



# MHSIBCA Weekly Update

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## Preseason Predictions

As you may have already read, I really liked the Bowl Swami's preseason predictions page from the last few seasons. I have agreed to continue this page, but I will need the help of all high school coaches. Once your teams are set if you want to send me a quick note and let me know how you think your team will do in league play and if they have a chance to make it to the state finals this season. I will only post updates from coaches, we will not make our own assumptions, so if you want your team listed, please send me a note.

## Matches Wanted for 2009-1010

Any school that is looking for matches for the 2009-2010 season, please send me a note so I can list it on the website. Please send your contact information such as e-mail address and phone number so other schools may contact you. Please also include the school you are coaching.

## Michigan State Youth Masters Tournament

The Michigan State USBCBA will be holding the State Youth Masters Tournament sponsored by Motiv on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 11am at Richfield Bowl in Flint, Michigan. This is an 8 game qualifying block across 16 lanes and then the field will be cut to the top 16 bowlers that will return to bowl match play on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am. The cost of the tournament is \$65 per bowler. For schools in the lower peninsula this tournament will not count as one of your 24 competition dates because the tournament is before December 5<sup>th</sup>. Entry forms are available at [michiganstateyouthbowling.com](http://michiganstateyouthbowling.com) or on the [mhsibca](http://mhsibca) website. The tournament is limited to 144 bowlers.

## Pay For Your Coaching Membership Using PayPal Now Available



It is now available on the website to re-new or join the MHSIBCA coaching association by filling out an online application and paying for your application using PayPal. The cost to do this using PayPal will be \$36.50, the extra \$1.50 charge is to cover the cost of using PayPal. You can also still renew your membership by mailing your application to Tracy Long. As of this mailing only **86** of **332** coaches have renewed their membership for 2009-2010.

*Your next weekend update will be sent out on November 15<sup>th</sup>!*

*Weekend updates will be done on a weekly basis during the high school bowling season.*

*Only 8 days until try-out's in the lower peninsula and 4 days until try-out's in the upper peninsula!*

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## 2009-2010 Tournament Listings

**The website has been updated with all tournaments for the 2009-2010 season.** If you are hosting a tournament and you want your tournament listed on the website, please fill out the proper forms and send them to [Dave Kowalski](#). Once the forms are received and approved they will be listed on the website. Check the [Tournament Listings](#) on the website, this page will be updated regularly. New for this season, we will list the type of oil pattern for the tournament on the website. As of this mailing we have 28 approved tournaments for this coming season.

## \$100,000 NORTH POINTE HIGH SCHOOL EVENT CLARIFICATION- PLEASE READ

Kevin Henze from Saginaw Swan Valley sent me a question about this tournament after the last mailing. His question was basically that the MHSAA does not recognize the North Pointe Insurance Tournament and if bowlers participate they may be ineligible for further high school competition. In response to Kevin's note I contacted Randy Allen from the MHSAA and this is Randy's response to the North Pointe Tournament. Randy says: All Amateur Status and Awards rules apply, including the scholarship requirement for academic criteria that has been talked about. The problem with this event, is that they now include underclassmen. Before it was for graduated seniors and our rules did not apply, and that's how I advised them several years ago. Now they open it to all grades and the scholarship question comes into play as they do not seem to want to pay attention to that question and wish to simply give out cash under the disguise of a scholarship but with no academic requirement. I do not know if they send their money to SMART or not, and I do not know if USBC is revising the SMART program to include academic requirements or not. I also have tried several times to contact the BPAA to get a clarification on this tournament but they have not responded. Based on them not responding **I would not recommend that an underclassmen participate in this tournament.** It is fine for a graduating senior to participate, but do not let an underclassmen participate because they could become ineligible for all junior bowling. If this tournament has an academic requirement for a bowler to receive a scholarship, it would be alright for an underclassman to participate.

## No Response For College Bowlers

A few weeks ago I asked for high school coaches to send me some information on former high school players who are now bowling for a college. I still have not gotten 1 e-mail about any college bowling. When I do I will add a link to the website for people to see.

## Former Michigan High School Bowler Has Sport Bowling National High Average For Youth

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress has declared Ashly Galante of Palm Harbor, Fla., Adam Jablonski of Sterling Heights, Mich., Skip Pavone of San Jose, Calif., and Shannon Pluhowsky of Kettering, Ohio, the 2008-09 USBC Sport Bowling National High Average Award winners.

Pavone and Pluhowsky are first-time winners, capturing the adult male and adult female titles, respectively. Jablonski has now won the youth male award two years in a row while Galante captured the youth female category for a USBC-record fifth-consecutive season.

Galante won this year's award by leading all female youth Sport bowlers with a 216 average during the KTC-WIU Sport Classic League held at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla. That mark greatly eclipses her four previous winning averages, which were 204.18, 206, 200.71 and 194.05, respectively.

Galante will not have the opportunity to defend her title in the female youth division as the 2008-09 season was her last in the youth ranks. She is now competing in the adult female division.

"I'm really happy that I won this award again; it was a great way to finish up my youth career," Galante said. "Now, it'll be fun to go up against some of the great women bowlers from across the country because I respect them so much."

**Jablonski, who won this year's youth male award by averaging 218 during the Ottman Memorial Junior PBA Sport League at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights, echoed many of the same sentiments as he, too, has now transitioned to the world of adult bowling.**

**"Being that it was my last year in youth, I wanted to go out on a high note, and this certainly tops it off," Jablonski said. "The first time I won, I just had a great season. This time, I had a lot more ups and downs, so it took a lot more patience and determination for me to get to the top. Winning two years in a row is just a tremendous honor; I couldn't be happier."**

The same can be said of Pavone, who earned his place on the podium by putting up a 229 average during PBA Experience competition in the Junior/Adult PBA Experience League at Cambrian Bowl in San Jose, Calif.

"I've been bowling for more than 40 years, and this accomplishment is right up there with anything I've ever done," Pavone said. "This award isn't about being the leader in your bowling center, city or state; this is about leading the entire country. I don't even think winning has sunk in for me yet."

Pluhowsky is a Team USA member who has captured several titles at the national and international levels. As such, one might assume she is so accustomed to victory that she would have little reaction to winning the adult female division with a 215 average during the Dayton Hall of Fame Sport League at Capri Bowling Lanes in Dayton, Ohio. According to Pluhowsky, that is not the case.

"Winning this award was a very different experience than winning a tournament," Pluhowsky said. "Sometimes, you can win a tournament by getting hot for a few days or weeks. Winning this took a lot more consistency and better bowling over a much longer period of time, so I'm very happy to have won."

Pavone and Pluhowsky will receive the distinctive Sport Bowling Crystal Pin award, symbolic of their accomplishments. Jablonski and Galante will receive USBC Youth medals and certificates.

To be eligible for the Sport Bowling National High Average Award, members must have bowled a minimum of 48 games in a certified Sport Bowling league during the 2008-09 season.

United States Bowling Congress

Thanks again to Matt Fiorito for the article on Adam Jablonski