



YOUTH COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

INTRODUCTION

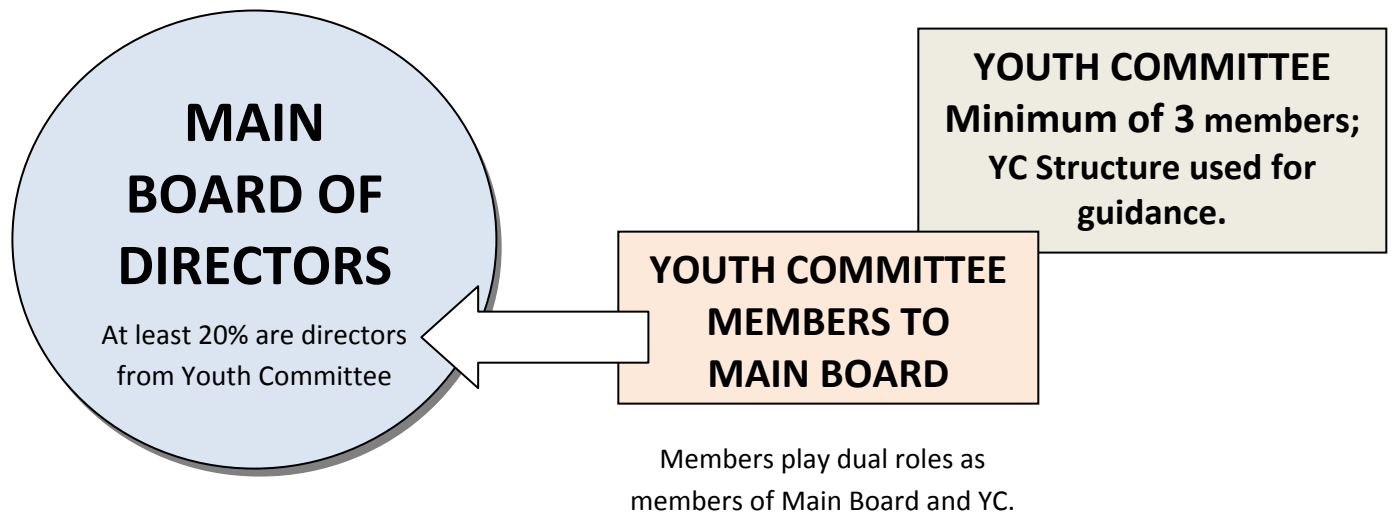
This seminar is divided into five sections:

1. The structure of the Youth Committee on the local level and how it relates to the local Board of Directors.
2. The responsibilities and role of the Youth Committee and its members to the local youth members, the Board of Directors and the membership as a whole.
3. Registered Volunteer Program
4. New Youth Rules for Upcoming Season
5. Questions & Answers

The members of the committee must be current members of USBC. They must be at least 14 years of age as August 1 (unless state law dictates otherwise). Adult representatives are those who represent each certified league (adult or youth/adult USBC certified leagues) with one adult representative per league and one representing the bowling center.

The structure is as follows:

(See add'l handout for detailed Youth Committee make-up)



When the three organizations come together to form the new USBC association, the Transition Committee presents to the association members the new USBC Bylaws for approval by the association membership. Once this takes place, elections are held as follows:

1. All voting members (USBC adult members and all youth representatives – those members who represent the youth membership as adults and youth) will vote on all officers of the association unless otherwise included in the bylaws.
2. All adult voting members will vote for adult directors.
3. All youth representatives will vote for youth committee members.

Once the elections for these offices take place, the youth committee breaks out separately to choose a slate of candidates to be elected by the youth representatives (adult & youth) to be on the main board. The chairman then conducts the election of the slate of youth committee members who wish to run for one of these open positions to serve on the main board.

4. All youth representatives will vote for those directors.

Responsibilities:

The youth representatives (1 adult/1 youth from youth certified leagues):

1. Elect the youth committee
2. Vote on Youth Committee eligibility requirements
3. Elect youth delegates to state annual meeting (states regulate the delegate structure)
4. Vote on bylaws, except dues.

The youth delegates are elected based on the number of youth members in the association. The eligibility requirements are the same as for youth representatives.

All state and local merged associations must have a youth committee. There must be at least three (3) members on the committee. A maximum of 3 Proprietors will also sit on this committee. 20% of this committee will be represented on the Main Board as Directors. Best candidates for the Youth Committee are those people that are directly involved with youth bowling, whether they are a coach, youth director, active parent or family member. The youth committee selects its own chairman and recording secretary. The Goal is to promote and expand youth bowling, not ignore or diminish it.

Election Process:

Candidate's qualifications submitted in writing to Youth Committee:

- 24 hours prior to annual meeting (state)
- As established by the youth committee (local)
- Committee members are elected by majority vote unless plurality is allowed (8/1/08).
Plurality voting must be in the bylaws for that option.
- From a slate prepared by the Youth Committee and presented by the Nominating Committee
- From floor nominations.

Vacancies are to be filled by the youth committee.

Responsibilities of the Youth Committee:

Monitor and review youth programs

- Scholarships/SMART
- RVP (Registered Volunteer Program)
- Tournaments
- Leagues

Promote Youth Programs

- High School and Collegiate Programs
- Youth Leaders Programs
- Coaching
- BPAA Programs
- Tournaments
- Leagues

Make recommendations

- Youth Dues
- Additions/deletions/changes to:
 1. Programs & Services
 2. Tournaments

The Youth Committee works collaboratively with the board and does NOT:

- Operate independently from the association
- Establish a separate bank account
- Have officers
- Change board decisions
- Create programs without board approval
- Conduct fundraisers without board approval
- Hold separate youth representative meetings
- Run the youth championship tournament unless assigned by the association manager

Board members elected from the Youth Committee:

- Are full-fledged members of the board
- Participate in all meetings with voice and vote
- Serve on committees
- Share information to and from youth committee

Registered Volunteer Program

RVP is working

- 12,300 Green Lights & 215 Red Lights

RVP will go to a user-direct process

- Portal from bowl.com payable by credit card (After Aug. 1)
- No more Registered Volunteer Supervisor
- Every association/volunteer may participate
- Average cost: \$21.25 (\$23 east coast); Volunteers may get reimbursed from the association or the bowling center
- Bowling centers should be monitoring RVP

Visual Badges to be worn at Youth Events.

Current Changes to the Youth Rules

Membership Processing - two ways

- **Bowling centers** have the choice to decide whether to take sole responsibility for youth processing, or continue to work with local associations as they have in the past.
- **Local Association**
- **Either process needs to provide the following functions: process memberships, averages and awards to USBC**

Youth Membership options (Std: \$14.50 national/.\$50 state/\$2.00 processing fee)

- **\$17 Youth Standard Membership benefits include:**
 - USBC Youth Membership Card
 - Four Issues of US Youth Bowler
 - USBC recognized average
 - Ability to participate in USBC certified tournaments
 - League award emblems
 - Revamped youth awards program
 - **Jersey (NEW)**
- **\$30 Junior Gold Membership includes:**
 - **Available to Boys (min. 175 avg) & Girls (min. 150 avg.)**
 - Opportunity to qualify for Jr. Gold National Championships
 - Automatic Sport Bowling upgrade (\$10 value)
 - Quarterly newsletter (Gold Approach)
 - Junior Gold membership card
 - **US Bowler (adult magazine – NEW)**
 - Member Gift
- **\$10 USBC Youth Sport Upgrade:**
 - Additional charge if Jr. Gold membership is not purchased
 - Members-only website with tips, contests & educational info.
 - Discounts and special offers from bowling manufacturers (balls, bags, shoes, accessories)
 - Special awards program (300/800 Sport rings & 11 In a Row award)
- **Bowlopolis**
 - Proprietors to purchase
 - Marketing effort to capture party open play into league play
 - Target audience is 12-under
 - USBC Materials (US Youth Bowler Insert, Awards for 2009-10, Pee Wee Program)
 - Bowlers Ed Materials (In-School Bowling, After-School Bowling)
 - Pocket Guide

ADDED YOUTH MEMBERSHIP OPTION FOR 2010:

USBC Youth Basic Membership for \$5 (\$4 Nationals/\$1 processing fee) – 12 sessions or less leagues only. Must be purchase for each new session.

- **The Youth Basic Membership benefits includes:**
 - USBC Youth Membership Card
 - USBC recognized average
 - **The ability to participate in USBC certified tournaments (local and state championships/Pepsi championships/Jr. Gold)**
 - League award emblems
 - **One issue of US Youth Bowler**
 - **Purchasable awards** (Academic All American, I Beat My Coach, Perfect Attendance, Bowler of the Month, Double, Turkey, Hambone, High Game, My First Strike, My First Spare)

Youth Awards Program for 2009-10 league season

- 25 awards to choose from (used to be 18) with new USBC designs
 - Average-based awards for achievement in certified competition in 25-pin intervals for games 125-275 and 50-pin intervals for series 300-750.
- Special achievement awards available for ages 12-under (Bowlopolis theme and characters). Bowlers must average below the award score for eligibility.
- High Score Awards - 300 game, 800 or 900 series will receive a newly-designed USBC honor score ring. Also, a new award has been designed for bowlers who roll 11 strikes in a row.

Maximum youth age changed from 22 to 20

- Starting with the 2009-10 league season, USBC Youth membership will be available to bowlers who have not reached their 20th birthday on or before Aug. 1 of the current bowling season.
- The age limitation is waived for those authorized as mentally challenged (no change)

Bowlers that will age out this August WILL BE allowed to compete in the State Tournament even though their events occur after August 1.