



ISST NEWS



Illinois State Youth Leaders Newsletter

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SAU FRESHMAN KAYLA CRAWFORD QUALIFIES FOR 2016 JUNIOR TEAM USA

At the 2016 Team USA Bowling Trials, held in Las Vegas last week, freshman Kayla Crawford gained an automatic spot on 2016 Junior Team USA. Crawford finished 13th overall in a field of 109 of the nation's top professional, amateur and youth female bowlers.

Over five days of competition, contested on five challenging lane patterns, she posted a quartet of top-30 finishes, including a closing seventh place finish on the final day which moved her into fourth place among youth bowlers, securing her a spot on Junior Team USA. This past July, Crawford advanced to the top 16 at the Junior Gold Championship Tournament in Chicago, Ill. These two events are generally regarded as the top two national events for young players. In Las Vegas, there were a total of 71 youth bowlers in the female division, with Crawford finishing fourth. The tournament featured 30 games over five days, and the 18-year-old saved her best for last, as she fired an impressive 265 to close her tournament, and that enabled her to finish seventh on the final day of competition.



Junior Team USA will compete in international competition, and Crawford earned the right to be a part of that team.

SCAD Atlanta - NEW Bowling Program

SCAD opened its Atlanta campus in 2005 with 77 students and now has grown to over 2100 students. SCAD-Atlanta is located in the heart of the arts district in downtown Atlanta, Georgia. SCAD-Atlanta is an art and design university with 19 undergraduate majors such as Advertising, Animation, Fashion, Film and Television, Photography, and Interactive Design and Game Development. Along with the 19 undergraduate majors, SCAD also offers 15 graduate programs such as Advertising, Animation, Business Design and Art leadership, Fashion, Film and Television, and Visual Effects just to name a few. SCAD's undergraduate and graduate programs have been ranked #1 for five consecutive years. The graduate program in fashion is ranked 1st, and the graduate program in game design is ranked in the Top 10.

After graduation, many of SCAD's graduates gain employment with entertainment, technology, and fashion companies such as Disney, Pixar, NASA, Apple, Marvel, Ralph Lauren, NBC Universal, and Facebook. With a college degree from SCAD, you will create your own future. Now in the fall of 2016, SCAD Atlanta is creating its own competitive collegiate NAIA bowling program to enhance the college experience of its student-athletes. To attract talented artists and athletes, SCAD offers generous academic and athletic scholarships. Jerry Marcus, SCAD's first Head Bowling Coach, is prepared to offer athletic scholarships ranging anywhere from 25% to 100% to eight talented male and female bowlers. If you have any senior bowlers who are willing to learn and grow in the competitive sport of collegiate bowling,

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On Course For Perfect Attendance

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"Bowling is something that gives me a sense of belonging. Stepping into a bowling alley feels like stepping into a second home; there are so many people that I have become friends with and some of these friendships I've had for a very long time."

Brittany Breedlove
Oswego, IL

Upcoming Tour Stops

- February 28th - Landmark Peoria
- Finale - Northgate Lanes, Galesburg -invitation only

To keep posted on events



Illinois State Scholarship Tour
Next Level Bowling Circuit

FEATURED BOWLERS



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Changes at the Jr. Gold Championships

The 2016 Junior Gold Championship will take place July 15-23 in Indianapolis. Please take note of the following changes:

- The extra day of competition allows for additional squads with the TV finals for the event on Saturday, July 23.
- Two practice days (July 16-17) before qualifying
- Four games each day for a total of 16 qualifying games before the first cut.
- Additional squads will be added meaning less bowlers on a pair at one time.
- Bowlers are limited to bringing five bowling balls for competition.
- The event also has adopted the collegiate dress code, allowing females to wear skirts, skorts and shorts.
- To remain Sport compliant, lane patters will no longer be released during practice sessions.
- There will be two registration areas for check-in.

For more information, refer to: BOWL.com/JuniorGold

Age: 13

School: Kaneland High School

Home Center: Funway Bowl/Yorkville Bowl

Division: Girls Scratch, ISST Avg of 179

Sanctioned High Games/Series: 288/716

Started bowling at age: 4

When did you start bowling the ISST? 2012

What is your favorite think about the tour? Getting to bowl on different sport patterns (much more challenging than house pattern leagues) plus I get to bowl with people from other parts of the state and even a few from out of state.

What kept you going through the hard times? A statement that Diandra Asbaty made to me when we first met years ago: "If I focus on results, I will never change. If I focus on change, I will get results." Just knowing that I would always be improving even through the rough patches kept me going.

What advice would you give to someone who's just starting the ISST? Learn to make your spares.

Who's your biggest inspiration? Norm Duke

How many times have you been to Jr. Gold? Twice.

What is your positive take-away from Jr. Gold? Bowling on multiple sport patterns with a variety of bowlers and no predictable line or transition has made me focus on making one shot at a time.

Overall, what has bowling done for you? Competitive bowling has given me the opportunity to travel and meet great people, especially some of the women professionals from other countries. Plus I have been able to teach other kids to bowl with my USBC Level 1 coaching certification.

Age: 17

School: LaSalle-Peru Twp. High School

Home Center: Illinois Valley Superbowl

Division: Boys Scratch, ISST Avg of 203

Sanctioned High Games/Series: 300/818

Started bowling at age: 2

When did you start bowling the ISST? 2012

What is your favorite think about the tour? It's fun traveling to other centers and good competition.

What kept you going through the hard times? Just wanting to be the best and not stopping.

What advice would you give to someone who's just starting the ISST? Be patient. It takes time to win one of these tournaments. Never give up.

Who's your biggest inspiration? My dad.

How many times have you been to Jr. Gold? Three times.

What is your positive take-away from Jr. Gold? It's good competition, and you meet and make friends from all over the country. And maybe find a good college to bowl for.

Overall, what has bowling done for you? Keeps me busy and competitive.

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