

2024 Rules Quiz

1. Juan Epstein had a fall back in August and injured his left ankle. As part of his treatment, he was told to try bowling left-handed to minimize the stress on his injured ankle. He has bowled 24 consecutive years at the USBC Open Championships. His OC entering average is 181. This season (left-handed) he is averaging 135 and wants USBC to consider granting him average relief for the OC.

What information does he need to provide to Rules for consideration for Average Relief? (Choose all that apply)

1. Last weeks league standing sheet
 2. Medical information detailing the injury, treatment and prognosis
 3. Character statement from the Association Manager
 4. Bowler History report from all leagues
 5. A note from his mother
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2. Juan has the following tournaments that he wants to bowl in this season in the order below:
A – Local Association Championship
B – State Tournament
C – USBC Open Championships

A request for Average Relief under Rule 4e should be sent to Rules by what date?

1. Just bring it to check-in at the USBC OC and staff will handle it onsite.
2. No earlier than 1 week prior to the local association championships dates.
3. At least 60 days prior to his local association tournament dates
4. At least 30 days prior to his local association tournament dates

3. Juan has been granted average relief by USBC Rules and walks in to bowl the local association tournament waving a copy of a letter stating that USBC has granted him average relief to 133 when he is bowling left-handed. He hands you the letter.

What can you do with this information? (Choose all the apply)

1. Congratulate him on getting average relief and allow him to bowl at the adjusted 133 left-handed average.
 2. Assign Juan an average that exceeds his adjusted 133 left-handed average.
 3. Deny the relief and require Juan to use the average as stated in the tournament rules.
 4. Deny him the ability to bowl and direct him to get a substitute.
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4. Joan and Larry have been on the board for multiple terms. They have both forgotten to do their annual SafeSport training and have been removed from the board. They have now completed their SafeSport training, and their background screens are still valid.

What does the association have to do to bring either back onto the board?

1. Nothing. They are automatically reinstated as soon as their SafeSport Training requirements are satisfied.
2. Nothing. They are automatically reinstated after sitting out a 45-day penalty period.
3. The association manager can reinstate them.
4. The president can submit their names to the board for re-appointment to the board at their next meeting with a 2/3 vote required.
5. The president can submit their names to the board for re-appointment to the board at their next meeting with a majority vote required.

5. Janet had to work the night that her league is bowling a position round. Luckily, her team (The Subs) had a substitute available who bowled for her that night and her team won all seven (7) points. The opposing team (We Hate to Lose) wants to file a protest claiming USBC rules don't allow the use of substitutes on position rounds.

Which USBC rule prohibits the use of substitutes during position rounds?

1. Rule 107 (Position Matches) allows only regular league members with 24 games bowled to be eligible to bowl in a position round.
 2. Rule 110c (Substitutes) excludes substitutes from participating in positions rounds.
 3. No USBC rule excludes substitutes from participating in any league competition such as position rounds, rollofs or sweepers.
 4. Rule 118 (Rollofs/Playoffs/Special Contests) allows substitutes to participate only if they have bowled at least 2/3 of the season to date.
6. Our league is considering accepting digital payments. We would like to accept Zelle, Venmo and Apple Pay for league fees in addition to taking checks and cash.

What must our league prepare for when accepting these types of payments? (Choose all that apply)

1. Getting the treasurer a league credit card for league or personal expenses.
 2. Verify that the bank will accept these payments into the league account.
 3. Verify any fees the league may incur for accepting these.
 4. Verify funds are transferred to league account within 7 days of receipt.
7. During our league prize fund discussions, it was suggested that we consider the use of digital currencies to pay out our prize funds. Our league agreed and would like to utilize digital currencies to pay out our league prize funds.

What must the league do to facilitate digital prize payouts? (Choose all the apply)

1. League board must authorize
 2. Order some checks
 3. Obtain permission from individuals to receive digital payments.
 4. Have enough money on deposit
 5. Two signatures for withdrawal
8. Last week two members of the league got involved in an altercation during the league resulting in the police being called and the center banning these individuals for the rest of the season. A written complaint has been given to the league president asking that the league ban these individuals from the league for their conduct.

What does the league do with this complaint? (Choose all that apply)

1. Nothing. The actions of the center kicked these bowlers off the league.
 2. Schedule a BOD meeting for next week to review the complaint.
 3. Schedule a meeting of the entire league for next week to review the complaint.
 4. Follow the process in Rule 122a to remove the individuals from the league.
9. During the end-of-season audit, the AC found the following:
1. In Week 1, multiple players used the wrong entering averages.
 2. In week 17 the wins for Team 3 were recorded as 3 instead of 5 due to a mathematical error.
 3. Multiple occurrences of league deposits not being made within 7 days.
 4. During the position round at the end of the first half, 4 teams bowled the wrong opponents.
 5. 3 bowlers do not have USBC memberships and bowled last week.

Which of these issues can be addressed if protested now in accordance with Rule 120? (Choose all that apply)

1. Wrong entering averages
 2. Incorrect wins/losses recorded
 3. Late league deposits
 4. Wrong position round pairings
 5. Forfeitures for Non-Members
10. Last night at the end of bowling the captain of the Win At All Costs team came up to the league president and stated they wanted to challenge the nights matches because in the 6th frame of the first game, they claim the 3rd bowler on the other team fouled. Nothing was said at the time because they were way ahead in the game. They hand the president a written protest.

What does the league do to resolve this? (Choose all the apply)

1. Tell the team it is too late to file a protest.
 2. Contact the front desk to obtain a frame-by-frame of Game 1.
 3. Schedule a BOD meeting for next week.
 4. Make arrangements for the player to roll a provisional frame.
 5. Get witness statements to the alleged foul.
11. During the final weekend of our association championship tournament we had a perfect storm of things occur that caused the center to be closed for the Saturday squad (severe weather, locusts and a power outage). We are full on Sunday.

What can we do for the teams scheduled to bowl on Saturday? (Choose all that apply)

1. Nothing. The tournament was only certified through Sunday.
2. Contact Rules on Monday and ask for an extension.
3. Work with the center to get more dates and re-open entries.
4. Schedule an additional date only for those who were unable to bowl on that Saturday.

Rules Quiz Answers

1. What information does he need to provide to Rules for consideration for Average Relief? (Choose all that apply)

1. Incorrect – Bowler History Report needs to be provided

2. Correct – Rule 4e, Item 1a

3. Incorrect

4. Correct - Rule 4e, Item 1b

5. Incorrect

2. A request for Average Relief under Rule 4e should be sent to Rules by what date?

1. Incorrect

2. Correct – Rule 4e

3. Incorrect

4. Incorrect

3. What can you do with this information? (Choose all the apply)

1. Correct - Rule 4e, Item 3a

2. Correct - Rule 4e, Item 3b

3. Correct - Rule 4e, Item 3c

4. Incorrect

4. What does the association have to do to bring either of them back onto the board?

1. Incorrect

2. Incorrect

3. Incorrect

4. Incorrect

5. Correct – USBC Local Association Bylaws, Article V, Section E, Item 4

5. **Which USBC rule prohibits the use of substitutes during position rounds?**

1. Incorrect
2. Incorrect
- 3. Correct**
4. Incorrect

6. **What must our league prepare for when accepting these types of payments? (Choose all that apply)**

1. Incorrect
- 2. Correct – League must have an account that will accept digital payments, or they cannot accept them.**
3. Advisable but not required - As these fees would influence the league income.
- 4. Correct – USBC Rule 104e, Item 1b**

7. **What must the league do to facilitate digital prize payouts? (Choose all the apply)**

- 1. Correct – League board must authorize the methods of payments the league will use for league fund disbursement. USBC Rule 106b**
2. Incorrect
- 3. Correct – Individuals must agree to accept digital payments and provide necessary account information to the league**
- 4. Correct – The league must have the amount of funds on deposit which are required to fund the prize list.**
- 5. Correct – USBC Rule 104e, Item 1a**

8. **What does the league do with this complaint? (Choose all that apply)**

1. Incorrect – The action of the bowling center only limits the players ability to participate in the league. The player is still a member of the league until the league takes an official action under Rule 122a to remove them from the league.
- 2. Correct – USBC Rule 122a, Item 2a**

3. Incorrect – This is an action decided by the league board of directors (team captains and officers).

4. Correct – USBC Rule 122a

9. Which of these issues can be addressed if protested now in accordance with Rule 120? (Choose all that apply)

1. Incorrect – Protests of incorrect entering averages must be filed within the timelines of Rule 120.

2. Correct – USBC Rule 114a, Item 6

3. Incorrect – This is not an issue subject to a protest. A complaint could be made to the league board or USBC for a violation Of USBC Rule 104e, Item 1b.

4. Incorrect – If teams bowl against the wrong opponents, the matches/pairings stand as bowled – CAQ 107/1 of USBC Rule 107.

5. Correct – USBC Rule 119c – Forfeitures can be applied for the use of an ineligible player if the games are protested within the timelines of Rule 120.

10. What does the league do to resolve this? (Choose all the apply)

1. Incorrect – The protest was filed within the time limits of Rule 120 and must be accepted and acted upon.

2. Correct – This information will be necessary in the event the protest is upheld and the bowlers score is corrected.

3. Correct – USBC Rule 120

4. Correct – USBC Rule 10 – A provisional ball is to be rolled when there is a protest involving a foul, legal pinfall or a deadball.

5. Correct – Statements of witnesses will assist the league board (team captains and officers) in making a decision on the protest.

11. What can we do for the teams scheduled to bowl on Saturday? (Choose all that apply)

1. Incorrect

2. Correct – In order to add a squad for the affected teams, USBC must approve the additional date and update the Online Tournament Certification records for the event.

3. Incorrect – While the association must work with the center on an alternative date, tournament entries cannot be reopened to accept additional entries after the original ending date of the tournament.
4. **Correct – The additional date can only be offered to those entries affected by the center closure and squad cancellation. Entries that are not able to bowl on the rescheduled date are to receive refunds of entry fees paid.**