204 and 223.

Martin finished strong, shooting 206 during Game 5 and 289 in Game 6; however, those efforts only got her to 1,143 on the day, which put Martin in 61st place.

Russo landed four spots behind Martin, starting with 200 and finishing with 230 to place 65th with a mark of 1,129.

Thanks to their strong performances on Wednesday, Clemmer, Coté and Pluhowsky kept their Women's Singles medal hopes alive just as their Team USA teammates Ryan Barnes of Denton, Texas, and Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas, did one day earlier during Men's Singles competition.

According to Pluhowsky, even though they were participating in the singles event, much of Wednesday's successes could be attributed to teamwork.

"We all stayed patient and communicated what we were seeing and feeling out on the lanes," Pluhowsky said. "That allowed us to commit to our shots and make better choices, which is ultimately what helped the three of us move on to the next round."

Thursday will mark the final day of singles competition at the 2025 IBF World Championships with Round of 32, semifinal- and final-round action taking place in both the men's and women's divisions.

After the singles medals have been awarded, athletes will pair up and prepare for the start of doubles.

The doubles competition will see the women qualify first, bowling on Friday, with the men following on Saturday. The final three rounds of doubles in both divisions will be held on Sunday.

The final two events of the 2025 IBF World Championships will be trios and team.

The first two rounds of Men's Trios will occur on Monday with Women's Trios following on Tuesday.

The focus will shift from three bowlers to five on Dec. 3, which is when the first two rounds of Men's Team and Women's Team competition will occur.

The excitement is sure to reach a fever pitch during the last two days of competition when the action moves from Top Bowl to Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Wanchai.

The trios semifinals and finals in both divisions will take place at Queen Elizabeth Stadium on Dec. Ye4 with the Men's Team and Women's Team semis and finals following on Dec. 5, which will be the last day of competition at this year's tournament.

After the last balls have been rolled and the final medals have been awarded, the Victory Banquet will officially bring the 2025 IBF World Championships to a close on the evening of Dec. 5.

November 28, 2025

THREE AMERICAN DUOS ADVANCE TO WOMEN'S DOUBLES ROUND OF 24 AT 2025 IBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – Three pairs of Team USA bowlers participated in Friday's opening round of Women's Doubles competition at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Championships, and all three kept their medal hopes alive by finishing inside the top 24 and advancing to Sunday's next round of action at Top Bowl, which is located in Kai Tak Sports Park in Kowloon, Hong Kong, China.

Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, and Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, authored the strongest qualifying performance among the American duos on Friday, putting up scores of 238, 200, 221, 159, 217, 196 and 192 during seven games of Baker doubles action to place 10th in the 66-team Women's Doubles field with a score of 1,423 (a 203.29 average).

Lauren Russo of O'Fallon, Missouri, and Breanna Clemmer of Pikeville, Kentucky, were just two pins behind, finishing 11th on Day 1 with 1,421 (222, 192, 200, 195, 208, 210 and 194).

Julia Bond of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio, also moved on for Team USA. The pair teamed up to record scores of 256, 212, 189, 213, 206, 152 and 181 on the 46-foot IBF World Championships oil pattern to qualify in 14th place with a 1,409 total.

The qualifying lead went to Singapore's duo of Shayna Ng and New Hui Fen, which shot scores of 210 or higher six times in seven games (225, 225, 215, 210, 238, 214) to finish atop the opening-round standings with a mark of 1,493 (a 213.29 average).

Japan's Shion Izumune and Kiri Watanabe finished in second place on Friday with 1,489.

The remaining spots in the qualifying top five went to Korea's Kim Bo Ah and Shin Hye Bin (1,483), Denmark's Sofie and Karen Kærgaard Nielsen (1,478) and Singapore's Cherie and Daphne Tan (1,474).

The final berth in Round 2 went to Finland's Tiiamari Laukkanen and Jenni Heino, which placed 24th with a mark of 1,349 (a 192.71 average).

At the conclusion of Friday's action, the 24 advancing pairs were separated into four six-team groups based on their qualifying positions.

The duos in each group will square off during five games of Baker match play on Sunday with squads getting three points for a win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss.

At the end of five games, the pair with the highest point total in each group will advance to the semifinals and guarantee itself no worse than a bronze-medal finish.

Unfortunately, Team USA will only have the opportunity to put two of its three squads on the podium as Group C features both Russo and Clemmer as well as Martin and Bond – Coté and Pluhowsky will compete in Group B.

But Russo wasn't concerned about any of that when competition ended on Friday; instead, she was just happy with how she and Clemmer performed during Round 1 and was already looking forward to the action to come.

"Working with Breanna (Clemmer) today felt easy," Russo said. "Our communication was great, and we were committed to how we were going to play the lanes. It brought back memories of some good times we had together in college (the duo bowled together collegiately at McKendree University), and I'm excited to continue the momentum into match play on Sunday."

The women have to wait until Sunday to get back on the lanes because Saturday's schedule will be occupied with the opening round of Men's Doubles action.

Just as it did on the women's side, Team USA will have three pairs competing for the men. The pairings will be Andrew Anderson of Chesterfield Township, Michigan, teaming up with A.J. Johnson of Kenosha, Wisconsin; Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas, bowling with Ryan Barnes of Denton, Texas, and Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois, joining forced with Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio.

Each American squad will be hoping to land inside the top 24 during qualifying on Saturday so that they can join their female counterparts by advancing to Sunday, which is when the Round of 24, semifinals and finals will be contested in each division.

Once the doubles medals have been awarded, the final two events of the 2025 IBF World Championships will be trios and team.

The first two rounds of Men's Trios will occur on Monday with Women's Trios following on Tuesday.

The focus will shift from three bowlers to five on Wednesday, which is when the first two rounds of Men's Team and Women's Team competition will occur.

The excitement is sure to reach a fever pitch during the last two days of competition when the action moves from Top Bowl to Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Wanchai.

The trios semifinals and finals in both divisions will take place at Queen Elizabeth Stadium on Thursday with the Men's Team and Women's Team semis and finals following on Dec. 5, which will be the last day of competition at this year's tournament.

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November 29, 2025

THREE U.S. MEN'S DOUBLES TEAMS OUSTED IN OPENING ROUND AT 2025 IBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – Saturday did not go as planned for Team USA as all three of its duos finished outside the top 24 after qualifying and were eliminated from Men's Doubles competition at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Championships, which is taking place at Top Bowl, Kai Tak Sports Park in Kowloon, Hong Kong, China.

Ryan Barnes of Denton, Texas, and Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas, secured the highest finish among Team USA pairs on Saturday, placing 38th in the 84-team field thanks to a seven-game Baker doubles total of 1,456 (a 208 average), which included games of 191, 191, 244, 220, 186, 233 and 191.

Andrew Anderson of Chesterfield Township, Michigan, and AJ Johnson of Kenosha, Wisconsin, were the next Americans in line, finishing 44th with a score of 1,423 (212, 174, 246, 230, 188, 195, 178).

Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois, and Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, were close behind, landing in 46th place at 1,418 (193, 211, 186, 258, 187, 182, 201).

The 24th and final berth in the Men's Doubles Round of 24 went to the German duo of Dennis Gruenheid and Paul Purps, which moved on to Sunday's final day of doubles competition thanks to a seven-game mark of 1,512 (a 216 average).

While the Germans narrowly made the cut, Malaysia's Muhammad Danial Abu Samah and Mohammad Hafiz Zainuddin set the pace, leading qualifying with a scorching 1,699 total (a 242.71 average), which came via games of 235, 244, 197, 243, 276, 259 and 245.

Romania's Mihai-Alin Dragnia and Mate Balazs-Becsi finished in second place on Saturday with 1,660, which included a 289 during Game 5.

Julian Dinham and Luke Doyle of Australia shot 299 during Game 5 and 300 in Game 6 to finish third on the day with 1,651.

The final two spots in the qualifying top five went to France's Maxime Dubois and Gaetan Mouveroux (1,649), and the Finnish pair of Tomas Käyhkö and Niko Oksanen (1,635).

Sunday will be the final day of doubles competition at the 2025 IBF World Championships and will see the Round of 24, semifinals and finals completed in each division.

Team USA will have three squads competing on the women's side as Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, and Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio; Lauren Russo of O'Fallon, Missouri, and Breanna Clemmer of Pikeville, Kentucky, and Julia Bond of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio, all punched their tickets to the Women's Doubles Round of 24 on Friday.

Only two of those duos will have the opportunity to reach the podium, however, as Group C features both Russo and Clemmer as well as Martin and Bond – Coté and Pluhowsky will compete in Group B.

After doubles medals have been conferred, the final two events of the 2025 IBF World Championships will be trios and team.

The first two rounds of Men's Trios will occur on Monday with Women's Trios following on Tuesday.

The focus will shift from three bowlers to five on Wednesday, which is when the first two rounds of Men's Team and Women's Team competition will occur.

The excitement is sure to reach a fever pitch during the last two days of competition when the action moves from Top Bowl to Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Wanchai.

The trios semifinals and finals in both divisions will take place at Queen Elizabeth Stadium on Thursday with the Men's Team and Women's Team semis and finals following on Friday, which will be the last day of competition at this year's tournament.

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December 1, 2025

TEAM USA MEN'S TRIOS ELIMINATED FROM MEDAL CONTENTION AT 2025 IBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – Monday saw the completion of the first two rounds of Men's Trios competition at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Championships, which is taking place at Top Bowl, Kai Tak Sports Park in Kowloon, Hong Kong, China.

Team USA sent two squads to the post on Monday with the trio of Andrew Anderson of Chesterfield Township, Michigan; Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas, and Ryan Barnes of Denton, Texas, hitting the lanes first in Squad 1 and AJ Johnson of Kenosha, Wisconsin; Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois, and Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, following in Squad 2.

The two units enjoyed different levels of success, but both ended up in the same place by day's end as neither was able to reach the semifinals to keep their Men's Trios medal hopes alive.

Anderson, Barnes and Hanrahan, got the closest, qualifying fifth in the 56-team field and advancing to the Round of 16 thanks to a seven-game Baker trios score of 1,556 (a 222.29 average), which the group posted thanks to scores of 210, 213, 197, 216, 224, 289 and 207.

Unfortunately, they were unable to maintain that pace during Round 2, where they averaged 204 via games of 205, 224, 226, 140, 188, 209 and 236.

Those scores allowed the Team USA trio to post a match-play record of just 2-5, which caused the group to finish in seventh place in Group A and be eliminated.

Korea's trio of Ji Geun, Kim Jun Yung and Baek Seung Min won the group with a record of 5-1-1 while James Blomgren, Joachim Karlsson Rosén and Pontus Andersson of Sweden won their last four matches to finish at 4-3 and secure the final advancing spot in Group A.

The semifinal berths up for grabs in Men's Trios Group B went to Denmark's Dan A. Østergaard, Niclas Sørensen and Nicolas Carter and Australia's Julian Dinham, Luke Doyle and Blake Walsh. Both groups finished the Round of 16 with records of 5-2.

By making it through Monday's first two rounds, the four advancing squads earned the right to compete on the final day of Men's Trios competition, which will take place Thursday at Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Wanchai.

Johnson, Prather and Via had their sights set on representing Team USA at Queen Elizabeth Stadium; unfortunately, that goal went unrealized as the American squad posted games of 194, 212, 188, 221, 188, 216 and 196 during qualifying on Monday to finish with a seven-game mark of 1,415 (a 202.14 average) and land in 33rd place.

With the Men's Trios semifinalists now determined, the first two rounds of Women's Trios competition will take place on Tuesday.

Just as there were on the men's side, two groups of three will be donning the red, white and blue for the women as well.

The Team USA squads will see Breanna Clemmer of Pikeville, Kentucky; Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, and Lauren Russo of O'Fallon, Missouri, compete in Squad 1 before Julia Bond of Lincoln, Nebraska; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio, and Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, hit the lanes with Squad 2.

Both units will be looking to qualify in the top 16 in the 44-team Women's Trios field and then place first or second in their group during match play to advance to Thursday's final day of trios competition, which also will be held at Queen Elizabeth Stadium.

But before the trios medals are determined, the focus will shift from three bowlers to five on Wednesday, which is when the first two rounds of Men's Team and Women's Team competition will occur.

The trios semifinals and finals in both divisions will take place at Queen Elizabeth Stadium on Thursday with the Men's Team and Women's Team semis and finals following in the same venue on Friday, which will be the last day of competition at this year's tournament.

After the last balls have been rolled and the final medals have been awarded, the Victory Banquet will officially bring the 2025 IBF World Championships to a close on Friday evening.

December 2, 2025

TEAM USA WOMEN'S TRIOS FALL IN ROUND OF 16 AT 2025 IBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – Two Team USA squads advanced to the Women's Trios Round of 16 at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Championships on Tuesday, but both were ousted during that stage and eliminated from medal contention at Top Bowl, which is located in Kai Tak Sports in Kowloon, Hong Kong, China.

The day got off to a successful start for the Americans as the group of Julia Bond of Lincoln, Nebraska; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio, and Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, qualified third in the 44-team field with a seven-game Baker total of 1,500 (a 214.29 average), which included scores of 214, 201, 244, 180, 195, 265 and 201.

Team USA's other women's trio, Breanna Clemmer of Pikeville, Kentucky; Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, and Lauren Russo of O'Fallon, Missouri, was close behind, placing fourth with 1,484 (214, 260, 200, 225, 181, 224, 180).

Unfortunately, the tide would turn during the Round of 16.

Clemmer, Coté, and Russo started off strong, winning their first three matches thanks to scores of 211, 211 and 210; however, they finished under the 200 mark and lost their final four bouts to end the round with a 3-4 record and fifth place in Group A.

Bond, Martin and Pluhowsky, meanwhile, won matches with scores of 208, 178, 248, 232 and 254 to post a 5-2 mark and finish in a three-way tie with Japan and Macao for second place in Group B.

That forced the three squads to get back on the lanes for a one-game roll-off to determine which group would be moving on to the Women's Trios semifinals.

Many bowling fans would have considered Team USA the favorite, but Japan stole the show, rolling a 211 as Macao came in with 174 and the Americans managed just 155.

That performance allowed Japan's trio of Kiri Watanabe, Shion Izumune and Yuri Sato to join first-place Finland (Ani Juntunen, Peppi Konsteri and Essi Pakarinen) as the semifinalists from Group B.

The two teams advancing out of Group A were Denmark's squad of Karen Kaergarrd Nielsen, Mika Guldbæk and Megan Gales Dicay and Sweden's Nora Johansson, Anna Andersson and Hanna Engberg.

By punching their tickets to the semifinals, the groups from Finland, Japan, Denmark and Sweden earned the right to compete on the final day of Women's Trios competition, which will take place Thursday at Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Wanchai.

The Men's Trios semifinals and finals will take place at Queen Elizabeth Stadium on Thursday as well and will pit Korea against Sweden in one semi while Denmark and Australia do battle in the other.

With both its men's and women's squads eliminated from trios action, the 12 Team USA bowlers in Hong Kong will set their sights on the tournament's most coveted event, the team competitions.

The first two rounds of Men's Team and Women's Team competition will take place at Top Bowl on Wednesday with only four teams remaining in contention in each division at day's end.

Those eight squads will head to Queen Elizabeth Stadium and compete in the Men's Team and Women's Team semifinals and finals on Friday, which will be the last day of competition at this year's tournament.

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For more information on Team USA, visit BOWL.com/TeamUSA.

Dec. 2, 2025

TEAMWORK ROLLS TOGETHER AS GO BOWLING JOINS THE 2026 ROSE PARADE®

ARLINGTON, Texas – For the second consecutive year, Go Bowling will take part in the Rose Parade® presented by Honda on Jan. 1, 2026, in Pasadena, California. The parade theme for the 137th edition of the annual celebration is “The Magic in Teamwork,” giving Go Bowling the chance to showcase the unifying power of the sport through its aptly named “Rolling Together as One” float.

From front to back, “Rolling Together as One” brings the excitement of bowling to life in larger-than-life fashion. At the top of the float, a giant bowling ball gives the illusion of having crashed into 10 oversized bowling pins, captured in a spectacular “pin splash” moment that freezes the thrill of a perfect strike. The strike explodes with bursts of pins and motion, creating the signature image every bowler dreams of. Extending down, the float shows off a 25-foot bowling lane where riders stride forward with bowling balls in hand, ready to roll. Vibrant signage rises high at the rear, styled like a retro bowling marquee, with bold ***Go Bowling*** branding ensuring the message is unmistakable. Surrounding the entire base, a bed of vibrant florals enhances the energy and color of the design, tying the whole scene together in festive celebration.

“Bowling has a magical way of bringing friends and family together as one,” said Tyler Herreman, President of the Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America. “This float represents the excitement of creating those special moments with those closest to you, and we hope it encourages everyone to head to their local bowling center to join in the fun.”

Go Bowling is the presenting sponsor of FloatFest, which takes place Jan. 1–3, 2026. This two-mile display features Rose Parade floats after their appearance on the parade route. Each year, nearly 70,000 visitors go to Sierra Madre and Washington Boulevards in Pasadena for a rare opportunity to get up close to these incredible floats and admire the details and creativity that make each display unique. Go Bowling brand ambassadors will be on hand to answer questions about the sport of bowling and the Go Bowling float, and attendees can instantly win Go Bowling prizes and enter to win the Free Bowling For a Year grand prize.

“We’re thrilled to once again roll together in the Rose Parade and share the excitement of bowling with millions of spectators across the country,” said John Harbuck, President of Strike Ten Entertainment. “The Go Bowling ‘Rolling Together as One’ float embodies the energy, creativity and community spirit that make bowling America’s number one participatory sport. It’s a wonderful opportunity to showcase our sport and roll into the new year on one of the biggest stages of the holiday season.”

To start the new year right, ***Go Bowling*** is hosting a sweepstakes to give a lucky winner “Free Bowling for a Year.” Fans can enter by visiting GoBowling.com or our social platforms beginning Dec. 1, 2025, through Jan. 3, 2026.

December 3, 2025

U.S. WOMEN SURVIVE ROLL-OFF, REACH TEAM SEMIFINALS AT 2025 IBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – The Team USA women showed their grit on Wednesday, surviving a four-team roll-off to advance to the semifinals and guarantee themselves no worse than a bronze-medal finish in the Women's Team event at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Championships in Hong Kong.

Julia Bond of Lincoln, Nebraska; Breanna Clemmer of Pikeville, Kentucky; Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio; Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and Lauren Russo of O'Fallon, Missouri, were the ladies donning the red, white and blue at Top Bowl on Wednesday, and the squad attempted to seize control from the moment the first shots were thrown.

The Americans started their seven-game Baker qualifying block with a score of 228 to grab the lead in the 22-team field after Game 1.

The U.S. ladies would go on to add scores of 186, 203, 230, 213, 204 and 191 to finish qualifying with a 1,455 total, which was good enough for a 207.86 average and second place overall.

Singapore finished just two pins ahead of the Americans, leading qualifying with a mark of 1,457.

Korea (1,425), Sweden (1,391) and Malaysia (1,384) also finished in the top five while Japan (1,360), Macao (1,344) and Chinese Taipei (1,338) secured the final advancing spots by landing in spots six through eight, respectively.

The Women's Team Round of 8 featured another seven Baker games, but this time the format was match play with teams receiving three points for a win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss.

That made wins far more valuable than average or total pins, and with that in mind, Team USA attempted to start strong once again.

The Americans opened match play with two consecutive victories thanks to solid scores of 245 and 238.

The squad took two steps back shortly thereafter, however, failing to break 200 during losses in Games 3 and 4.

The U.S. women would bounce back to win the next two games thanks to scores of 225 and 215 before finishing with a 193 mark during a Game 7 loss.

Losing the last game was costly as it caused Team USA to finish in a four-way tie with Korea, Japan and Singapore at 12 points, which the teams arrived at thanks to matching records of 4-3.

That meant that a four-team roll-off would be needed to determine second through fifth place. The squads who rolled the top three scores during the one-game roll-off would join first-place Malaysia (5-2) in Friday's Women's Team semifinals while the team with the lowest score would be left on the outside looking in.

As expected, the roll-off was close throughout and featured some dramatic moments, but a clutch 3-10 baby split conversion from Russo and late strikes from Martin and Pluhowsky allowed Team USA to post a final score of 200, which was the second-highest game rolled during the extra session.

Korea led the roll-off with 215 while Japan secured the final semifinal berth thanks to a mark of 197. Singapore came in with 174 and was eliminated.

After the roll-off, Coté discussed all it took for the U.S. women to survive and advance.

"Reaching the semifinals as a team means we've used every ounce of knowledge from the three previous events and put it together to advance to the next round," Coté said. "We had players playing various parts of the lane and sticking to their own game plans, but we came together for the same goal, which was to advance and bowl for a World Championships medal. Today, we came together when it mattered most and showed the world the heart of Team USA."

In addition to guaranteeing the American women no worse than a bronze-medal finish, reaching the semifinals also means the U.S. ladies will have the opportunity to compete inside Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Wanchai, which is where Friday's Men's Team and Women's Team semifinals and finals will be contested.

Pluhowsky, Coté, Martin and Russo teamed up to win Women's Team gold at the 2025 IBF World Cup at Queen Elizabeth Stadium in January. Now, Pluhowsky is hoping that experience helps her and her teammates put their best foot forward during the remaining phases of competition at this year's World Championships.

"The stadium is a cool experience," Pluhowsky said. "We found success there in January and will rely on those experiences to help us during the next round."

Russo is hoping that round ends with Team USA standing atop the podium as "The Star-Spangled Banner" plays.

"Bringing home gold would mean the absolute world," Russo said. "It's a true testament to our trust within ourselves, our teammates and our coaches. It shows that every sacrifice and setback this week was worth it, not just for me but for all of us. I'm excited to go back to the stadium where we won the World Cup and create more memories."

The Women's Team semifinals will see the United States take on Korea while Malaysia battles Japan. The two winners will move on to battle for gold while the two teams coming up short during the semis will walk away with bronze.

The Men's Team final four will pit Germany against France while Sweden takes on Korea.

Team USA had hoped to have its men's squad competing at Queen Elizabeth Stadium on Friday as well, but it wasn't meant to be as Andrew Anderson of Chesterfield Township, Michigan; Ryan Barnes of Denton, Texas; Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas; A.J. Johnson of Kenosha, Wisconsin; Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois, and Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, placed 15th in the 28-team Men's Team qualifying field on Wednesday and were eliminated after posting a seven-game Baker score of 1,447 (a 206.71 average), which included games of 224, 226, 180, 215, 177, 206 and 219.

The Team USA men have now completed competition at the 2025 IBF World Championships. The American women, meanwhile, will have Thursday off as the day's schedule features the semifinals and finals in both Men's Trios and Women's Trios, which, like Friday's team finals, will be held at Queen Elizabeth Stadium.

The Men's Trios semifinals will have Korea against Sweden in one semi while Denmark and Australia do battle in the other. On the women's side, it will be Finland taking on Denmark as Japan battles Sweden.

Friday will be the last day of competition at this year's tournament. After the last balls have been rolled and the final medals have been awarded, the Victory Banquet will officially bring the 2025 IBF World Championships to a close on Friday evening.

December 4, 2025

TEAM USA SET TO COMPETE IN WOMEN'S TEAM MEDAL ROUND AT 2025 IBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – Thursday was a day of rest for Team USA as none of the 12 athletes competing in Hong Kong took to the lanes on the second-to-last day of action at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Championships.

That only represents the calm before the storm, however, as, on Friday, Julia Bond of Lincoln, Nebraska; Breanna Clemmer of Pikeville, Kentucky; Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio; Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and Lauren Russo of O'Fallon, Missouri, will attempt to earn one of the tournament's most-coveted prizes, the Women's Team gold medal.

To get it, the third-seeded U.S. women will have to defeat No. 2 Korea during semifinal action and then dispatch the winner of the other semi – No. 1 Malaysia vs. No. 4 Japan – in the gold-medal match.

Both the semifinals and finals will use a best-of-three Baker match-play format.

While the preliminary rounds of the Women's Team event were held at Top Bowl in Kai Tak Sports Park, Friday's final two rounds will take place at Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Wanchai.

The Team USA women have captured gold inside that venue before as Pluhowsky, Coté, Martin and Russo were part of the U.S. squad that won Women's Team gold at the 2025 IBF World Cup in January. That event used Queen Elizabeth Stadium for the finals as well.

Pluhowsky remembers that victory vividly and is hoping the prior success helps put her and her teammates into the right frame of mind to put their best foot forward on Friday.

"The stadium is a cool experience," Pluhowsky said. "We found success there in January and will rely on those experiences to help us tomorrow."

Four men's teams will get to enjoy the experience as well as the Men's Team semifinals and finals also will take place at Queen Elizabeth Stadium on Friday.

The Men's Team final four will pit No. 1 Germany against No. 4 France while second-seeded Sweden takes on No. 3 Korea.

Team USA had hoped to have its men's squad competing at Queen Elizabeth Stadium on Friday as well, but it wasn't meant to be as Andrew Anderson of Chesterfield Township, Michigan; Ryan Barnes of Denton, Texas; Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas; A.J. Johnson of Kenosha, Wisconsin; Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois, and Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, placed 15th in the 28-team Men's Team qualifying field on Wednesday and were eliminated.

Friday will be the last day of competition at the 2025 IBF World Championships, which began on Nov. 25. After the last balls have been rolled and the final medals have been awarded, the Victory Banquet will officially bring the tournament to a close on Friday evening.

December 4, 2025

USBC HALL OF FAMER CORA FIEBIG DIES AT AGE 91

ARLINGTON, Texas – United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Cora Fiebig of Madison Heights, Michigan, died Nov. 13 at the age of 91.

Fiebig found success on the international stage during her two appearances on Team USA (1981 and 1987) and became the oldest competitor (51 years old) to win the USBC Queens in 1986. She was inducted for Superior Performance in 2004.

The right-hander collected multiple wins at the local and state levels across Michigan before breaking through with her first run at a Queens title in 1978. Fiebig went undefeated through the bracket to earn the top seed but finished second to USBC and Professional Women's Bowling Association Hall of Famer Loa Boxberger.

At the 1986 Queens, she qualified fourth for the finals and worked her way up the stepladder – including wins over USBC and PWBA Hall of Famers Betty Morris and Donna

Adamek – to advance to the title match. There, Fiebig defeated Barbara Thorberg to claim the tiara and major victory, 223-177.

Fiebig's career on Team USA started with a win at the 1981 Team USA Trials, which allowed her to represent the red, white and blue in Winnipeg, Canada, later that year at the Federation Internationale des Quilleurs (FIQ) American Zone Championships (now known as the PANAM Bowling Elite Championships).

In Winnipeg, she helped Team USA win gold in the team event and also collected bronze medals in singles and trios competition.

Just a couple months after her win at the Queens, Fiebig – at 52 years old – again was able to navigate her way through a stepladder to earn the title at the 1986 United States National Amateur Bowling Championships and secure her spot on Team USA for 1987.

She traveled with the team to compete at the 1987 FIQ World Championships (now known as the International Bowling Federation World Championships) in Helsinki, Finland, and claimed three more medals – two golds (doubles and team) and one bronze (trios) – for the United States.

The winning scores in doubles (2,566 with Kathy Wodka) and team (6,011) set records for the women's division that would stand until the 1999 World Championships. Fiebig fired a six-game total of 1,330 during the doubles performance (221.66 average).

Fiebig's overall showing on the lanes in 1986 helped her earn the distinction of Amateur Bowler of the Year from Bowlers Journal International, and she was named the Athlete of the Year for bowling by the United States Olympic Committee (now United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee) in 1987.

She also was inducted to the Metro Detroit USBC and Michigan State USBC Halls of Fame.

A memorial visitation for Fiebig will be Saturday, Dec. 6 at the A.H. Peters Funeral Home (32000 Schoenherr Rd., Warren, MI, 48088) from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A memorial service will take place the same evening at 6 p.m.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, an organization that Fiebig worked closely with over the years.

"I love to give back to the community by working with children," said Fiebig in 2003. "I started a bowling charity to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation 13 years ago. So far, we have raised approximately $300,000."

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TEAM USA WOMEN COLLECT THREE MEDALS ON FINAL DAY OF COMPETITION AT 2025 IBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – The Team USA women finished strong, earning two gold medals and one silver during Friday's final day of competition at the 2025 International Bowling Federation World Championships in Hong Kong.

Julia Bond of Lincoln, Nebraska; Breanna Clemmer of Pikeville, Kentucky; Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio; Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and Lauren Russo of O'Fallon, Missouri, reached the top step on the podium by taking first place in both Women's Team and as the overall women's federation champions while Pluhowsky secured a silver medal of her own thanks to a second-place finish in Women's All-Events.

The outstanding final-act performance was certainly welcomed by the American women, who entered Friday's final day of competition having only medaled twice at this year's tournament – Clemmer earned Women's Singles bronze on Nov. 27, and Martin and Bond teamed up for Women's Doubles bronze on Nov. 30.

Team USA knew it would earn at least one more medal on Friday as it was guaranteed no worse than a bronze-medal finish just by reaching the Women's Team semifinals at Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Wanchai.

The Americans wanted more, however, and it showed from the moment the first shots were thrown.

The U.S. women started strong during semifinal action against Korea, opening with a score of 234. It wasn't enough, however, as the Koreans posted a 257 of their own to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three Baker match.

Despite being pushed to the brink of elimination, the Team USA women didn't back down an inch, rebounding to win Game 2 by a score of 221-151 and then taking the deciding game by a mark of 212-160 to secure the victory and earn a spot in the Women's Team gold-medal match.

There, the third-seeded Americans would take on No. 1 Malaysia, which earned its shot at gold thanks to a 2-0 (204-177; 198-145) semifinal sweep of No. 4 Japan.

The highly talented Malaysian squad included Professional Women's Bowling Association champion Siti Rahman, 2025 PWBA Rookie of the Year Gillian Lim and Li Jane Sin, the 2024 PWBA Player of the Year. As such, Team USA knew it was going to have its hands full.

That assumption was proven correct when the Malaysians got the best of a grind-out game to take the opener by a final score of 191-179.

The U.S. responded in fine fashion once again, however, earning a 200-159 victory in Game 2 to square the match, 1-1, and send the Women's Team final to a one-game, winner-take-all battle for the gold medal.

The deciding game was close throughout, but the Americans filled frames and did just enough down the stretch to keep Malaysia at arm's length while securing a 199-185 win that gave Team USA the match victory and the Women's Team gold medal.

Malaysia earned silver while both Japan and Korea took home bronze.

After the match, Martin discussed what the victory meant to her and her teammates.

"Having the opportunity to compete and ultimately win with this team was amazing," Martin said. "I am grateful for everyone who made it possible.

"Our ups and downs throughout the week allowed us to grow, and we came together when it truly mattered. Our grit and resilience allowed us to compete at the highest level and ultimately come out on top. Being able to win again on this stage with such an amazing group of women is a moment I will never forget."

Russo's feelings were largely the same.

"Over the past two weeks, we trusted and believed in each other when things got difficult, and we were able to learn every time we bowled and create a good game plan going into the team event, which is what caused things to work out in our favor today," Russo said. "It feels amazing to bring home another gold medal from Hong Kong to the U.S. Winning on this stage is incredible."

The win also moved the Americans to the top of the standings as the overall women's federation champions and helped Pluhowsky secure silver in Women's All-Events.

The overall federation standings were determined by assigning points to each team based on its finishing position in each event. At the end of competition, those points were added up to determine the medalists.

Team USA emerged with gold by leading the 22-team women's field with a total of 302.21 points (Team – 110; Trios – 84.38; Doubles – 55; All-Events – 27.83; Singles – 25). Singapore placed second with 285.17, and Malaysia finished third at 273.33.

All-Events standings at the 2025 IBF World Championships were determined using a ranking-points system similar to that employed at the annual Team USA Trials where an athlete attempts to finish with the lowest total possible while receiving one point for a first-place finish, two points for second place and so on.

Pluhowsky finished with 11 points in doubles, five points each in singles and trios and one point in team for an event total of 22 points, which was good enough for second place and the Women's All-Events silver medal.

Gold went to Finland's Essi Pakarinen (17) while bronze was collected by Shayna Ng of Singapore (23).

Plenty of medals were handed out on the men's side during Friday's final day of competition in Hong Kong as well.

France topped Sweden 2-0 (264-248; 257-228) to earn Men's Team gold, which left the Swedes to settle for silver while both Germany and Korea walked away with Bronze.

Nevertheless, Sweden finished as the No. 1 team in the overall men's federation standings, sitting atop the 28-team field with a tournament total of 379.88 points. Denmark was second with 353.79, and Korea placed third at 347.17.

Team USA's men's squad of Andrew Anderson of Chesterfield Township, Michigan; Ryan Barnes of Denton, Texas; Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas; A.J. Johnson of Kenosha, Wisconsin; Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois, and Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, finished ninth with 253.58 points.

Barnes, who earned the only medal among American men at this year's tournament thanks to a bronze-medal finish in Men's Singles on Nov. 27, was the highest U.S. men's finisher in all-events, placing 23rd in the 166-player field with 68 points.

This year's Men's All-Events gold medal went to Sweden's James Blomgren (16). Korea's Ji Geun (20) and Lukas Jelinek of the Czech Republic (31) earned silver and bronze, respectively.

The final Team USA women's medal count was as follows:

Bond – 3 (two gold, one bronze)
Clemmer – 3 (two gold, one bronze)
Coté – 2 (gold)
Martin – 3 (two gold, one bronze)
Pluhowsky – 3 (two gold, one silver)
Russo – 2 (gold)

Competition at the 2025 IBF World Championships began on Nov. 25 and featured world-class athletes from 31 nations who traveled to Hong Kong to fight for medals in singles, doubles, trios, team, all-events and as overall federation champions. The tournament was contested on a 46-foot lane pattern designed specifically for the event.

All rounds of the singles and doubles competitions were contested at Top Bowl, which is located in Kai Tak Sports Park in Kowloon. For the trios and team events, qualifying took place at Top Bowl, but the semifinals and finals occurred at Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Wanchai.

After all medals were awarded, the Victory Banquet officially brought the 2025 IBF World Championships to a close on Friday night.

December 10, 2025

2025 GO BOWLING MILITARY BOWL SET FOR DECEMBER 27 IN ANNAPOLIS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The 2025 Go Bowling Military Bowl will be played on Saturday, Dec. 27, at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Maryland, and will once again match teams from the ACC and the American Conference as the Pittsburgh Panthers take on the East Carolina Pirates.

Kickoff is scheduled for 11 a.m. Eastern, and the game will be broadcast live on ESPN. Proceeds benefit Patriot Point, the Military Bowl Foundation's 294-acre retreat for wounded, ill and injured service members, their families and caregivers.

The Go Bowling Military Bowl will be the first of seven college bowl games contested on Dec. 27, and there will be an NFL tripleheader starting that afternoon as well.

"The Go Bowling Military Bowl is a strike! It's a great way to celebrate two of America's favorite pastimes – college football and bowling – while showing support for the brave men and women who serve our great country," Military Bowl Foundation President & Executive Director Steve Beck said. "We look forward to Pitt and ECU taking the field at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium and a day full of pageantry and big plays while taking time to remember some of the service members, past and present, who help make our nation so special."

Supporting active-duty and veteran service members has long been a cause for the bowling community. Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL) was founded in 1942 as a campaign from the entire bowling industry to support U.S. troops. That mission continues today, raising more than $1 million annually and more than $56 million since BVL was founded, brightening the lives of American active-duty and veteran service members through recreational and therapeutic programs and services.

"The Military Bowl is one of the most meaningful events on our calendar because it brings together everything our sport stands for, community, camaraderie and support for one another," said Bowling Proprietors' Association of America President Tyler Herreman. "It's a privilege for the bowling industry to honor the service and sacrifice of our military veterans and their families. This event gives us the chance to celebrate them, to give back in a tangible way and to showcase how bowling can create connections that last well beyond the lanes."

The Military Bowl is the culmination of Bowl Week, with the teams staying, practicing and enjoying events in Washington, D.C., while their fans enjoy Military Bowl Eve and gameday in Annapolis, highlighted by the Military Bowl Parade featuring the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales and honoring the nation's Medal of Honor Recipients.

"The Military Bowl aligns perfectly with Strike Ten's mission. Supporting service members has always been at the heart of the bowling community," said Strike Ten Entertainment President John Harbuck. "Through longstanding efforts like BVL, our industry has shown a deep commitment to veterans and the Military Bowl Foundation's work. Especially with

programs like Patriot Point which create a natural partnership that truly reflects our values. Together, we're able to honor and uplift those who have served."

East Carolina defeated NC State, 26-21, in the 2024 Go Bowling Military Bowl.

For the latest updates, including information on purchasing tickets, visit militarybowl.org, follow @MilitaryBowl on Twitter and Instagram or like the Go Bowling Military Bowl on Facebook. For sponsorship information, please contact Military Bowl Senior Director of Partnerships Marc Goldman at mgoldman@militarybowl.org.

December 11, 2025

USBC NATIONAL HIGH AVERAGE, SERIES AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2024-2025 SEASON

ARLINGTON, Texas – Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York, claimed her spot at the top of the average list in the women's division for the second consecutive season as the United States Bowling Congress revealed its National High Average and Series winners for 2024-2025.

The USBC National High Average and Series Awards are presented to both adult and youth USBC members for posting the top average (minimum of 66 games in the same league) and three-game series during the season.

Kuhlkin – a three-time champion on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour – earned the distinction for the fourth time in six years after posting a 246.39 average over 120 games in the Towne Mixed Doubles league at Schenectady's Towne Bowling Academy.

She also claimed the top average during the 2019-2020 (240 average), 2021-2022 (247) and 2023-2024 (239) seasons.

Kuhlkin set the women's three-game series record (890) to win the National High Series Award during the 2016-2017 season and also is the owner of three youth awards for top average (2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011).

In the men's division, Jake Washington of Hiram, Georgia, collected his first National High Average Award after recording a 253.86 average across 93 games in the Monday Money league at AMF Woodstock Lanes (Woodstock, Georgia).

It marked the second time Washington has averaged more than 250 over the course of a season. He posted 251.45 over 114 games in 2016-2017.

A pair of competitors in the Junior Team USA program recorded the top youth averages in 2024-2025 as Kaitlyn Stull of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Ryan Campbell of Clinton, South Carolina, earned their first National High Average Awards.

Stull – a member of Junior Team USA in 2024 and 2025 – earned the top spot for youth females with a 226.84 average in 71 games. The 2024 PWBA Mooresville Regional and Regional Showdown champion posted the number during the #NorthHouseElite league at Raleigh's Buffaloe Lanes North.

Campbell – a member of Junior Team USA's developmental program in 2025 – rolled to a 248.11 average across 72 games to claim top average for youth males. The 2023 Junior Gold Championships winner (U12) was able to achieve the feat during the Saturday Morning Youth Junior/Masters 24-25 league at Expo 300 in Greenwood, South Carolina.

The National High Series Award in the men's division went to Desron Weatherspoon of Buffalo, New York, while Baltimore's Jordan McGainey earned the recognition in the women's division.

Weatherspoon claimed his award by becoming the 40th bowler to roll a 900 series in USBC-certified competition Jan. 18. He posted his perfect session during the Saturday Elite Bowling league at AMF Airport Lanes in Cheektowaga, New York.

McGainey had games of 300, 300 and 278 for an 878 series to secure the honor for the season. She started her set on May 1 with 29 strikes during the Thursday Elite league at Baltimore's AMF Perry Hall Lanes and finished with strikes on 35 of her 36 deliveries.

In the youth division, the National High Series Awards were claimed by Jacob Tirado of Schenectady, New York, and Sicora Floyd of Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Tirado took home the top tally for youth males after rolling games of 290, 300 and 300 on Jan. 16 for an 890 series. His performance – which closed with 35 strikes – occurred during a high school matchup for the Suburban Council at Kingpin's Alley in Latham, New York.

Floyd put together games of 300, 247 and 290 for an 837 series to record the top score for youth females. She rolled the award-winning set March 15 during the Jr. Classics league at Steel City Bowl and Brews in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

December 30, 2025

2026 TEAM USA TRIALS, U.S. AMATEUR SET TO BEGIN IN LAS VEGAS

ARLINGTON, Texas – While most of us are preparing to ring in the New Year, more than 300 of the nation's top bowlers are making their way to Las Vegas and preparing for the start of competition at the 2026 United States Bowling Congress Team USA Trials and United States National Amateur Bowling Championships.

Official practice sessions will take place at Gold Coast Bowling Center on Friday with tournament action kicking off in both the men's and women's divisions on Saturday morning.

Competition at the Team USA Trials and U.S. Amateur consists of five six-game qualifying blocks.

Each block will feature a different and challenging lane condition, forcing bowlers to demonstrate versatility if they hope to remain in contention throughout the five-day event.

Standings at the Team USA Trials and U.S. Amateur are determined using a ranking points system specifically designed for these events.

Competitors earn ranking points based on their finishing positions during each of the five qualifying rounds – the top bowler of the round will earn one ranking point, second place will earn two points, etc. – with the lowest total of ranking points after five rounds determining the men's and women's Team USA Trials champions.

After competition concludes, Team USA 2026 will be announced and will consist of at least 12 men and 12 women with the top four age-eligible men and top four age-eligible women at the 2026 Team USA Trials, based on ranking points, earning automatic spots on Team USA.

The 2026 U.S. Amateur champions also will automatically make Team USA provided they are age eligible. If the champions have already earned spots, invitations will be extended to the next-highest qualifier in each division based on ranking points.

The National Selection Committee will name two additional men and two additional women to Team USA from the pool of players that competed at the 2026 Team USA Trials.

In order to be eligible for a spot on Team USA 2026, a bowler must be at least 18 years old as of the end of the 2026 Team USA Trials.

The National Selection Committee will fill the remaining spots for Team USA 2026 based on submitted resumes.

Those applicants must have registered with intent to compete at the 2026 Team USA Trials and have met one of the following conditions:

- Been a Team USA member within the last five years
- Been a Junior Team USA member within the last two years and have been on a travel competition team
- Been in the top 25 of either the Professional Bowlers Association or Professional Women's Bowling Association points list from the 2025 season

At the conclusion of the fifth and final round of Team USA Trials qualifying, the top three amateur men and top three amateur women will advance to a stepladder final to determine the 2026 U.S. Amateur champions.

To be eligible for the 2026 U.S. Amateur, men's competitors must not hold or have held a professional membership (PBA) or won a title (regional, national or senior) as a professional in 2025.

In order to compete as an amateur, a women's competitor must meet the following criteria:

- Be under the age of 60
- Have not won a PWBA national title, regardless of professional status at the time of winning, within the past 10 years and/or up through their first day of competition at the 2026 Team USA Trials
- Have not won a PWBA major title, regardless of professional status at the time of winning, within the past 20 years
- Have not finished in the top 30 on the PWBA national tour points list at the conclusion of the 2025 season

For youth competitors, the top six age-eligible males and top six age-eligible females, based on ranking points, will earn automatic spots, while two additional males and two additional females will be selected by the National Selection Committee as at-large selections from those who participated in the Team USA Trials.

They will join the youth competitors who already earned their spots on Junior Team USA 2026 during the 2025 Junior Gold Championships or the 2025 USBC U22 Masters and U22 Queens.

All rounds of Team USA Trials and U.S. Amateur competition will be broadcast live at BowlTV.com beginning Saturday at 11 a.m. Eastern and will continue daily through

Jan. 7 when competition ends and the announcement and introduction of Team USA and Junior Team USA 2026 takes place.

All four defending champions will be competing in Las Vegas this week with Ryan Barnes of Denton, Texas, and Crystal Elliott of Palm Bay, Florida, looking to make it back-to-back Team USA Trials titles while Katelyn Abigania of San Diego attempts to win the women's U.S. Amateur crown for the second year in a row.

There will definitely be a new men's U.S. Amateur champ as last year's winner, C.J. Petrin of Chattanooga, Tennessee, has transitioned to the professional ranks; therefore, he will only be competing in the 2026 Team USA Trials.

In order to afford Team USA athletes the opportunity to compete on equal terms with other national teams, USBC will follow International Bowling Federation (IBF) ball standards at the 2026 Team USA Trials and U.S. Amateur. If IBF standards change in the future, USBC will revisit the rules for these events.

Dec. 30, 2025

TEAM USA ACCEPTING RESUMES FOR
2026 PARA BOWLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The Team USA program is accepting resumes from para bowlers interested in representing the red, white and blue at the 2026 International Bowling Federation Para Bowling World Championships, which will take place at Blu-O Rhythm & Bowl, Siam Paragon in Bangkok, Thailand, from April 29 - May 10.

Team members for the Para Bowling World Championships will be selected by the National Selection Committee from submitted applications, which will be accepted from Jan. 1-31. The committee is planning to select three male and three female athletes to compete in Bangkok, two from the TPB8 classification and one from either the TPB9 or TPB10 classification.

According to IBF, TPB8 wheelchair athletes must play the sport in a wheelchair and are not allowed to stand up while throwing the ball. TPB9 and TPB10 athletes, on the other hand, must stand while bowling.

TPB9 are bowling athletes without a lower limb and may have a prosthetic leg but cannot be motorized while TPB10 are bowling athletes without an upper limb and may have a prosthetic arm but cannot be motorized.

Prosthetic limbs and arms must be passive prosthetic devices that do not move on their own. They are neither body powered nor myoelectrically powered.

In simple terms, they must be non-powered prosthetic devices. Those selected to compete will receive a paid entry into the events, airfare, lodging and official uniforms.