

Dear Storm Staff Members,

Hi my name is Spencer DeFelice and I am 17 years old and I live in Romulus, Michigan. I have a 183 average on a house shot and a 171 average on a sport shot which isn't very good considering the competition in Michigan. Romulus is a city in the Metro Detroit area and we are home to the very first World Series of Bowling at Thunder Bowl lanes. I was there for all of the tapings for all the shows except the cheetah championship which Norm Duke won. I am entering this contest because I am the next bowling prodigy. I sleep eat and breath bowling and I do what ever I can to get better at the game itself. I've spent hours on end in a bowling center critiquing my game to make sure that I keep up with the competition in the Detroit area.

So I go to Romulus high school and I'm going to be a senior. My first couple years of high school were pretty bad because my school didn't have a high school bowling team so I decided to do something about it. I fought and fought and fought for this bowling team for my first two years of high school going to school board meetings and even bothering the athletic director weekly. Finally all of my hard work paid off and the school board approved the bowling team and gave us a budget. In order for us to get uniforms and enough money to enter high school tournaments I did fund raisers and raised over \$300 for our team to get our uniforms.

This past school year was my junior year and now that I got the bowling team started for my school I even set up the bowling center that we would practice in for the season. When our team got approved by the school board our first meet was a week away. After we got approved our school didn't want to pay our coach so we had to find

one that would volunteer to be coach. Once we found a coach we only had two days to get a team together. Surprisingly we did and we had a pretty good season taking out some of the best teams in the state like Flat rock and Belleville. Our team ended up going 5-6-3 in our first season.

At the end of the season we went to the regional tournament and came in 8<sup>th</sup> place out of 16 teams. Unfortunately only the top three teams made it to the state championships. The next day was the singles regional tournament the top five guys from each team got to go to this tournament and I was one of them. There were 81 kids at this tournament and it was very intimidating because all of these other kids had so much experience and I had very little. Only the top ten guys from the field of 81 made it to the state championships. I ended up throwing 1,171 over six games coming in 9<sup>th</sup> place. I couldn't even believe it, here I was not even giving it a thought that I was going to make it and I did. That day was by far the best day of my life and high school career because it involved what I live for which is bowling. I have also come in first place in the 2009 Michigan state youth bowling championships with my team. That day I shot 679 which was my highest 3 game series and I threw a 279 which is my high game. In the high school mach memorial tournament I finished in 12<sup>th</sup> place with a 718 series with handicap.

I am currently in the Tuesday majors scratch league and every week they put out a different sport shot oil pattern and I am having a difficult time learning how to play on these patterns. This is why I need a professional coach to teach me how to throw on all of these different bowling oil patterns. Although it is very difficult I have the heart and I am determined to read every pattern perfectly and one day be in the PBA. Instead of going

bowling and bowling on a typical house shot I am now asking to bowl on sport shots.

Although I love bowling I also get my work done in the classroom as well maintaining a GPA of 3.9. I am looking to go to Saginaw Valley State University to finish my education and to bowl for one of the best colligate teams in the country. I have also earned over \$200 in scholarships from all of the tournaments that I bowl in. My family and I have always looked up to all of the professional bowlers that storm has sponsored like Norm Duke, Pete Weber, Rhino Page, and the two handed sensation Jason Belmonte. We love seeing these guys on TV every week because we have a high possibility to seeing one or more of them on every show.

I have been bowling for ten years and in that amount of time I have only had one new ball and it was a six pound white dot. All of my other bowling balls have been handed down to me from the other people around me that got their use already out of them. If I won this it would be so nice to enter the new bowling season with some new bowling equipment and a whole experience with one of the PBA storm staff that will teach me how to bowl on these competitive PBA oil patterns. I don't even know how nice it would be to get proper coaching and to throw the best balls on the market. I always will consider myself a prodigy and the next big thing in the PBA.

Life time bowler,



Spencer DeFelice