

Guam Bowling Congress

Youth Team Qualifying 2026
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Preface

The Guam National Youth Team Qualifying rounds is held to choose the members of Guam Bowling Congress who will be representing our island in upcoming international events as follows:

- 2026 IBF World Youth Championships, Kuching, Malaysia June 27 – July 7, 2026
- 25th Asian Junior Bowling Championship, Jakarta, Indonesia September 6-12, 2026

Eligibility

Proof of Identity and Citizenship

A valid copy of a U.S. passport, Guam Driver's License, Guam Identification Card, or Birth Certificate must be provided.

1. **Residency Requirement for Athletes Born in Guam**

Athletes born in Guam must demonstrate a cumulative minimum of five years of residency on island.

2. **Residency and Tax Clearance for Athletes Not Born in Guam**

Athletes not born in Guam must have resided on island for five consecutive years as of January 1, 2021. A certified five-year tax clearance from the Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation is required.

3. **Minor Athletes Not Born in Guam**

Athletes under the age of 18 who were not born in Guam must meet the five-year consecutive residency requirement as of January 1, 2021. A copy of their parent or legal guardian's five-year tax clearance from the Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation must also be provided.

4. **Lineage-Based Eligibility for Athletes Residing Outside Guam**

Athletes residing outside Guam who can demonstrate lineage through parents or grandparents who were born, raised, or currently reside in Guam are required to submit the applicable parent or grandparent's five-year tax clearance from the Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation.

5. **International Representation Clearance**

Athletes who have previously represented another IBF member country, or who are currently under the jurisdiction of another IBF member country, must obtain formal written clearance from their current national federation before becoming eligible to compete for Team Guam.

Fees

The fee for each week of bowling shall be \$26.00. These fees shall be used to pay for lane lineage to the venue.

Expanded Roster

Interested individuals who meet the above eligibility requirements and are not currently residing or bowling on island may submit their name and relevant information to the Guam Bowling Congress for consideration.

Qualifying Information

Bowlers intending to compete in the international events listed are required to complete the Guam Bowling Congress application form. The information collected will be used to maintain the official athlete database and support planning for future local and international events. All bowlers must also be available to travel to and from designated event sites. Qualifying dates are as follows:

Week	Date	Time	Event Description
1	February 7, 2026	10:30 a.m.	Qualifying Round 1
2	February 14, 2026	10:30 a.m.	Qualifying Round 2
3	February 21, 2026	10:30 a.m.	Qualifying Round 3
4	February 28, 2026	10:30 a.m.	Qualifying Round 4
5	March 7, 2026	10:30 a.m.	Qualifying Round 5
6	March 14, 2026	10:30 a.m.	Qualifying Round 6

Bowlers are required to participate in four of the six scheduled events. If a bowler competes in more than four events, only their highest four event totals will be used in calculating the final selection score.

Based on the established selection format, the top eight boys and top eight girls will be named to the National Youth Team Pool. The recommended average benchmark is 180 for the boys' division and 170 for the girls' division.

Provisions for Off-Island Athletes

Bowlers interested in being considered for the Guam National Youth Team Pool must submit their intention no later than January 31, 2026. All eligibility requirements must be satisfied prior to consideration.

Interested bowlers are required to submit their weekly scores to the Secretary-General of the Guam Bowling Congress, along with documentation of the lane pattern used. Whenever possible, bowlers should coordinate with their respective bowling center to ensure that a similar—or preferably identical—pattern is made available for scoring purposes. In addition, a video or online session with the Secretary-General may be required to verify performance and compliance.

A minimum average of 190 on house patterns for men and 180 for women is required. Off-island athletes are responsible for their own round-trip travel to Guam or to the designated competition site.

Each athlete is responsible for all expenses associated with participation in the events. Fundraising activities, conducted in coordination with the Guam National Olympic Committee, will be organized to help offset the costs of participation in the Games.

Clean Sport (Anti-Doping) Compliance

All athletes who qualify for the Guam National Youth Team will be required to attend the Guam National Olympic Committee's Clean Sport presentation. As the International Bowling Federation (IBF) is a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code, athletes should be aware that anti-doping testing may be conducted during the competition.

Team Guam Information

Guam National Team Pool Requirements

Members of the Guam National Team Pool will be subject to the following requirements:

- **Training Commitment:**
A structured daily and/or weekly training regimen will be implemented upon completion of the qualifying program, and all members are expected to participate fully.
- **Prohibited Conduct:**
Smoking and the consumption of alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited during all qualifying rounds, practices, training sessions, and tournament activities.
- **Anti-Doping Compliance:**
In accordance with International Olympic Committee regulations, all qualified members must comply with WADA anti-doping testing requirements as mandated by the Guam National Olympic Committee (GNOC) and the Guam Bowling Congress (GBC).
- **Medical Clearance:**
All members must submit a physical examination form completed by a certified physician between March 1 and April 30, 2026.

Team Representation and Vacancies

The Guam Bowling Congress will announce the official representatives for the designated Games based on qualifying results and adherence to the training program. Any vacancies will be filled at the discretion of the GBC Board of Directors.

Agreement and Code of Ethics

All bowlers participating in the qualifying program, as well as those ultimately selected for the team, must sign a participation agreement and code of ethics prior to competing in their first qualifying event. This agreement confirms that the athlete has read, understands, and agrees to comply with all requirements established by the Guam Bowling Congress and the Guam National Olympic Committee.

Practice Schedule and Participation

The practice schedule for members of the 2026 Guam National Youth Team will be issued at a later date.

All selected athletes are required to attend scheduled practice sessions and participate in GBC-organized fundraising activities to help offset the costs associated with tournament participation.

Bowling Equipment Specification

Guam Bowling will implement the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) rules and regulations regarding slow oil-absorbing, high-performance bowling balls. In accordance with these standards, urethane bowling balls will not be permitted during the qualifying rounds.

As the World Youth Championships will be hosted in Malaysia, and Malaysia has adopted a strict no-urethane policy, Guam Bowling is aligning its regulations to ensure full compliance and athlete readiness.

Event information

- 2026 IBF World Youth Championships, Kuching, Malaysia June 27 – July 7, 2026

The IBF World Youth Championships 2026 will be hosted by the International Bowling Federation and Malaysian Tenpin Bowling Congress.

In accordance with the International Bowling Federation Statutes 6.1.3, athletes must have reached the age of 13 years and not have reached the age of 21 years on 1 January 2026. Each member federation is entitled to select a maximum of 8 athletes, 4 boys and 4 girls.

The events of the 2026 IBF World Youth Championships consist of Singles, Bakers Doubles, Bakers Team, and Bakers Mixed Team formats.

- **Asian Junior Tenpin Bowling Championship, Jakarta, Indonesia** September 6-12, 2026

The Asian Youth Official Delegation shall include a maximum of four (4) boys and four (4) girls' players. Athletes must be under 18 years old on January 1, 2026.

Force Majeure

This schedule is subject to change in the event of circumstances beyond human control. Qualifying rounds and/or practice sessions will be cancelled if Tropical Storm Condition 2, Typhoon Condition 2, or any other natural disaster is declared. In the case of scheduled or unscheduled power outages, the Tournament Director will reschedule any missed dates, provided that no generator system is available at the venue.

Event Directory

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