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## *Final Frame*

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of friend, Michigan State USBC board member and Hall of Fame member, Roger Schildroth. Roger was the face of youth bowling in the state of Michigan for half a century. As the President of the Michigan State USBC (YABA) he guided the way for youth bowling in the state. Roger was a youth program and high school coach, in-state instructor, and leader in all state youth programs. Roger's love of youth and youth bowling was his passion.

Several years ago, Roger also got involved in the Michigan State Senior Tournaments. He joked that he took care of bowlers at both ends of the spectrum...the young and the "more mature".

Roger, a native of Grand Rapids was a championship swimmer in his youth. His love of bowling would grow in his adult life. That love would take him around the country and state to tournaments, meetings, and events to work and promote the sport. Roger was always a "worker bee" ready to lend a helping hand wherever it was needed in the sport. It was Roger who worked behind the scenes loading and unloading the van each weekend at different tournament sites across the state.

Roger also loved the outdoors. He had a remote cabin in the "North". The cabin is so remote that the car had to be parked and you had to hike in but he found that to be part of the adventure. He was currently working on the place for the upcoming hunting season. For many years Roger would either come back from the cabin during hunting season or delay his hunt to attend fall committee meetings for bowling. Roger felt that strongly about the bowling community and his duty.

Bowling was a big part of Roger's life but his truest joy came from his family. His proudest gifts on earth were his wife, Sharon, his children, and his grandchildren. His face truly lit up each time he talked about them.

The Michigan State USBC Officers and Directors express their heartfelt sympathy to Roger's family and friends. Roger, we miss you so much and will cherish you forever. Thank you, dear



friend.

Arrangements are pending at this time. Condolences can be sent to the state office.

## Fall meeting and Jamboree

### Final reminder ....

**The Fall Meeting and Jamboree will be held in Mt. Pleasant.**

### September 6, 7 & 8

An email with the information for this meeting was sent to every President and Association Manager for the local associations. If you did not receive this information please, contact the state office immediately so, we can get your information to you. Up to 3 delegates are allowed for each association. We need to know if you are golfing, bowling, attending the meeting, and staying for a wonderful lunch!

This is a great opportunity to network with your fellow offices and directors....so we hope you will attend.

There will be golf on Saturday morning ( paid ahead it is \$40.00 - \$45.00 if paid on site) and bowling (at Riverwood Lanes) Saturday evening.

Cost of the bowling will be picked up by the Michigan State USBC.

The Sunday morning meeting will be held at Riverwood - 9:00 am (banquet room) followed by a luncheon.

At the meeting you can pickup : Entries for many of the upcoming state tournaments. Forms for some of the awards presented by the state will be available, as well as information on upcoming dates for other events.

We sincerely hope your association is represented.

**Hotel Info:** Mt. Pleasant Comfort Inn & Suites Hotel and Conference Center

2424 South Mission

MT. Pleasant, MI 48858

P: [989-956-0446](tel:989-956-0446)

Please mention you are with the Michigan State USBC when booking your room.

## Youth Bowling changes

The United States Bowling Congress will lower the maximum age for USBC Youth membership to 18 starting with the 2020-2021 season.

The decision to lower to the maximum age from 20 to 18, with agreement from the Bowling Proprietors Association of America and the International Bowling Campus Youth Committee, will align bowling with other youth sports.

“Over the last decade, we have made changes to USBC Youth programs and tournaments to provide a model comparable with other youth sports,” IBC Youth Managing Director of Youth Development Gary Brown said. “We moved to age-based divisions, as opposed to average, for events, to provide peer-to-peer competition. Setting the maximum age for youth bowlers to 18 aligns us with the standard of other national youth sports organizations.”

AU18 division will become the top division for the Pepsi Youth and Bowling.com Youth Open Championships for the 2020-2021 season. During the next season, USBC will address how the age change will impact the 2021 Junior Gold Championships, which will have a separate U20 division.

Please visit [BOWL.com/YouthAgeChange](http://BOWL.com/YouthAgeChange) for additional information.

Starting with the 2020-2021 season, USBC Youth membership policy will state youth membership is available to individuals who have not reached the age of 18 prior to Aug. 1 of the current bowling season. The decision to lower the maximum age will directly impact 3.3 percent of the total youth membership. The change also better aligns USBC Youth membership with new regulations from the U.S. Center for SafeSport requiring training for those over 18 who participate in a sport with minors.

Any USBC Youth member who reaches the age of 18 during the bowling season is required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport online education program, which is free, to continue to compete in leagues that have participants under age 18. This requirement was announced with the release of the revised [Registered Volunteer Program \(RVP\) handbook](#).

The new age limit marks the second time the USBC Youth maximum age has been lowered. In 2009, USBC lowered the maximum age for youth bowlers from 22 to 20.

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