

Now I don't know if I am going to be the next Diandra, but I am sure going to try my best!

I love bowling!

And up until a few years ago I knew nothing about it. In fact I barely ever bowled. Maybe a friend's birthday party or something, but not on a regular basis. Then one day a classmate told me about how the local bowling alley had a summer league that was giving away free Webkinz. Being 8 at the time I was in love with Webkinz. So my friend and I joined up. And what do you know? I found something I loved even more than Webkinz. Bowling!

After that summer league finished I joined the Fall league. One week they gave me a form for the Pepsi Tournament. They said it was a tournament that you bowled for scholarship money. I showed it to my parents and they said I could participate. I was about to bowl in my first "real" tournament. So, I practiced even harder,

My mom and dad told me not to be worried-to be a good sport - and to go out there and have fun just like I always do. So I did- and guess what! I qualified for the state finals!

So I practiced even more! I went to the state finals and ended up winning it all! I am proud to tell you that I am the 2009 Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Champion- Girls Handicap 11 and under! How cool is that!

I did what my parents told me to do- I went out and had fun. I was a good sport and didn't let the pressure get to me. In fact I liked it! LOL But it was a little crazy at finals when they had us all march out to loud music!!

Since then I have been even more focused on my game. I continue to participate in weekly leagues. And besides becoming an even better bowler, I have made so many new friends doing this.

At my bowling center are my coaches, Coach Zikes and Halfpap. They are so great to work with. They take the time to talk with you and help you become a better bowler. It is like they are your very own cheerleading team! I mean at first I couldn't even keep score or know the difference between a strike or a spare!

Even my mom and dad have gotten involved! We found bowling tournaments on TV and we set the DVR to record them all! It is so cool to see all the pro bowlers and watch their form and style. And while they are great bowlers and have really high scores, I found it helpful to see that sometimes even they have bad days! So when I have a bad day- I think of them and know that it can happen to anyone!

So I DO think that I am the next bowling prodigy. Let me show you!

Thank You!

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