

RULES EXTRA – August 7, 2019

TITLE: Welcome back, PB!

Last month, we covered league officer duties, rules, contracts and league finances. If you missed any of the four Rules Extras sent in July, please contact Rules@bowl.com. If a new officer has been elected, please forward Rules Extra so they will be more knowledgeable in their new role.

This month, we are covering key points for league start-up.

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

In the News

Tenpin Puzzler

Our rules aficionado, PB Atkinson, has been on vacation and traveled to the Junior Gold Championships in Detroit in July. He is back this month with more rule tips for his bowling fans!

This month's Puzzler comes from Gary in Wisconsin, who asks about the new rule regarding cleaning a bowling ball.

To find out the answer, either [view the Tenpin Puzzler video](#) or [read the Tenpin Puzzler article](#).

If you have a question for PB, email him at PBAtkinson@bowl.com. If PB uses your question, we will send you an autographed copy of the 2019-2020 USBC Playing Rules.

Youth membership maximum age lowered to 18

As of Aug. 1, 2020, the maximum age for USBC Youth members will be lowered to 18. [Read the full article.](#)

League Start-up

The first league session is a crazy time for league secretaries and treasurers. We are providing tips and our [Quick-start checklist](#) to assist.

Membership application cards

Membership application cards can be a nightmare for league secretaries – poor handwriting, incomplete cards, not handing in cards, fees do not balance. We

suggest announcements be made or instructions provided on how to complete the card. Please remind the bowlers email addresses and membership ID numbers are an important means of communication for you and USBC.

Check the cards as received. If the bowler has checked paid online or through another league, ask for a receipt. If the bowler has no receipt, collect membership fees; they can be refunded if found the bowler has paid.

Youth bowlers

USBC youth bowlers CANNOT bowl in USBC adult leagues comprised of teams of two or more player and pays prize money. This includes bowling as a substitute or pacer, and they cannot waive prize money to bowl in the league. If the league has teams of two or more players, and it pays out cash prizes, youth cannot bowl. If in doubt, do not let youth compete in the league. Learn more about [USBC Youth eligibility](#).

League certification applications

League certification applications, membership application cards and membership fees must be filed with the local association within 30 days of the start of the league. We urge you to submit the application as quickly as possible; you can always add bowlers after the application is submitted. Please print legibly and make sure all boxes are marked, including the proper lane condition. The application comes with detailed instruction.

United States Bowling Congress League Application Please Print. League Application # _____
Send application and dues to local processor (local association or center) within 30 days of first league session. DO NOT send directly to USBC Headquarters.

1. Bowling Center _____
Name _____ City _____ State _____

2. League Name _____ 3. Association Name _____

4. Type of League
Adult
 Adult Mixed STANDARD
 Adult Women BASIC
 Adult Men BASIC
 Adult/Youth Mixed
Youth
 Standard High School
 Bumper Promotional
 USA Bowling

4a. Check if applicable
 This is a managed League (See Rule 100)
 Scholarship SMART # _____
 Senior League
 Travel League

5. Game Format
 Standard American Tenpin
 Baker /Scotch Doubles
 No Tap/3-6-9/Best Ball
 Bumper

5a. Lane Conditions
Check one
 House/Standard
 Challenge
 Sport
Visit bowl.com/laneconditions for more information.

Don't forget...To pass out league rules to every team captain as quickly as possible.

Do your bowlers know...lane courtesy? Why not print copies of the [Etiquette Guidelines](#) for all your bowlers?

Mythbusters

Busted, plausible, or confirmed:

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

Myth #45: A bowler must bowl before their absentee score can be used.

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

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



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