



Great Lakes Jr Gold Tour

Season 2025-2026 Rules



1. This is an opportunity to advance to the USBC Junior Gold National Championship. Each event shall be a USBC Sport shot certified scratch tournament that is open to any USBC Youth Member in divisions of U12,U14,U16,U18, competing for Jr Gold Spots & SMART scholarships. All events will be a Junior Gold Qualifiers, unless otherwise stated on the event information.

GLJGT will also run the Collegiate ADULT division. Bowlers in the Collegiate ADULT, must hold an Adult USBC sanction Card. The COLLEGIATE ADULT division will have an age limit (25) when competing.

All Scholarship awards to any bowler in Collegiate ADULT will be in SMART Scholarship Awards only. NO CASH WILL BE AWARDED.

USBC Youth Members (U12,U14,U16, U18): All rules of USBC will be enforced, unless otherwise written out by GLJGT. To win a Junior Gold spot, you must be a: USBC Sanctioned Youth member (U12,U14,U16,U18), must have paid at least the National sanction fee \$4, if not already a sanctioned bowler through a sanction Youth league, and hold a Junior Gold Membership, or purchase one prior to the 1st ball of a qualifying event. To just bowl for scholarship you must be a USBC Youth Member and have paid at least the USBC National sanction fee \$4.00 either on the day of the event or through a sanctioned Youth league. USBC National Youth membership sanctions can be purchased on Bowl.com, through a local association or League, or GLJGT at any event. Youth Sanctions / and-or Junior Gold Memberships can also be paid using our online entry.

USBC Collegiate Adult Member :

All rules of USBC will be enforced, therefore an Collegiate Adult must be a USBC Adult Sanction Member and have paid at least the USBC National sanction fee either through a sanctioned Adult league, or purchased online at Bowl.com.

NOTE: We do not offer the Adult USBC Sanction fee through our program because there can be different fees/costs based on where your local association is located.

[EXCEPTION] We will be hosting Junior/Adult tournaments. This will be the only time Adults can Bowl with youth bowlers in GLJGT tournaments. There will be two (2) events this season. The adult bowler, including any Collegiate adults, will forfeit any/all earnings/winnings (cash) not trophies to the youth partner/bowler they are Teamed up with which will be converted to SMART funds. All Scholarships to any youth bowler will be in the form of SMART Scholarships. NO youth bowler will ever be awarded Cash. Adult bowlers will receive their own trophy for the Junior/Adult events.

For our Junior/Adult events, Adult partners will need to hold a current USBC Sanction card or pay the \$5.00 participation fee. USBC National Adult membership sanctions cards can be purchased on Bowl.com online, through a Local Association or league, or through GLJGT at any event. ADULTS birthday must be before July 31, 2007, or cannot be of age for qualifying for a Junior Gold Spot for 2025-26 season. All rules of USBC will be enforced. GLJGT reserves the right to change rules, staying within USBC rules/guidelines.

Age Divisions: (JUNIOR GOLD SPOT)

There are 4 age divisions for bowlers competing for a Junior Gold Spot:

GLJGT is not responsible if a bowler checks/competes in the wrong division.

Any bowler in the wrong division/ or Illegal bowler **will not** receive a refund of their entry fee.

U12 Aug 1, 2013 ----- Current date

U14 Aug 1, 2011 ----- July 31, 2013

U16 Aug 1, 2009 ----- July 31, 2011

U18 Aug 1, 2007 ----- July 31, 2009

USBC JR GOLD OFFICIAL D.O.B FOR ALL JR GOLD QUALIFIERS. NO BOWLER CAN TURN 19 PRIOR TO JULY 31, 2026. [Ages pg 3 Junior Gold handbook](#)

Age Division: (Collegiate adults)

There will only be 1 age division for Collegiate adults - this division is no longer eligible for competing in Junior Gold - however GLJGT will still run a collegiate division and any awards will be given in Medals, Trophies or SMART Scholarship - NO CASH WILL BE GIVEN.

COLLEGIATE ADULTS: Aug 1, 2001 ----- July 31, 2007

Entry Fee /Breakdowns/Format :

GLJGT will have different formats through the 2025 - 2026 season.

The different entry forms and formats can be found on our website (www.gljgt.org). Included are the locations, member and Non member entry fee, breakdown of entry fee, and other information in the entry form. Different locations have different entry fees, with different formats, with different breakdowns in the entry fee.

Be sure to pay attention to this, as the cost of each event changes, so do the payouts in Scholarships from each event. Bowlers can bowl just for scholarship only if they either don't want to qualify for Junior Gold or have already qualified for the Junior Gold Nationals. Bowlers cannot just bowl for Junior Gold Spot without a Scholarship opportunity.

Jr Gold Qualifiers:

Most GLJGT events are a Junior Gold Qualifier opportunity. Meaning, bowlers have the opportunity to compete for a Junior Gold Spot (JG). Entry fee DOES NOT include the Junior Gold opportunity. Entry fees DO NOT include the Junior Gold Membership. These are a separate cost. Per USBC rules, any bowler who is competing for a Junior Gold Spot, must be a current 2025-2026 USBC sanctioned youth bowler, and not possess a current Gold spot to the Junior Gold Championship in 2026 (TBD). There must be at least 4 bowlers bowling for a spot in both separate divisions or the division may become a mixed group of Boys and Girls. (see website: gljgt.org for details on which events are Junior Gold Qualifiers.

USBC Junior Gold Membership cost:

U12:\$25 / U14:\$40 / U16-U18:\$50. This is an annual membership from August 1st through July 31st, and must be renewed each year. Any bowler competing for a JG spot must hold a current 2025-2026 USBC Youth Junior Gold membership.

Jr Gold Spot cost/ratio for 2025-26 GLJGT season:

This is a separate cost and IS NOT included in your entry fee.

U12- \$150. GLJGT uses a 1:4 ratio. Each bowler competing for a JG spot will pay \$37.50

U14- \$200. GLJGT uses a 1:4 ratio. Each bowler competing for a JG spot will pay \$50.00

U16- \$250. GLJGT uses a 1:5 ratio. Each bowler competing for a JG spot will pay \$50.00

U18- \$250. GLJGT uses a 1:5 ratio. Each bowler competing for a JG spot will pay \$50.00

Awarding Gold spots:

Junior Gold spots will be awarded based on bowler qualifying scores. At end of qualifying, the highest pinfall bowlers competing for Junior Gold spots, will be awarded Junior Gold spots based on the ratio per division. In any event that has less than the tournament ratio per division to award gold spots, the Tournament Director has the right to change the ratio for the division based on the bowlers who are bowling for Gold spots. Since the number of bowlers competing for Gold spots is less than the ratio, the remaining bowlers competing for Gold must make up the difference of shortfall to award the Gold spot. The difference of the shortage for the Gold Spot must be paid by the remaining bowlers in an even distribution cost. No one bowler can make up the shortage. So as long as the minimum of bowlers competing for Gold has been met, there is no difference for bowlers to make up. Must be a minimum of 4 bowlers for Gold, in order to award a Junior Gold Spot. For Example: if there are only 4 U18 bowlers bowling for a Junior Gold Spot - then the ratio will be changed from 1:5 to 1:4 and the 4 bowlers will have to pay a shortfall of \$12.50 to make up the missing 5th Bowler becoming a 1:4 ratio.

Awarding Additional Gold spots in U12: (GLJGT does not use the major fraction thereof - page 8 Junior Gold Tournament guide)

The ratio used for GLJGT is 1:4 in the U12 division. The 2nd place bowler can claim a 2nd spot for Junior Gold, if this group has 5-7 bowlers bowling for a Gold spot. The 2nd highest Junior Gold advancer can claim a Junior Gold spot by paying the difference of shortage of bowlers (paying the Junior Gold cost portion only, not the entire entry fee. If 2nd place bowler chooses not to accept the alternate spot, the alternate spot does not pass down to the next bowler. Monies collected from extra bowlers will be forwarded to the next Tournament. For example - if there are 6 - U12 bowlers bowling for a Junior Gold Spot - the 1st advancer will receive the fully paid spot - but the 2nd advancer will have to make up the difference of the 2 missing bowlers that would have completed the 1:4 ratio and would have to pay \$75 for the 2nd Junior Gold Spot (partial paid spot). If there were 8 bowlers for gold, the 2nd advancer would not have to pay any shortfall, since the gold spot awarded would be fully paid. **The buy-in amount due is non - refundable.**

Awarding Additional Gold spots in U14: (GLJGT does not use the major fraction thereof - page 8 Junior Gold Tournament guide)

The ratio used for GLJGT is 1:4 in U14. The 2nd place bowler can claim a 2nd spot for Junior Gold, if this group has 5-7 bowlers bowling for a Gold spot. The 2nd highest Junior Gold advancer can claim a Junior Gold spot by paying the difference of shortage of bowlers. Just paying the Junior Gold cost portion only, not the entire entry fee. If 2nd place bowler chooses not to accept the alternate spot, the alternate spot does not pass down to the next bowler. Monies collected from extra bowlers will be forwarded to the next Tournament. For example - if there are 6 - U14 bowlers bowling for a Junior Gold Spot - the 1st advancer will receive the fully paid spot - but the 2nd advancer will have to make up the difference of the 2 missing bowlers that would have completed the 1:4 ratio and would have to pay \$100 for the 2nd Junior Gold Spot (partial paid spot). If there were 8 bowlers for gold, the 2nd advancer would not have to pay any shortfall, since the gold spot awarded would be fully paid. **The buy-in amount due is non - refundable.**

Awarding Additional JR Gold spots in U16,U18 :

(GLJGT does not use the major fraction thereof - page 8 Junior Gold Tournament guide)

The ratio for U16 - U18 is 1:5. In the event beyond the minimum of bowlers awarding Junior gold spots is :U16 & U18 is 6-9, just like in the U12 & U14 divisions above, the 2nd highest Junior Gold advancer can claim a Junior Gold spot by paying the difference of shortage of bowlers to award a 2nd Gold spot. In the event the 2nd highest bowler chooses not to accept the alternate spot, the alternate spot does not pass down to the next bowler. Monies collected from extra bowlers will be forwarded to the next Tournament.

For example - if there are 8 bowlers bowling for a Junior Gold Spot (U16&U18) - the 1st advancer will receive the fully paid spot - but the 2nd advancer will have to make up the difference of the 2 missing bowlers that would have completed the 1:5 ratio and would have to pay \$100 for the 2nd Junior Gold Spot (partial paid spot). If there were 10 bowlers total the 2nd advancer would not have to pay any shortfall, since the gold spot awarded would be fully paid (1:5).

There could be more Junior Gold Spots available depending on how large the division is.

The buy-in amount due is non - refundable.

Revised JR Gold Spots - GLJGT can now move a bowler bowling for Gold to another division if there is not enough bowlers to meet the minimum requirement in their division - but still have the bowlers stay in their age division for Awards and scholarship. For Example: If there are only 2 U14 Girls bowling for a gold spot but there are a total of 5 girls in the field - the 2 bowling for a gold spot will compete in another division (for example U14 Boys or U16 Girls) for the gold spot only, but stay in their own U14 division for awards and scholarship.

After midnight on Friday and all the online entries have been accounted for - We have the right to mix a division field if both divisions of the same age (typically the U12 and U14), do not have enough bowlers for a gold spot (minimum of 4). That division will stay a mixed field even if a bowler walks in on Sunday and adds to the division to complete the minimum of 4.

For example:

If we have 2 U12 Girls bowling for a gold spot and 3 U12 boys bowling for a gold spot - after Midnight the division will be a mixed field and will reflect that on the roster Saturday morning. It will stay a mixed division even if a U12 boy bowler walks in on Sunday morning to complete the minimum of 4 bowlers. The divisions will still stay separated for awards and scholarship. This same rule will apply to all divisions (U12-U14-U16-U18). This will eliminate the delay time in gathering everyone together to decide which division the bowlers want to compete in on Sunday Morning, and still guarantee a gold spot will be offered.

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WE WILL CONTACT ALL BOWLERS THAT MAY BE AFFECTED - SO THEY CAN MAKE A DECISION IF THEY WANT TO EITHER BOWL IN THE MIXED FIELD FOR GOLD OR REMOVE THE GOLD SPOT AND JUST BOWL FOR AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP.

GLJGT Membership

Starting with the 2025-26 GLJGT season, GLJGT will have a Membership fee. Bowlers will be able to bowl as a member or non-member. Membership cost is \$35 per season.

GLJGT Members will bowl for \$15 less than Non Members, if you attend more than 2 events then the membership will pay for itself in savings. GLJGT Members also will earn either \$300 or the progressive jackpot whichever is larger in SMARTS Scholarships for rolling a 300 game. Non Members will earn \$100 in SMART Scholarships for a 300 game. GLJGT will purchase a "300" ring for any GLJGT member that shoots a 300 game (value not to exceed \$100 dollars) . Any GLJGT Member will also have the walk - in / late charge fee waived.

Members will receive a membership card upon check in.

Non-members will pay an extra \$15.00 with their entry fee.

Scholarships/ Awards:

All scholarships will be awarded in Point Value in accordance with rules of USBC Amateur eligibility status. All Scholarships will be held in a SMART fund account through USBC. Each bowler will pay a portion of their entry fee into the scholarship fund. In each division, the scholarship funds, per divisions will only be available to those paid into the fund of that Division. Michigan Bowlers can't accept scholarships in any sport based solely on performance (without an academic component GPA), as it may jeopardize High School eligibility in any/all other High School Sports.

For Example: U12 bowlers will only compete for U12 scholarship divisions, U14 will compete for scholarships in the U14 division, U16 bowlers will only compete for U16 scholarship divisions, U18 bowlers will only compete for U18 scholarship divisions, and Collegiate ADULT will only bowl for scholarships in the Collegiate ADULT divisions. Younger aged bowlers may opt to bowl up into higher divisions. In event a field fails to have enough bowlers, Tournament Director has rights to create a mixed age division. Scholarships will be awarded from this mixed division. Medals will be awarded to the top finishers per Division. Exception is the Jr/Adult, Championships, Tune-up and showcase: the top finishers will receive trophies/plaques or another form of award.

Scholarship breakdown:

U12/U14/U16/U18/Col-ad :

4-6 Game Split-Shift and 6 Game Sweeper:

1-3 bowlers = top 2, 4-9 bowlers = top 3, 10-16 bowlers = top 4, 17-25 bowlers = top 5, 26-36 = top 6, 37-49 = top 7, 50-64 = top 8, 65-81 = top 9, 82-100 = top 10

Eliminator 6, 4, 2: High qualifiers in each division receive 15% of entire scholarship (after 6 games only) - Top 4 (final) - Top 6 if more than 24 in the final round of competition. If a bowler leads in all 3 rounds a bonus scholarship of 5 SMART scholarship points will be awarded.

Jr/Adult: 1-3 teams-top 2, 4-9 teams-top 3, 10-16 teams-top 4, 17-25 teams-top 5, 26-36 teams - top 6.

GLJGT will also run a scholarship only division if there are only 1 - 3 bowlers in any age group, but no Gold spot will be awarded (must have at least 4 bowlers competing for the gold spot.)

Single bowler - 100% scholarship monies in their division.

Top 2: 60, 40 %

Top 3: 50, 30, 20 % (4-9 bowlers)

Top 4: 40, 30, 20, 10 % (10-16 bowlers)

Top 5: 40, 25, 15, 10, 10 % (17-25 bowlers)

Top 6: 30, 25, 15, 10, 10, 10 % (26-36 bowlers)

Top 7: 30, 20, 15, 10, 10, 10, 5 % (37-48 bowlers)

Top 8: 25, 20, 15, 10, 10, 10, 5, 5 % (50-64 bowlers)

Top 9: 25, 20, 15, 10, 10, 5, 5, 5, 5 % (65-81 bowlers)

Top 12: 25%, 15%, 10%, 10%, 5%, 5%, 5%, 5%, 5%, 5%, 5%, 5% (82+ bowlers)

Top 16: 25%, 17%, 12%, 10%, 3%, 3%, 3%, 3%, 3%, 3%, 3%, 3%, 3%, 3%, 3% (96+ bowlers)

300 GAME JACKPOT (250 FOR U12)

This season (2025-2026) GLJGT is giving a reward for shooting a 300 game. Any Member of the Great Lakes Jr Gold Tour, who rolls a 300 game during competition will earn \$300 in SMART Scholarship (60 points) + the progressive Jackpot. GLJGT will also purchase a #300 ring for any GLJGT member who shoots a 300. (not to exceed \$100) Limit: 6 rings per year.

Non GLJGT Members will receive \$100 in SMART Scholarship (20 points) only. No Ring will be Purchased by GLJGT for non-members,

*U12 GLJGT members: If a U12 Bowler bowls 1 single game of 250 or more, then that bowler will receive \$250 in SMART Scholarship (50 points), U12 non GLJGT members will receive \$50 in SMART Scholarship (10 points) (Does not include progressive jackpot).

Exceptions: Eliminator: round 2 and 3 will not qualify for the 300/250*U12 game bonus.

Jr/Adult and Jr/Jr BAKER: will not qualify for the 300/250*U12 game bonus.

Championship - Tuneup - June events (2025): will not qualify for the progressive jackpot - but will be awarded 300 (60pts)

Funded: Extra funds come from USBC SMART unassigned fund (#12800) and GLJGT will include \$1 from each entry to fund the progressive jackpot amount. (revised 6-30-2024)

Tournament times:

Times may vary slightly. See event schedule for posted times. We will do our best to work with listed times, however sometimes due to circumstances beyond our control, starting times may need to be adjusted. Tournament Director has the right to adjust times, and will do our best to notify all bowlers in advance if this happens. We will post any changes on our Website and Facebook as soon as we are aware of any. In the event a tournament is canceled for ANY reason, either by the center, or by GLJGT, bowler(s) shall be entitled to a full refund of their paid entry fee. We will notify all bowlers, via email and thru our 3 Facebook sources of GLJGT, and on our Website- Great Lakes JR Gold Tour, www.gljgt.org.

Lane patterns:

Lane patterns (sport) will not be posted before the tournament, but at the tournament during check in. If the pattern gets revealed before the tournament a new sport shot pattern will be selected. There is NO ball check. We hope you will be honest, and follow USBC Rules. If we do see an illegal ball we will remove it from play, and can be picked up after the tournament is completed.

Lane Assignments:

Bowlers will be assigned lanes at check in, in the order they arrive. If you want to bowl with friends, check in together and we will try to assign the same pair of lanes. If you check in late we cannot guarantee you can bowl with friends. No lanes will be saved.

Roster:

Roster will be posted on Tues by 2pm, again on Thursday 2pm and on Saturday by 2pm on the website the week before the event. Online entry roster closes on Friday Midnight for Sunday events. Thursday at midnight for events on Saturday. Roster can be found on our Website (GLJGT.ORG). Clicking on the current roster (top right corner) on our website, will allow you to see the current roster of the next event. Paying online or by mail, before the system closes, or event fills, will guarantee your name on our "paid" roster. In the event the Tournament fills up, there will be an online "Waiting list". Bowlers who wish to be added to the waitlist, goto www.gljgt.org, and sign up for the wait list. Do NOT contact us, asking us to add a bowler, you must go online, and do it.

Youth Divisions/Combined:

After midnight on Friday and all the online entries have been accounted for - We have the right to mix a division field if both divisions of the same age (typically the U12 and U14), do not have enough bowlers for a gold spot (minimum of 4). That division will stay a mixed field even if a bowler walks in on Sunday and adds to the division to complete the minimum of 4. This way will make a guaranteed gold spot.

For example:

If we have 2 U12 Girls bowling for a gold spot and 3 U12 boys bowling for a gold spot - after Midnight the division will be a mixed field and will reflect that on the roster Saturday morning. It will stay a mixed division even if a U12 boy bowler walks in on Sunday morning to complete the minimum of 4 bowlers. The divisions will still stay separated for awards and scholarship. This same rule will apply to all divisions (U12-U14-U16-U18). This will eliminate the delay time in gathering everyone together to decide which division the bowlers want to compete in on Sunday Morning, and still guarantee a gold spot will be offered.

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Per USBC rules of Jr Gold: boys can only bowl in boy fields at JR Gold Qualifiers/events. However, girls are allowed to compete in a boys field, if they choose to, and will be considered a Mixed Boys/Girls field.

Exceptions next page:

Exception: GLJGT will give a girl field that has the required 4 bowlers for a gold spot , the opportunity to allow a boy to bowl if there are not the required 4 bowlers in the boys field for gold, if all the girls agree.

Exception: a field must have at least 1-3 bowlers per division to run for Scholarship only. (4) Bowlers for Gold are required if bowling for JR Gold Spots. GLJGT will run separate Gender divisions of B/G for Gold, if we have at least 4 bowlers per gender division.

Bowlers per lane:

Varies from 2-4 bowlers per lane, depending on number of bowlers in the event and lanes available. These numbers may go up or down at Tournament Directors discretion and what works best for the event. Bowlers per lane may affect the event schedule run times, bowlers/spectators are advised to be prepared for time changes as events may run shorter, or longer at times. Only bowlers, lane monitors and tournament officials in the bowler area please. All bowling coaches, fans, parents, spectators will remain on the main concourse, out of the area designated for the bowlers, if they are not they will be asked to move out of the bowlers area during competition. Only bowlers still competing are allowed in the bowlers area when we get to the Semi/Finals rounds.

Scoring: (Revised 8-23-2021)

All bowlers will keep their own scores. At the end of each game, an opponent on your lane will initial your score card to verify the score you entered is correct. In doing so your opponents initials are not the final determination of scores, it is just an added confirmation that the correct bowler's scores were entered onto the scoresheet, and to prevent anyone falsifying scores. (see definition below) At completion of qualifying games, all bowlers will total up their own score cards and turn into a tournament office. Bowlers' scores and total must be legible, so we can read it while entering scores into the computer.

As the scorekeeper is entering the scores and if the grand total of all scores we calculated does not match the bowlers grand total of all scores, we will try to give the scoresheet back to the bowler to re-add or make adjustments. (USBC rule 327b)

At that time, we will also retrieve a bowling center printout for additional verification of score if the score needs to be changed but the total remains the same.

If both a score and the total is different, then we will require a printout from the bowling center to verify the correct scores. This may cause a delay in the final results, before any awards are given. (continued)

PARENTS/BOWLERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BOTHER/DISTURB THE SCOREKEEPER WHO IS ENTERING THE SCORES INTO THE COMPUTER, AS THIS CAUSES CONFUSION AND ERRORS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE FINAL RESULTS.

Errors should be caught before any scores or awards have been announced, however, if an error is caught after awards have been given out, but the bowlers have not left the building (within 15 minutes USBC rule 327b) , the results will be revised, verified by a bowling center printout, which could result in a change of awards and placement medals/Scholarship.

If the competition is completed and everyone has gone home, and an error is discovered, the results will stay as is and will not change. All results are declared unofficial until USBC receives them either by mail, or email, or the Jr Gold Portal.

Any Bowler who has left the building and does not turn in a score sheet will receive an "0" for ALL game totals, and the possibility of not bowling in future events of GLJGT. If a bowler leaves the building and does not write in their score after they turned in their score cards they will receive a 0 for that/those games. GLJGT will not use the bowling centers printout to verify the score - Bowlers will receive a 0.

Scoring continued

If a bowler needs to leave due to an injury or emergency, they must turn in their score sheet and let a tournament official know that they are leaving. If a bowler leaves without notifying a tournament official they could be banned from any future GLJGT event. After all scores are turned in, we will verify all scores, and announce the standing after all scores are calculated. At some events bowlers will turn in top copy and continue to write scores on second copy, before finishing bowling. We will update standings with these numbers to post a current standing sheet as the event continues. **Anyone found to be intentionally falsifying** (see dictionary definition below) their score will be disqualified immediately from that event and banned from any future events with GLJGT and will be reported to USBC for their actions. GLJGT has the right to audit scores, obtained from a bowling center printout after the event has been completed.

Falsifying definitions: (intentionally - not accidentally or due to mis-read scores)

1. To state untruthfully; misrepresent.

2.

a. To make false by altering or adding to: *falsify testimony. (intentionally adding more or less to your score than what your score actually is)*

b. To counterfeit; forge: *falsify a visa.*

3. To declare or prove to be false.

To make untrue statements; lie.

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Lane monitors:

Lane monitors will only change scores and notify the desk of any lane issues, all other major issues that result in a debate of what to do or how it should be handled, shall be as follows: **ALL BOWLERS MUST STOP BOWLING ON THE PAIR IN QUESTION** and notify the tournament Director to make a final decision on what to do if it's not clear in the rules of USBC or GLJGT. If bowlers continue bowling on the pair in question and do not stop before the issue is resolved than we cannot go back and change the problem/issue and bowling will continue on that pair of lanes and the bowlers score will stand as is. Lane Monitors (or parents) are not allowed to make any executive decisions on any discrepancies.

Ties in scores: (revised 7-5-21)

In the event that the bowlers tie in total pin fall of qualifying rounds, the bowler with the highest game in qualifying will determine the higher seed bowler. If the bowlers still have a tie with high games, the bowler with the highest game first will be placed in the top seeded spot accordingly.

Per USBC Jr Gold Rules: In the event there is a tie in scores where a Jr Gold Spot is at stake, there must be a roll off. GLJGT will then use an 8,9,10 frame roll off and bowlers will be given 2 balls per lane for practice before the roll off starts.

Ties in Advancer rounds (Eliminator events) will work differently: In the event bowlers tie in total pin fall during a round where there is additional rounds of bowling, GLJGT will advance ALL bowlers who tie inside and outside the cut line , will move onto the next round, for example if 4 bowlers are advancing to the next round but the 5th bowler is tied for 4th then both bowlers will advance to the next round.

Bowlers leaving the premises (centers parking lot) and making the semi-finals cut:

We realize often circumstances arise that a bowler may need to leave. But sometimes bowlers may leave simply because they don't feel they made the semi-finals cut. In events where we have advancers rounds we ask bowlers to stay to see if they made the Advancers cut. After scores are posted, we ask that the bowlers please stay long enough to see if they may be needed as an alternate bowler. If an alternate bowler is used, we may need to reseed the bowlers. If a bowler makes the Advancers cut, and is discovered not present during the paddock, we will make an announcement calling the advanced bowler to paddock (in case they are in the bathroom or out in the centers parking lot). If the bowler called (via intercom) is not present after then the next bowler in line who is present will advance to the Advancer round.

We will **NOT** be calling via phone & waiting for a bowler to return, who has made the cut, who has left the premises (centers parking lot) and on their way home.

Dress code:

We will be following USBC Jr Gold Rules of dress code:

Shirts: Competitors shall provide their own bowling shirt with a collared, V-neck, rib-lined or banded necklines. Mock collar must be a minimum of three-quarters of one inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competition. Females may wear a sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished. It is recommended that participants have their names on their shirts (first and last name is recommended), but it is not required. If bowler chooses to have a name on the back, the lettering must be a minimum of one-inch high and a maximum of three inches high on the back of shirts during all tournament play. Hand-printed lettering is not permitted. Lettering must be in contrasting color to backing (light on dark, or dark on light material) so it can be easily read from a distance.

Pants: Male participants are required to wear full slacks. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Slacks must have a zipper and a button to be eligible. **JEANS ARE NOT PERMITTED.** Female participants are required to wear slacks, skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts. All skirts, culottes, skorts, or walking shorts must be no shorter than one-half the distance from the inseam to the top of the knee in length and/or no shorter than the fingertips when the arms are at their sides while standing. Jeans/yoga pants not permitted. **Tournament Director** has right to refuse any clothing deemed inappropriate.

Headgear/ Phones/Music:

No covering or sunglasses can be worn while practicing or competing (hats, or bandannas, etc.), unless a request is made in writing and approved prior to the event.

CELL PHONES OR MUSIC DEVICES : (**NO EAR BUDS ON THE APPROACH**)

Texting, checking messages, scrolling social media sites, talking on cell phones, listening to music while on the approach or bowling is prohibited. Bowlers may use their phones for adding scores but must be at the table and not on the lanes. Bowlers may listen to music (earbuds) while sitting at the table waiting for their turn to bowl - EARBUDS must be removed while on the approach actively bowling.

Bowlers may use their phones after their individual game is finished, while waiting to move to the next pair of lanes announced by the tournament director.

If a bowler is not up to bowl when it is their turn because of phone use then: 1st offense is verbal warning, 2nd offense could lead to disqualification from the event. (You are here to bowl). If tournament Director sees a bowler wearing earbuds on the lanes - he will ask the bowler to remove them while bowling (1st warning). If the tournament Director sees it again a 2nd time - ear buds will be removed and given to the bowler's parents to hang on to.

Behavior/ abuse of equipment:

Abuse of equipment of bowling house, disruptive language, foul language, excessive hand clapping, slapping, and or/ unprofessional behavior by bowlers or any spectators are cause for dismissal from this or any future events & Entry fee(s) will not be refunded.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ASK ANY PERSON TO LEAVE THE BOWLING CENTER IF THEIR CONDUCT IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE TOURNAMENT OPERATION.

Bowling equipment must meet USBC specification:

Any bowler who **knowingly** uses illegal equipment will be barred from events. The use of any powder or foreign substance on shoes, on the approach, on the facility floor, on the carpet, or on a bowling towel is not allowed.

Altering ball surface:

NO ball surface may be altered after the initial 10 minutes of practice set- Once competition begins, only a dry towel may be used to wipe or contact the ball. All liquids, sprays, sanding pads, must be done prior to the 1st ball of qualifying games. If the ball surface has residue on it, due to the lanes, or ball return, the bowler may show the tournament director and clean just that spot with a cleaner in front of the tournament director.

However-- after qualifying round events, and prior to any advancer rounds, bowlers may use this time to alter the surface of equipment if they choose. Including the practice time of an advancer round. If a bowler is seen altering a ball surface during the tournament qualifying and during match play:

1st offense: The ball will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament as soon as this is discovered.

2nd offense: The bowler will be disqualified from the current event, with NO refund of entry fee

ADDED INFO: Whatever hand the first ball of the tournament is thrown with is the hand you use in Competition. Some bowlers may be 2 handed. Bowler may switch from one handed to 2 handed, as long as the same dominant hand is leaving the ball. Vice/Versa

Lane courtesy:

When bowler(s) finish their game, all bowlers WILL NOT move to the next pair of lanes until all bowlers have completed their game, as to not disrupt bowlers finishing up, this includes moving any equipment onto lanes. Tournament Director will notify all bowlers when it is time to move to your next pair of lanes. All bowlers will use lane courtesy and be respectful of bowlers on the lanes.

Approach/surface conditions:

We have had talks with USBC about this. What if the approach conditions are dangerous to the bowlers? Either too slick, or sticky. Attempts will be made to fix the approach condition to make it safe for bowlers. Under USBC rules- they say the tournament conditions are, as they are. USBC rules are the same for adults, as is for youth events. The bowler needs to learn to be versatile with their bowling style approach. USBC rules also say that the Tournament Director has the final say in what decision will be made. GLJGT will make a final decision on how to handle each situation as it arises.

Lane breakdowns/ or approach conditions cannot be improved:

On occasion lanes do break down. If a lane is down for more than **10 minutes**, Tournament Director has right to move bowlers to an alternate pair of lanes, we will provide direction for the bowlers on where and how to move if/when it happens. Tournament Director has the right to move bowlers on a broken pair to an unused working pair if conditions warrant. NO practice will be given to bowlers on the unused working pair.

If bowlers are reassigned to new lanes, do scores carry over to the new lanes?

We have had talks with USBC about this: Bowlers will not be allowed to restart the game from frame 1. If Tournament Director does decide to move bowlers to a new pair of lanes, all previous scores will still be in play, even if previous lanes conditions resulted in bowlers fouling, or falling over and not having a solid delivery, etc. Scores will stand as they are when carried over to the new lanes in play.

Empowerment:

The tournament manager has the right to refuse any entry. The bowler who voluntarily enters this event ,agrees to accept the final decision of the Tournament manager, by interpreting and enforcing, in accordance with Rule 329 of USBC.

Tournament NO Shows/CANCELLATIONS:

If you enter an event and you don't show up, you forfeit your entry fee.

If you contact us directly (phone call/email/text/contact us) and cancel within a minimum of 24 hours prior to the start of the event, then we will return your entry fee minus a \$10 service charge, or you may forward your entry to a future tournament of the 2025-26 season.

Send us a confirmation email to jeff_wirtz@comcast.net to receive a refund or to forward to another tournament in the current season.

If you cancel less than 24 hours prior to the start of the event - and it is your first GLJGT event, you will receive a refund of your entry fee minus a \$10 service charge.

If you have bowled in GLJGT tournaments before and you are a current year GLJGT Member, you will receive a refund of your entry fee minus a \$10 service charge.

If you are NOT a current year GLJGT member, you will have the option to forward your entry to another tournament for the rest of the current season, you will NOT receive any refund.

If you cancel on the day of the tournament:

You will have the option to forward your entry to another tournament for the rest Of the current season, you will NOT receive any refund.

You must speak with us directly (phone call 269-579-1368), then send us a confirmation email to jeff_wirtz@comcast.net to be able to forward your entry to another current season tournament.

KEEP IN MIND IF YOU CALL US THE MORNING OF THE TOURNAMENT WE MAY NOT ALWAYS HEAR THE PHONE DUE TO SETTING UP IN THE BOWLING ALLEY.

Protests:

Any and all objections or protests must come from the youth bowlers only.

OBJECTIONS FROM THE PARENTS OR SPECTATORS WILL NOT BE HEARD.

However: we do count on the parents/adults/bowlers in helping us run an honest event.

If anyone notices anyone not following the rules for GLJGT or USBC, please let the GLJGT/tournament director know, and we will observe the situation and handle it accordingly.

USBC gives bowlers up to 3 days after an event is completed to protest scoring/or tournament ruling by filling out the protest form on bowl.com

Payment:

Great Lakes Jr Gold Tour will accept payment by either: Online registration (credit card), through our website (www.gljgt.org), by mail, or at tournament check in on the day of competition (cash or checks only), should space be available for walkins. DO NOT pay at the bowling center counter days before the tournament, the bowling center and GLJGT will not be responsible if your entry gets lost.

Bowlers using the online entry system: A small service fee will be charged to your transaction to cover for any paypal fees and any online transaction fees.

All checks mailed for events should be payable to: **GLJGT**.

NO Spots will be saved or reserved by calling and asking. Don't bother asking.

We will not be responsible for any checks lost in the mail. **Do not mail cash.**

Entry forms that are not readable or have no entry fee enclosed will not be honored.

Faxes will not be accepted.

If a check is returned for any reason, a 30 dollar fee will be charged to you, unless a bank error is proven (printed document,teller stamped and signed by a bank representative).

Walkin/late entries will be accepted for a \$15 **dollar late fee**, pending availability space.

Unless the bowler is a member of GLJGT in good standing.

REFUNDS: Bowlers/Parents have up to 24 hours before a tournament start time to request a refund/cancel, by notifying the tournament director by email,text,or phone call. Entry fee will be returned via Stripe - minus \$10.

Online payment systems *will be OPEN* until the Friday before Sunday's tournament at Midnight (12am). The date online closes will be in each tournament information page. All entries after the Friday Midnight cut off, will be considered late, and have a \$15 late fee, unless a GLJGT Member.

Online payment systems *will be OPEN* until the Thursday Midnight (12am), for events that are on **Saturday**. All entries after the Thursday midnight cut off, will be considered late, and have a \$15 late fee, unless a GLJGT Member.

Walkin/late charge \$15 - FOR NON GLJGT MEMBERS.

IN THE EVENT WE HAVE ANOTHER PANDEMIC THE GUIDELINES WILL GO AS FOLLOWS:

Covid 19 Tournament Info 06-15-2021

As bowling alleys re-open, GLJGT will do everything humanly possible to keep everyone safe, by following the CDC Covid-19 guidelines according to the State and Bowling Centers protocol. (continued)

Covid 19 or other Safety precautions & rules in place: may be edited if/when restrictions ease.

1. Anyone entering the Bowling Center, must have a mask on them properly worn. GLJGT strongly suggests wearing a mask at all times during the event. We will supply a mask if anyone needs one. Masks must be worn any time while moving, walking, standing on the back wall, or anywhere in the center-
Unless your: eating or drinking, you may lower your mask. **Plz keep your mask on at all times.**
2. EVERYONE entering the Center: Hands will be sanitized by GLJGT. Either spray, gel, or wipe towels.
3. EVERYONE entering the Center: will have their Temperature checked with a Non contact temp reader.
4. Youth Bowlers **will not need to wear a mask** while you're on the approaches up to bowl. Youths may pull down their mask, till they finish their shot, then they need to pull the mask back up. Youths will need to wear a mask If leaving the bowler's area, to join your parents, you must wear a mask while moving from your lane to your table.
5. Youths may pull the mask down, if eating/drinking in the bowler's area, then pull the mask back up when done.
6. 2-4 bowlers per lane. Bowlers will have assigned chairs, spaced out in the bowler's area. Bowlers will use the same seat arrangements when moving to the next pair of lanes. Bowl with Friends while practicing distance.
7. No Hand/body contact among the bowlers.. I.e... High fives, ect... Use elbow or feet tags for Congrats.
8. **GLJGT will use every other pair of lanes for Tournaments.** Bowlers will bowl on one pair of lanes 2-3 games (pending format), then shift **Right** one pair of lanes and resume bowling 2-3 games (pending format), on a **Fresh Oiled pair** of lanes. All Center surfaces are sanitized, cleaned prior to the event. When bowlers move from their lanes, the lanes on the right are already sanitized clean. Ready to bowl on, NO waiting.
9. **Parents/spectators.** Will remain in the same seats on the concourse just like bowlers will do in the bowlers area on the lanes. You will not need to move at all. This cuts down on any possible Covid spread.
10. Each pair of lanes in the bowler's area will have hand sanitizer provided by GLJGT for youths. Every other pair of lanes and tables will have Sanitizing supplies: Anti-Bacterial/virus table cleaning spray, Paper towels, Disinfectant wipes.
11. Sanitizing Stations & Anti-bacterial hand washing soap will be provided in/or near all bathrooms. GLJGT strongly suggests EVERYONE to use all safety measures.
12. GLJGT has additional safety plastic gloves if anyone desires to wear them. FREE
13. Each bowler will be allowed **1-2 spectators.** Centers have a max capacity with current Covid restrictions rules.
14. **Sanitizing Bowling equipment:** All bowlers must have their own bowling equipt. NO renting center shoes, or using Center bowling balls. USBC has added a new rule. Bowlers may use "Rubbing alcohol" to disinfect their bowling balls DURING any USBC GLJGT event. This kills the Covid 19 virus. Please be compliant, and keep any use of rubbing alcohol in the original container with the ingredient list. We don't want anyone accused of using illegal ball cleaner during events. Ball cleaners can only be used prior to the 1st ball of competition..
15. **GLJGT** will be using recommended CDC Covid 19 social distance signage in Centers. Everyone is expected to follow. You may see traffic flow charts for traffic(walking) in one direction. You will see seating signage. Seats listed as "Do not sit here" for proper social distancing. You will see signs reminding of "Wearing of Mask".
16. Anyone not complying with GLJGT/ Covid rules written, is subject to NOT be allowed entry, or the possibility of competing in GLJGT, while Covid 19 rules are in place. This applies to both Bowlers & Spectators.
17. If any changes due to Covid-19 happen we will make an announcement on the day of the tournament.
18. **More info is listed on our website www.gljgt.org** on the event date. Or message Director Jeff Wirtz thru cell or website: 269 579 1368 jeff_wirtz@comcast.net also use our FB sites: Great Lakes Jr Gold Tour.

Updated 06/15/21

If you feel sick or have any symptoms, please stay home, and we can refund your entry or forward it to another event. GLJGT notices a bowler or spectator doesn't feel well, or are displaying symptoms then we may ask you to leave the center, your entry will be refunded or can be moved to another event. These rules may be changed if the guidelines from the State's CDC or Bowling center change for any reason. Announcements will be made at the bowling center of any changes and updated on our website as soon as we know of the changes. By entering any of our tournaments and marking the box in registration, the bowlers or parents will not hold GLJGT or the bowling center responsible if anyone gets sick with covid or any other illness or injury.

With any illness there is no guarantee you may or may not get ill, as long as you are following the guidelines put in place, everyone has a better chance of not getting ill, if you feel uncomfortable in attending then we advise you not to. We all want everyone to be safe, and need everyone's help in doing so, so that we can have a successful event.

Contact source:

You can reach us through our website www.gljgt.org. Contact us section, or Facebook of **Jeff Wirtz**
Facebook Group of- Great Lakes Jr Gold Tour, or
Facebook Page of- Great Lakes Jr Gold Tour, or
Email us at jeff_wirtz@comcast.net Or lastly call Jeff at 269-579-1368.

If mailing an entry payment, please address mail as:
GLJGT : 150 Carleton Dr. S. Battle Creek, MI 49017

Tournament Director has the right to update or change any part of these rules in according to USBC rules.

GLJGT will be doing pictures & video taping of some events to post on our website. Any bowler entering any event run by GLJGT, understands they may be photographed, or videotaped. All bowlers who choose to compete in a GLJGT event, are not entitled to any compensation or reimbursement from GLJGT or USBC, for pictures or video used unless prior arrangements are made. GLJGT or USBC is not entitled to sell or charge any fee for reproduction of any pictures/ or video.

Bowlers entering any GLJGT event do so voluntarily. GLJGT will not be held liable to any bowler, person(s) who are injured (including but not limited to emotional distress) or contact an illness while attending a GLJGT youth

Bowling event, nor shall any helper/worker of the GLJGT program be personally liable if a bowler, person(s) is injured during any GLJGT event.

GLJGT will not be held liable for bowlers equipment (including balls, shoes, bags, etc) damaged, lost, stolen, left behind, etc. GLJGT is a 501(c) nonprofit organization.

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