



## **RULES EXTRA – July 10, 2019**

### **TITLE: What did you sign up for?**

Last month, we defined several types of averages. If you did not receive last month's copy of *Rules Extra*, please contact [Rules@bowl.com](mailto:Rules@bowl.com).

This month, we examine league officer duties and other important information to complete your duties as an officer. You will receive *Rules Extra* for the next three Wednesdays, as we will cover rules and finances heading into the new season.

Please share *Rules Extra* with your fellow officers and league members.

If you are no longer a league officer, please forward these issues to newly elected officers to assist them in completing their duties for the 2019-2020 season.

### **In the News**

#### **League application – selecting the right lane condition**

If your league is using lane conditions that are NOT the traditional house shot of the center, please pay attention to Section 5a. of your league application. Average integrity has been a priority of USBC in recent years, and your awareness to the proper classification of leagues is a key step to upholding this integrity.

If your league is using Sport conditions, such as PBA, PWBA or World Bowling patterns, your league application needs to properly reflect this. If your league is using Challenge conditions, with ratios just above 4:1 up to 8:1, or varying your house conditions regularly with the intent of having more challenging conditions than a house shot, mark the league application as Challenge for Section 5a.

USBC reclassified 97 leagues in early 2019 and will be evaluating leagues again at the conclusion of the 2019 summer leagues. Your assistance now will help reduce the number of leagues which will need to be reclassified.

For association officials, click [here](#) for the best practices document we created to help educate you on what your role should be with improving average integrity. A fair environment for your tournaments is our goal with these processes, and we thank you for your support in the effort. Click [here](#) for the average conversion charts.

## League officer duties

### President

1. [Training video](#)
2. Meet with the center regarding the league contract. Click [here](#) for negotiating tips.
3. Meeting tips
  1. [How to prepare an agenda](#)
  2. [How to make a motion](#)
  3. [Election video](#) and [Sample ballot](#)
4. Appoint Committees
  1. Prize Committee (Required)
  2. Audit Committee Information (Required)
  3. Other Committees as needed
5. Ensure the league account is opened in the name of the league AND that monthly statements come to you so you may [verify the league account](#).

### Vice President

1. [Fill in for the president when not available](#)
2. Watch the training video under President (above) for more information about the president's duties

### Secretary

1. [Training video](#)
2. Get league information from the local association.
3. Ensure every bowler
  1. Completes a membership application,
  2. Pays fees, or
  3. Has a receipt for membership fees already paid
4. [Certify the league as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days](#)
5. Update the league rules and pass out to the team captains
6. [Post and/or pass out a league schedule](#)
7. Update standings and pass out weekly recap sheets
8. Send in final averages to the local association within 15 days of the end of the league and as requested by the local association

## Treasurer

1. [Training video](#)
2. Work with the president to get an account set up in the name of the league with two signatures
3. Make deposits within seven days
4. [Make sure bowlers are current in league fees](#)
5. [Complete a financial statement at the end of the season](#)
6. Two members of an immediate family cannot serve as president or vice president and secretary-treasurer or treasurer of the same league or co-sign for withdrawals from a league account, even if they do not reside in the same household.

Members of an immediate family include mothers, daughters, sisters, wives, husbands, sons, brothers, fathers, stepsisters, stepbrothers, stepmothers, stepfathers and in-laws. Same gender spouses are considered immediate family.

## Mythbusters

True or false:

Myth #6: The league president must calculate weekly fees to verify the account.

Myth #54: League officers, including league managers, youth league supervisors and officials must have USBC membership.

**[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).

## Tenpin Puzzler

PB is out this month and will return for the new season August 7!



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