



## **RULES EXTRA – July 18, 2019**

### **TITLE: Have you spoken with the center yet?**

Last week, Rules Extra provided an overview of each officer's duties. Contact [Rules@bowl.com](mailto:Rules@bowl.com) if you need a copy of last week's newsletter. In this week's issue, we address lane certification, center contracts and how to prepare and run an organizational meeting.

Don't forget to share this newsletter with other league officers and members!

#### **In the news**

##### **Three-unit lane dressing rule suspended**

The USBC Equipment Specifications Committee recently determined the three-unit lane dressing rule no longer is applicable and will be suspended. Instituted in 1992, the three-unit rule stated lane dressing could be applied in any amount and any distance if there is a minimum of three units.

The committee's decision came after a review of recent research by the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications team showed advancements in technology, including how today's bowling balls drastically alter any oil pattern applied to a lane surface, have made the rule obsolete.

Click [here](#) for the news release and click [here](#) for the Oil Pattern Report.

##### **Setting the standard through center certification**

Ensuring the lanes meet certain specifications is one of the benefits of USBC membership. Each year, local associations across the country inspect the centers in their area to make sure bowlers have a level playing field. Look for the current season "USBC Certified" sticker on the door when you walk into your center.

## **More league officer duties**

### **Have you spoken with the center yet?**

A league leases lanes from a center to bowl at a certain time for a certain number of weeks, thus entering into a contract. What should you discuss with the center? Click [here](#) for tips.

## **Guide to a well-organized league organizational meeting**

It is nearly time to hold the league organizational meeting, the following links will help you plan and run an organizational meeting:

- [Organizational Meeting Basics](#)
- [How to prepare an agenda](#)
- [Meeting Basics](#)
- [How to make a motion](#)
- [Elections](#)
- [Sample ballot](#)

## **Need help?**

The Rules Team is here Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. (Central) to help with any questions. Call 800-514-2695, extension 8955 to talk to a rules counselor. Don't like talking on the phone? Send an email to [rules@bowl.com](mailto:rules@bowl.com).

## **Mythbusters**

Busted, plausible, or confirmed:

Myth #3: The bowling center determines the length of the league schedule.

Myth #4: The center's secretarial service includes all the secretary's duties.

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

Be part of Mythbusters! Send your bowling myth to [\*\*Rules@bowl.com\*\*](mailto:Rules@bowl.com).

## Tenpin Puzzler

PB Atkinson is on vacation and will return with a new Tenpin Puzzler on Aug. 7!



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