

2015 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

NEW LOCATION, NEW SCHEDULE FOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2015

THE USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS has continued to evolve during the 111 years it has been held, and a few changes are planned for 2015.

The tournament, with its exciting balance of great traditions and cutting edge technology, décor and scoring, will make its first visit to El Paso, Texas, in 2015. Sun City was the gracious host of the 2010 USBC Women's Championships, marking the first time that tournament was held in a convention-center setting.

Now, the El Paso Convention Center will play host to the 2015 Open Championships, bringing the tournament back to Texas for the first time since Corpus Christi in 2006.

USBC Hall of Famer Lynda Barnes said when she went to the 2010 Women's Championships in El Paso, her group walked to some of the local restaurants and enjoyed the food and hospitality.



El Paso Convention Center

"El Paso completely surprised me," Barnes said. "We went to a pub right around the corner from the convention center and felt liked we walked into Cheers. Everybody said hello and made us feel welcome. Some people recognized Chris, and they couldn't have been nicer. I look forward to going back to El Paso and seeing some familiar faces!"

Along with a new location and a return to the convention-center setting, there also will be a new schedule, free of early-morning or late-night bowling, giving bowlers more time to get out and enjoy El Paso.

Each day will begin with doubles and singles squads at 9

a.m. and 1 p.m., followed by team events at 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. On select days, as demand dictates, the 8:30 p.m. squad will be a combination squad, with a mix of team and doubles/singles competitors. The lanes will be oiled before each squad.

So what can bowlers look forward to off the lanes? El Paso offers outstanding regional cuisine, historic missions and a scenic horizon that includes Franklin Mountains State Park. Baseball fans can check out the El Paso Chihuahuas, the Triple-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres, in a new stadium located in the center of downtown El Paso.

New Mexico is a short trip from El Paso, so participants can make the trip a multi-state adventure. New Mexico is home to such visual spectacles as White

2015 USBC Open Championships

Feb. 28 – July 11, 2015

(last team date)

El Paso Convention Center
El Paso, Texas

Go to BOWL.com/OpenChamp for details and to register.

Sands National Monument and Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

Online registration for the 2015 Open Championships is underway and will continue until Dec. 15. The online system is real-time, so captains can see exactly what times slots are available.



WORLD BOWLING COACH CONFERENCE

WORLD OF KNOWLEDGE

DURING A THREE-DAY PERIOD IN LATE

MARCH, nearly 100 bowling coaches from across the world joined together to share ideas. While the emphasis was on team coaching and ball motion, having the top coaches in one place afforded them the opportunity to discuss topics that affect their profession.



Nearly 30 countries were represented at the inaugural World Bowling Coach Conference, held in conjunction with World Bowling (the World Tenpin Bowling Association), at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas.

Team USA head coach Rod Ross and the ITRC staff served as the host of the educational conference. Ross said the conference was a great opportunity to share the technology available at the ITRC and to provide a platform for international coaches to share their coaching ideas and programs.

"Everyone on the presenters' side saw the vision of what we wanted to create," Ross said. "I'm just glad it turned into this very special thing. The response we had has almost been overwhelming."

World Bowling has three zones for bowling – American, Asian and European – and more than 110 member federations. The conference attracted 36 international



coaches, and 15 of the 24 active USBC Gold coaches in the world were in attendance.

Onder Gurkan, Chairman of European Tenpin Bowling Federation (ETBF) Educational Committee, was one of the presenters at the conference. He said the conference was an opportunity for the coaches to get to know one another and share ideas.

"All coaches are now sharing much more information," Gurkan said. "At the end of the day, it's good for all coaches and, as a result, for our bowlers. That's why I think networking

is important. Whenever you have a problem or question, you can reach the person who knows about it. It improves our toolbox."

Eric Lanuza, the Technical Delegate for the Pan American Bowling Confederation (PABCON), agreed with Gurkan that it is important for coaches to get together to share ideas.

"There are always new things, new ways of thinking and it is really wonderful and I would appreciate the chance for us to do this more often," Lanuza said.

In addition to the ITRC

staff and Gurkan, presenters at the World Bowling Coach Conference included: Juha Maja, head coach of the Bowling Training Center in Olomouc, Czech Republic, and visiting coach in Finland's Kuortane Bowling Training and Education Center; Costas Mitsingas, the first coach from outside the United States to be certified as a USBC Gold coach; Del Warren, Vice President of Kegel Training Center and a USBC Gold coach; Frank Buffa, USBC Gold coach and founder of Buffa Bowling; and Mark Buffa, USBC Silver coach.

USBC QUEENS AND SENIOR QUEENS

RSVP FOR QUEENS, PLUS-2

FOR WOMEN BOWLERS, one trip in late June will provide the opportunity to compete in three national tournaments.

The USBC Open and Women's Championships already are underway at the  National Bowling Stadium and Reno-Sparks and Convention Center, respectively, in Reno, Nev. The Open Championships will run until July 13, while the Women's Championships concludes June 29.

The NBS also will be the site for the 2014 USBC Queens and Senior Queens. The tournaments will run simultaneously starting July 27 and culminate with the live Queens final on ESPN2 on July 3.

This year's tournament will mark the first time since 2011 the Queens and Senior Queens will be held in the same city as the Women's Championships. The Queens will have a slightly different look this time around, as all participants will bowl 15 games of qualifying. Previously, the field had been cut after 10 games.

"This is a great opportunity for bowlers to get to Reno a few days ahead of the start of the Queens and prepare by competing at the Women's or Open Championships — or both," USBC Managing Director



2013 USBC Queens champion Diana Zavjalova and 2013 Senior Queens champ Lucy Sandelin.

of Tournaments Brian Lewis said. "In the past, many of the women took advantage of the Women's Championships and Queens being held in the same city, but this is the first time we'll see these three major events together."

The USBC Queens started in 1961 and features an exciting format of qualifying and match play. Open to any female bowler 16 years of age or older, the top names in bowling, from Mildred Ignizio to today's top stars such as Kelly Kulick, Missy Parkin and Diandra Asbaty have won the Queens.

Last year, coming off the World Tenpin Bowling Association World Championships

where she won the bronze medal in all-events, Diana Zavjalova of Latvia took part in her first Queens. The 22-year-old was the first foreign-born player in more than two decades to win the Queens title.

The USBC Senior Queens gives women who are USBC members age 50 or older the chance to compete against some of the best senior women bowlers. First contested in 2000, the USBC Senior Queens attracts an outstanding field from all over the country and even the world.

The Senior Queens features the same qualifying process as the traditional Queens, but the senior event uses an abbreviated match-play format culminating

2014 USBC Queens and Senior Queens

June 27-July 3, 2014

National Bowling Stadium
Reno, Nev.

- Watch the Queens finals live on July 3 at 7 p.m. Eastern on ESPN2

BOWL.com/Queens and
BOWL.com/SeniorQueens

with a stepladder finals to determine the champion. USBC Hall of Famer Lucy Sandelin of Tampa, Fla., is the defending Senior Queens champion.

Go to **BOWL.com/Tournaments** to learn more about the Queens and Senior Queens, including online registration, and for more information about the Open and Women's Championships.

USBC QUICK STRIKES

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS

Women's Championships is underway

The 2014 USBC Women's Championships kicked off April 11 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center and will run through June 29.

The 95th edition of the tournament is the first to feature four-person teams, and also has new divisions. Check out BOWL.com/WomensChamp for all the news from the tournament.



USBC Women's Championships

PBA extends promotion for Sport bowlers

The Professional Bowlers Association extended its PBA Experience Win-A-Spot promotion through 2014. The promotion, which started in 2013, provides members of the winning team of PBA Experience leagues vouchers for a paid entry into a PBA regional event.

More than 150 Sport Bowling league winners took advantage of the opportunity by requesting the voucher to compete in a PBA regional tournament.

The PBA Experience Win-A-

Spot promotion also allowed proprietors and center managers to provide bowlers a valuable award at no cost simply by starting a PBA Experience league. BOWL.com/SportBowling has details and rules.

USBC Convention will head to Indy, Las Vegas

The host sites for the USBC Convention and Annual Meeting have been determined for 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The USBC Board of Directors approved Indianapolis as the site for the 2015 USBC Con-

vention, which will take place at the Wyndham Indianapolis West from April 28-May 1. In 2016



and 2017, Las Vegas will serve as

host site. The 2016 convention coincides with the 2016 USBC Women's Championships, which will be held at the new \$30 million bowling tournament facility at South Point Hotel and Casino.

Bowling Combine set for July 22-26

The 2014 Bowling Combine will take place July 22-26 at the International Training and Research Center, the home of Team USA. The annual event was developed to bring together

youth bowlers who want to compete at the collegiate level and college coaches looking for bowlers who might fit into their programs.

Last year, coaches from 30 collegiate programs took part in the Bowling Com-



Bowling Combine

CALENDAR

Now-July 12, 2014
USBC Open Championships
National Bowling Stadium
Reno, Nev.

Now-June 29, 2014
USBC Women's Championships
Reno-Sparks Convention Center
Reno, Nev.

June 8-13, 2014
USBC Senior Masters
South Point Bowling Center
Las Vegas

June 21-22, 2014
Bowling.com Youth Open Championships West Region presented by USBC
Cal Bowl
Lakewood, Calif.

June 27-July 3, 2014
USBC Queens
USBC Senior Queens
National Bowling Stadium
Reno, Nev.

July 7-9, 2014
USBC Senior Championships
National Bowling Stadium
Reno, Nev.

July 10-27, 2014
Bowling.com Youth Open Championships presented by USBC
AMF Thruway Lanes
Cheektowaga, N.Y.

July 12-18, 2014
Junior Gold Championships
Buffalo, N.Y.

Aug. 29-31, 2014
Summer Team USA Trials
International Training and Research Center
Arlington, Texas

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bine and each coach received an evaluation of each bowler, plus had the opportunity for one-on-one contact with prospective

student-athletes. Coaches interested in attending this year's Bowling Combine should go to BOWL.com/Combine for details and learn how to register.

Sites determined for top youth events

The Junior Gold Championships presented by Ebonite, Columbia 300, Track and Hammer, and the Bowling.com Youth Open Championships will head to a pair of new cities in 2015 and 2016 before returning to a familiar location in 2017.



The 2015 events will take place in the Chicago area. The Junior Gold Championships is scheduled for July 11-17, while the Youth Open will take place July 9-26 in DuPage County, a suburb of Chicago. The centers selected to host the events are Stardust Bowl, Hillside

Bowl, Classic Bowl, Orland Bowl and Brunswick River Grove.

The 2016 events will take place in Cleveland, while Indianapolis will host the tournaments for a fifth time 2017.