

Coach Slowinski Earns Gold Coaching Status from USBC

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Slowinski, 44, is the administrative head coach for the Webber International University bowling program and the men's head coach. He is a Master Teaching Professional at the Kegel Training Center and is a contributing writer for Bowling This Month magazine.

"For me, it validates your hard work," Slowinski said. "I've really tried to help the sport by making people better and by contributing and sharing ideas. When I get excited about something, learn about it and share it so other people get excited - that's it. It's just validation of hard work."

His father was a youth director, and when Slowinski was 17 he decided to take a coaching course through the Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA).

"It was exciting to learn about the sport and how to coach," Slowinski said. "That's where the seed was planted."

The process of becoming a USBC Gold coach is similar to obtaining a doctorate in a field of study. Candidates are required to demonstrate knowledge through practical application and discussion. The final review program requires a coach to conduct a class, participate in an oral exam and give lessons to bowlers of various skill levels. The final review board consists of active USBC Gold coaches and USBC staff.

Three candidates recently went through the final review at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington.