

[2022-2023 Playing Rules Book](#)

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Last month, we discussed:

- How to adjust the prize list
- Prorating prize monies

If you missed last month's *Rules Extra*, please click [here](#).

This month, we will cover:

- Playoffs and Roll-offs
- Season-Ending Financial Statement

If you are no longer a league officer, please forward *Rules Extra* to newly-elected officers if you have their email address so that they will be more knowledgeable in their new role.

Please forward *Rules Extra* via email to your fellow officers and league members.



LEAGUE RESOURCES

Roll-offs and Playoffs – What's the difference?

While these terms are used synonymously, there is a clear difference in how they are defined and the role each plays within USBC rules. [Rule 118a](#) defines a Roll-off as a competition held for the purposes of breaking ties while a Playoff is a competition held for the purposes of determining a champion.

In general, the same rules/format the league uses for the regular competition is used in the roll-offs or playoffs unless the league has adopted a different process for either one. [Rule 118b](#) provides directions on how to conduct these competitions and format options a league can utilize to provide more excitement to the league.

In both roll-off and playoffs, the scores count for averages and qualify for USBC Awards.

Season Ending Financial Statement

The responsibilities of the League Treasurer take center stage when the season comes to an end. [Rule 104e](#) states the treasurer is responsible for a complete

accounting of all receipts and disbursements. This responsibility remains with the treasurer when the league uses in-house banking. To assist your league in creating a financial statement, review the sample financial statement the Rules team has created [here](#).

ROLL-OFFS & PLAYOFFS

SAMPLE FINANCIAL STATEMENT



IN THE NEWS

2023 USBC Annual Meeting & Convention



The 2023 USBC Annual Meeting & Convention will take place from April 24-27 at The SouthPoint Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. All USBC members wishing to watch the activities can do so for free on BowlTV. For a full schedule of events click [here](#).

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HOT TOPICS

League Awards – Scratch and Handicap - What takes precedence?

Most leagues have prizes for the highest scores bowled during the season. Most handicap leagues award prizes for both handicap and scratch scores. Often, the question is asked...If we give out both handicap and scratch awards, which one takes precedence? [Rule 106b](#) provides direction on league prizes and addresses this issue in the NOTE section of the rule. It states:

"Since scratch and handicap scores are considered separate groups, a team or individual would be eligible for both scratch and handicap prizes unless the league rules state otherwise. If a league rule limits teams or individuals to one award, the rule should also state which prize a member or team will win if a score qualifies for more than one.



DON'T FORGET!

Don't forget...The League Treasurer is responsible for providing a detailed financial statement to each team captain when the prizes are distributed. USBC has created an interactive financial statement for leagues to use. You can access it [here](#).



MYTHS MYTHBUSTERS

Busted, Plausible or Confirmed:

Myth #41: The team winning the most segments in a split season league is the league champion.

Myth #48: A playoff and a roll-off are the same thing.

[Get the answers to these and other bowling myths.](#)

Want to be part of Mythbusters? Send your bowling myth to Rules@bowl.com.