

**August 2023**

Last month, our weekly eblasts covered:

- League officer duties
- League finances
- Other important information to complete your duties as an officer
- Rules changes for 2023-2024

If you missed the last edition of the *Rules Extra*, please click [here](#).

This month, we will cover:

- USBC Membership Applications
- 2023-2024 Playing Rules and Commonly Asked Questions
- New Rules page on BOWL.com
- Adult/Youth league requirements
- Youth leagues
- Deadline for proposed changes to USBC rules

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.



IN THE NEWS



### **Rule changes effective Aug. 1, 2023**

The USBC Board has approved the addition of two (2) new rules to the General Playing Rules:


[Rule 4f](#) – Two-Handed Techniques - This rule clarifies the difference between a two-handed approach and a two-handed delivery.

[Rule 19](#) – String Pin Bowling - This rule explains the recognition of String Pin Bowling beginning August 1, 2023, when the center has string pinsetters that comply with USBC specifications. More information on string pinsetters and the work that led up to this decision can be found [here](#).


### **2023-2024 USBC Membership Applications**

USBC thanks you for your continued efforts in collecting accurate and complete information from your league bowlers on their USBC membership applications. Accurate member information improves the fulfillment of membership cards and member benefits to your league bowlers. A reminder that date of birth is required for all members, and ensuring you have good emails of your bowlers ensures they receive USBC news - such as the new First Frame powered by Bowlers Journal – this season!

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**2023-2024 Playing Rules and Commonly Asked Questions**

The 2023-24 USBC Rulebook is now posted and can be accessed [here](#). The rulebook is available online and through the BOWL.com app. Added features this year include the addition of a Table of Contents with direct links to rules and the inclusion of links throughout the rulebook that will provide quick access to referenced rules and CAQ's.

**USBC launches new Rules page on bowl.com**

Everything rules can now be found on the new [Rules page](#) of bowl.com. General, league and tournament resource sections provide you with a wide breadth of information to help you, as an officer, run more effective and efficient leagues.

 LEAGUE RESOURCES

**Adult/Youth Leagues**

Adult leagues allowing USBC Youth members 18 or younger to participate must be certified as an adult/youth league, must comply with USBC Rule 400 and those 18 or older must complete U.S. Center for SafeSport training. All officers must be a Registered Volunteer (SafeSport trained and background screening through NCSI).

**Youth Leagues**

Promote your scholarship leagues. If you have unassigned funds in your SMART account, use them to promote bowling. Inform the parents/youth that you are adding additional scholarship funds to the prize fund, or have

the youth/parents help promote your leagues. For example: Everyone receives prizes in the form of scholarships, and for each new bowler you bring in, you both receive scholarship funds. This is a great way to have others promote your leagues.

If you would like to provide scholarships, get started by submitting this [form](#) to SMART@bowl.com.

Don't forget when certifying your league, include your SMART account number on the league application.

**Deadline for proposals for changes to USBC rules is fast approaching.**

Proposals for changes to USBC rules are due by Sept. 1, 2023. If you have a rule change you would like to be considered by the USBC delegates, send your proposal to [rules@bowl.com](mailto:rules@bowl.com) by Sept. 1, 2023.



**Mythbusters... Busted, Plausible or Confirmed:**

Myth # 30: A team or individual can pre-bowl for the first league session.

Myth #34: Once adopted, all league rules are final.

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

Want to be part of Mythbusters? Send your bowling myth to [Rules@bowl.com](mailto:Rules@bowl.com).