



GREATER HOUSTON USBC YOUTH LEADERS
PRESENT



Spring Fling Showdown

April 16th - 17th, 2011

JUNIOR GOLD QUALIFYING EVENT



GUARANTEED PAYOUT OF \$2,000

ENTRY FEES:

1 ST Entry	\$40.00
Re-Entry	\$35.00
Optional Jr. Gold	\$40.00
Marathon Entry Fee	\$100.00

QUALIFYING SQUADS:

Saturday:	12:00 Noon
	4:00 PM
Sunday:	8:00 AM

Divisions A & B Semi-Finals; Division C Finals

**Sunday
12:15 PM**

Roll Call @ Noon

DIVISIONS:

- A - OPEN SCRATCH
(Females will receive 10 Bonus Pins/Game)
- B - 131 & UP HANDICAP
- C - 130 & BELOW HANDICAP

- BOYS GOLD (OPTIONAL)
- GIRLS GOLD (OPTIONAL)

Junior Gold Qualifying will be based on a 1:5 ratio

ENTRY DEADLINE

15 minutes before squad



All Bowlers who advance to at least the Semi-Finals will receive scholarships

All prizes will be paid in the form of scholarships and held by the USBC SMART Program

MAIL ENTRIES TO:

Dominick Savage
8414 Bee Meadow Lane
Missouri City, TX
77489-6213

Phone (281) 691-5117

HOST CENTER:

PALACE LANES
4191 Bellaire Blvd.
Houston, TX 77025-1003
(713) 667-6554

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

GHUSBC
Greater Houston USBC

MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE PRESENTED AT CHECK IN FOR ALL BOWLERS

Spring Fling Showdown & Junior Gold Qualifying Event Rules

1. Divisions will be (A) Open Scratch – Girls in this division will receive 10 bonus pins per game bowled, (B) 131 & Up Mixed Handicap and (C) 130 & Below Mixed Handicap. Participants may enter each squad or bowl the Marathon. A bowler may enter either the scratch or handicap division on different squads but may advance in only the one with the highest scratch score.
2. **AVERAGES, HANDICAP & ELIGIBILITY:** All ages are welcome to participate. Each participant must be currently certified holding a 2010-2011 USBC Youth/Collegiate Youth Division membership card. **MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE PRESENTED AT CHECK-IN.**
 - A) Bowlers must use their highest 2009-2010 book average of 21 games or more (including Summer 2010 averages).
 - B) If Rule (A) does not apply, bowler must use their highest current average of 21 games or more as of March 15, 2011. (League standing sheet must be provided with entry form).
 - C) If neither Rule (A) nor (B) applies, the bowler must bowl in the scratch division.

Bowlers will be responsible for verification of averages. Penalty for incorrect averages may result in disqualification at the discretion of the Tournament Director. **HANDICAP WILL BE BASED ON 100% FROM 200.**
3. **QUALIFYING:** All bowlers will bowl 6 games, changing lanes after games 2 and 4. Bowlers will shift skipping 1 pair right (i.e. lanes 3-4 go to 7-8). In Divisions A and B, at least 6 bowlers per division per squad plus ties (or the entire division from the squad, if less than 6 bowlers) will advance to the semi-finals. Additional semi-finalists will advance on a 1:4 ratio per division per squad. In Division C, 3 bowlers per squad plus ties (or the entire division from the squad, if less than 3 bowlers) will advance directly to the finals bracket.
4. **SEMI-FINALS - Divisions A and B:** Semi-finalists bowl 2 additional games. 16 bowlers in each division will advance to the finals bracket based on total score from qualifying and semi-finals. If there are 16 or fewer semi-finalists in a division, all will advance directly to the finals bracket.
5. **FINALS BRACKET FORMAT:**

Division (A) – Round 1 matches will be determined by random draw, including any byes necessary to fill a 16-bowler bracket. 1st and 2nd rounds will be one game matches; 3rd and final rounds will be best 2 of 3 games.

Division (B) – Finals Bracket rounds will be one game matches. Round 1 matches will be determined by random draw, including any byes necessary to fill a 16-bowler bracket.

Division (C) – Finals bracket will be a seeded stair-step ladder. If there are more than 4 finalists, early rounds may contain more than 2 qualifiers.
6. In case of a tie in semi-finals or finals matches, there will be a 9th and 10th frame roll-off.
7. **ALL BOWLERS WHO ADVANCE TO AT LEAST THE SEMI-FINALS IN EACH DIVISION WILL RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS.** The scholarship funds will be administered by the USBC SMART Program.
8. Junior Gold Event is optional and may only be entered once. The entry fee is \$40.00. Entrant must be a 2010/2011 Junior Gold Member or purchase/renew membership at the tournament. Membership/renewal fee is \$30.00. Junior Gold Members must show their membership card. The Junior Gold bowlers will use their six (6) game scratch qualifying score. Advancement ratio is 1:5. There will be separate Boys and Girls divisions IF there are a minimum of 4 girls and 5 boys entered. Full rules will be available by request and at Tournament site.
9. A roll call for the semi-finals in Divisions A and B and finals in Division C will be held at NOON on Sunday. Bowlers not available risk replacement.
10. USBC rules, regulations and codes will govern this tournament.
11. **ATTIRE:** NO clothing may make references to alcohol or drugs, and NO inappropriate sexual or racial references will be allowed. NO hats or headgear may be worn during competition.

For Girls: Shorts, skirts, slacks and skorts are acceptable as long as fingertips extended at sides with arms relaxed don't touch skin. Cut-offs and spandex apparel may not be worn. Blouses must have sleeves and be long enough to be tucked in. Girls are allowed to wear slacks.

For Boys: Shorts or slacks are acceptable as long as fingertips extended at sides with arms relaxed don't touch skin. Shirts must have sleeves and be long enough to be tucked in. **Male and female participants who advance to the finals bracket are required to wear slacks or skirts with a collared shirt.**

All dress code decisions will be made jointly by the Tournament Director and the adult youth leader advisors. No electronic devices are to be used in the bowling area.
12. The entry fee **MUST** accompany the entry form in the form of a check, cashiers check, money order or cash AND ARE NOT REFUNDABLE. Please do not send CASH in the mail. Make checks payable to **GHUSBC** (Greater Houston USBC Association). Entry Fee covers the following cost: Lineage \$18.00, Award Fund \$19.00, and expenses \$3.00. Re-Entry Fee covers the following cost: Lineage \$18.00, Award Fund \$16.00 and Expense Fee \$1.00. Marathon entry breakdown is \$54 Lineage; \$42 Award Fund; and \$4 Expense Fees.
13. Any appeal or protest regarding eligibility or other violations must be made within 72 hours, in writing, to the Tournament Director after the error or infraction has occurred.
14. **Mail entries to Tournament Director Dominick Savage, 8414 Bee Meadow Lane, Missouri City, TX 77489**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Dominick Savage (281) 691-5117 Or Assistant Tournament Director/YL Advisor: Edward Calcote (281) 705-0408

Entry Form

NAME: _____ USBC ID#: _____ ENTRY
 ADDRESS: _____ PHONE#: _____ SQUAD
 CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ DIV
 AVG: _____ AVG. RULING (A) ___(B)___(C)___ GENDER: _____ LANE
 E-MAIL: _____

SQUAD	TIME	JUNIOR GOLD?	DIVISION CHOICES – Circle or “X” one
1 st CHOICE		Y or N	A – OPEN SCRATCH
2 nd CHOICE			B – HANDICAP 131-UP
Marathon		Circle JG Squad 12PM 4PM 8AM	C – HANDICAP 130-BELOW