



## 2023 Team USA Trials FAQ

### **1. Why is there a SafeSport requirement for any participant 18 or over?**

As the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of bowling, and to improve athlete safety across the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee's efforts (USOPC), requiring those 18 or over to complete SafeSport training improves the mission of creating awareness about emotional, physical and sexual abuse. It's all part of helping to protect everyone involved.

**\*Note:** Any competitor who will be 18 years of age or older as of the completion of the 2023 Team USA Trials will be required to be current with SafeSport training **prior to registering for the event.**

### **2. What does it mean to be current with SafeSport training?**

To be current with SafeSport training, one needs to have completed either the initial Core SafeSport Training module or one of the refresher courses since Jan. 8, 2022. Those who have taken a training class since then can register for Team Trials.

Visit [BOWL.com/RVP](https://BOWL.com/RVP) for information.

### **3. Why can't bowlers under 18 be part of Team USA anymore?**

In compliance with USBC's and USOPC's initiatives for the Registered Volunteer Program (RVP) and SafeSport, only athletes 18 years or older (considered adults) should travel and be in competitions together. We feel with the strength of our teams, both youth (under 18) and adults will have the talent and ability to compete globally.

Team USA Trials bowlers under 18 will be eligible for spots on Junior Team USA.

All participants at this year's event must be 16 years of age or older as of the first day of competition. This aligns with recent changes to the U15, U18 and U20 divisions for the Junior Gold Championships in 2022. With those changes, all Developmental Team USA athletes were selected from the 2022 Junior Gold Championships.

This also is in line with SafeSport guidelines of keeping athletes of similar age groups in competition together.

We are only qualifying athletes for Junior Team USA and Team USA at the 2023 Team USA Trials.

### **4. Will the 2022 Team USA Trials be livestreamed?**

Yes. Livestreaming of the event will be on BowlTV.



**5. How many bowlers will make it on Team USA from the Team USA Trials?**

The same number of athletes from the 2023 Team USA Trials/U.S. Amateur Championships will make Team USA as in previous years. The number of spots available for Junior Team USA from the 2023 Team USA Trials/U.S. Amateur Championships also will be the same as previous years. See event rules for complete information.

**6. Will there still be resume picks for Team USA in 2023?**

Yes. There will be resume picks for Team USA in 2023.

**7. What events will there be for Team USA and Junior Team 2023?**

The schedule for Team USA includes training camps, the Pan Am Games, PANAM Zone Championships Qualifier for the IBF World Championship and the IBF World Championships.

The schedule for Junior Team USA includes training camps, and the IBF Junior World Cup.

All schedules subject to change.

**8. Will the 2023 Team USA Trials serve as a qualifying event for any Team USA competitions in 2023?**

Yes. The 2023 Team USA Trials will help determine the athletes representing Team USA at the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile. Athletes will have to be part of Team USA in 2023, and team selection for the Pan American Games will be based on points accrued at the 2023 Team USA Trials (men and women), 2023 USBC Masters (men only) and 2023 USBC Queens (women only). For additional information, click [here](#).

**9. Can I get a refund if I have registered and choose not to bowl?**

Yes. The following guidelines will be used for issuing refunds:

- A refund will be given, less \$50 cancellation fee, if written notice is received 45 days prior to the first day of qualifying.
- A refund will be given, less a \$100 cancellation fee, if written notice is received four days prior to the first day of qualifying.
- No refund will be given if written notice is received after four days prior to the start of qualifying.
- No refund will be given to individuals who have won spots as 2022 Team USA members.