



# JTBA & Junior Gold



## ***All JTBA Regular Season Events Are U15 and U20 Junior Gold Qualifiers!***

### **General Information**

The USBC Junior Gold Championships national tournament conducted in July each year for youth bowlers in the United States and eligible nations. The tournament awards \$250,000+ in SMART scholarships making it the richest youth bowling event in the world. The Junior Gold Championships event is a primary event used in the selection of members of Junior Team USA which represents the United States in international competition.

Participation in the USBC Junior Gold Championships requires a youth bowler to earn a paid entry by participating in a Jr. Gold Qualifying event. A bowler cannot “buy-in” to the Championships directly. All JTBA events are U15 and U20 Junior Gold Qualifiers. To participate in a Jr. Gold Qualifier for the opportunity to earn a paid entry to the Jr. Gold Championships, a bowler must:

1. Be a current USBC youth member in good standing and,
  2. Be a current member of the USBC Junior Gold Program. Annual memberships are August 1-July 31.
- USBC Youth memberships can be purchased online at [bowl.com](http://bowl.com) or through your local association. USBC Junior Gold membership cost \$30.00 and can also be purchased online at [bowl.com](http://bowl.com) or you may turn in the membership application/fee at a JTBA Tournament site.
  - Purchase of a USBC Jr. Gold membership ***IS NOT*** the same as payment for participation entry for either the JTBA tournament or the JTBA-conducted Junior Gold tournament qualifier.
  - Participation by a bowler in a JTBA Jr. Gold Qualifier is optional and is not required to participate in a JTBA event.

### **Particulars**

JTBA Junior Gold Qualifiers conducted will award a paid entry to the Junior Gold Championships for Junior Gold members in the U20 Boys, U20 Girls, and U15 Mixed Gender based on the following criteria:

1. Date of birth in each division: U20 division: 8.1.97 - 7.31.02; U15 division: 8.1.02 - 7.31.05.
2. U20 Boys/U20 Girls Qualifier entry fee: \$40.00. 1:5 in each division will be awarded a paid entry (value: \$200.00)
3. U15 Mixed Gender Qualifier entry fee: \$37.50. 1:4 will be awarded a paid entry (value \$150.00)
4. JTBA Junior Gold qualifiers use the Major Fraction Thereof Advancer Ration Policy stated in the current Junior Gold handbook (available at [bowl.com](http://bowl.com)).
5. Qualifier will be based on total score from first five (5) games of tournament.
6. Results for Junior Gold qualifying advancers are posted at each tournament between the qualifying and championship rounds and are available online at [jtba.com](http://jtba.com).
7. A bowler is required to contact the JTBA by email if not able to use a Junior Gold entry awarded at a JTBA event.

### **Information**

Website: [www.bowl.com/juniorgold](http://www.bowl.com/juniorgold) 1.800.514.2695 ext. 8426

Dates: 2017-2018 Junior Gold Championships will be conducted at numerous bowling centers in the Greater Dallas, Texas area in mid-July 2018.