



International Bowling Campus

Youth Development

IBC YOUTH NATIONAL EVENTS CANCELED FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Key Points

- IBC Youth Development is canceling the 2020 Junior Gold Championships, USA Bowling National Championships, Youth Open Championships, and Survivor tournament.
- The decision to cancel, although not taken lightly, is for the safety and well-being of the athletes, families, coaches, spectators and everyone associated with these events.
- Postponing the events was not a viable option, because of factors including required number of bowling centers, convention space, hotel availability and holding the event before students head back to school.
- Every 2020 Junior Gold qualifier will have their qualifying fee (\$100, \$150 or \$200) deposited into their SMART account by the end of April. IBC Youth will add an additional \$70,000 to the scholarship pool, which will be distributed evenly to the advancers.
- Refunds for Spectator Passes, Youth Open and Survivor entries, and refunds to Junior Gold coordinators who paid entries for events that were not conducted, will be processed by the end of April.
- The Junior Team USA program will be suspended for 2020, including the annual training camps. The 2020 team members will be placed on 2021 Junior Team USA, if they remain age-eligible.
- The 2021 Junior Gold qualifying season still will kick off on May 1, 2020, and IBC Youth Development encourages local coordinators to follow local guidelines before hosting a qualifying event.
- The 2021 Junior Gold Championships will be conducted in Indianapolis in July.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Why were the Youth National events cancelled?**

IBC Youth Development is canceling the 2020 Junior Gold Championships, USA Bowling National Championships, Youth Open Championships, and Survivor tournament. We believe the decision to cancel, although not taken lightly, is in the best interest for the safety and well-being of the athletes and parents.

IBC Youth is following COVID19 closely, and we are mindful of the financial impact on individual families caused by this pandemic. We recognize the expense brought on by traveling to the events each year and did not feel it was right to ask each family to make the difficult decision about participating in the events this summer.

The country likely will see quarantines lifted at various times, which would not provide the same opportunities for our athletes to train equally and properly for these prestigious events.

2. **Why weren't the events postponed?**

First, there are just several uncertainties about when the local quarantines will be lifted. This uncertainty, plus the logistical and timing challenges to move this to later in the year, make it difficult to move the event to a new date.

The COVID-19 pandemic already has had a damaging financial and personal impact on families throughout the country. We feel it is important for those families to focus on their family, local community and local centers.

3. **What happens to the entry fee for the spot earned?**

Every Junior Gold athlete who qualified for the 2020 event will receive their entire qualifying entry fee (\$100, \$150, or \$200) deposited into their SMART account.

Also, IBC Youth is adding an additional \$70,000 in scholarships to be spread across all advancers. All distributions will be made by the end of April.

IBC Youth will not keep any of the expense fees associated with the entry fee.

4. **I qualified for the 2020 Junior Gold Championships. Will my entry carry over to the 2021?**

No, every Junior Gold athlete who qualified for the 2020 event will receive their entire qualifying entry fee (\$100, \$150, or \$200) deposited into their SMART account.

You will need to qualify for the 2021 Junior Gold Championships through a local qualifying event.

5. **How will my Spectator Pass fee be refunded?**

All Spectator pass will be fully refunded. IBC Youth will refund the full amount to the credit card that paid.

6. **I will age out of my Junior Gold division. Will I be able to bowl my current age division in 2021, since I did not get to bowl the 2020 tournament?**

No, there will not be any waivers for the age divisions. You will be required to bowl in the appropriate age division for the 2020-2021 qualifying season.

7. **With the youth age limit lowered to 18 next season, doesn't this mean many youth bowlers will miss their final chance to bowl in the Junior Gold Championships?**

IBC Youth will announce new age divisions for the Junior Gold Championships in May, which will include a separate division for U20 athletes. Go [here](#) for an FAQ on the youth age change for the 2020-2021 season.

8. **Since Junior Gold is being canceled, how can I earn a spot on 2021 Junior Team USA?**

Athletes can earn spots on 2021 Junior Team USA at the 2021 Team Trials and U.S. Amateur Championships. The top four age-eligible men and top four age-eligible women, by performance, earn spots on 2021 Junior Team USA. In addition, the National Selection Committee will make four at-large selections – two men and two women. The remaining spots will be filled by 2020 Junior Team USA members who still are age-eligible, as the Team USA program was suspended for 2020 because competitions were canceled.

9. I am a tournament coordinator and was not able to conduct my event. How will you return my entry fees?

All entry fees will be fully refunded. IBC Youth will refund the entry fees by mailing a check to the tournament coordinator on file. All refunds will be processed by the end of April.

10. Is IBC Youth refunding any travel expenses?

No.

Airlines: IBC Youth encourages you to contact the airline, as a majority have offered consumers the ability to cancel/change flights without a fee.

Lodging: Any hotels booked through MyBowlingVacation.com are reservations, with only some charging a one-day hold fee. Most hotels at the events have a 24-hour to 48-hour cancellation policy, with some at 72 hours. Simply cancel your reservation before that timeframe and you will be fully refunded.

Third-party bookings: Please contact those individual companies to see what they will do for you. Unfortunately, IBC Youth has no control over pre-paid reservations.

11. How will my Youth Open entry fees be refunded?

If paid by credit card, IBC Youth will fully refund the entry fees to the credit card. If paid by check, IBC Youth will mail a refund check to the team captain listed on the entry. All refunds will be processed by the end of April.

12. How will my Survivor entry fees be refunded?

If paid by credit card, IBC Youth will fully refund the entry fees to the credit card. If paid by check, IBC Youth will mail a refund check to the team captain listed on the entry. All refunds will be processed by the end of April.

13. I was on a team who qualified for the USA Bowling Championships. Is this event canceled?

Yes, this event was canceled. You will remain the champion of your region and, as a consolation, IBC Youth will ship your team the jerseys you would have received at the national event.

14. Does this decision impact the qualifying season?

The 2021 Junior Gold qualifying season still will kick off on May 1, 2020, and IBC Youth Development encourages local coordinators to follow local guidelines before hosting a qualifying event.

15. Does this decision impact the location of the 2021 Tournament?

No, the tournament is still scheduled to be held in Indianapolis in July 2021.