



Rules Extra - February 2019

Run a good election

Last month, we discussed SafeSport training and the Registered Volunteer Program (RVP), what to do when a rule is broken, a protest is received, and bowlers fall behind in league fees. If you did not receive a copy of last month's Rules Extra, please contact Rules@bowl.com.

This month, we will cover league elections.

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

League elections

Leagues must hold elections each season prior to payout or, if the league board of directors decides, at the beginning of the season (Rule 102a). A league must elect a president, vice president and the combined office of secretary-treasurer, at minimum. Sargent at arms is an optional office. If your league chooses to hold elections at the beginning of the season, please keep this newsletter for reference.

USBC has created an [Election Guide](#) to assist you in running a good election. You also can watch the [Election Video](#).

Need ballots for the upcoming election? Click [here](#) for a template and easy-to-follow instructions.

As a side note, USBC has posted League Officer Training videos for the [president](#), [treasurer](#) and [secretary](#) on the League Resources page. The videos are found under the **Board of Directors duties and responsibilities heading**.

Don't forget...background screening and [SafeSport training](#) must be completed by all Youth league and tournament officials and all members of state and local association boards. We thank all those who have already completed screening and training, and ask those who have not to do so as soon as possible.

Do your bowlers know...they may bowl in the local association tournament? Please announce the dates and let them know where they can find entry forms.

Mythbusters

Busted, plausible, or confirmed:

Myth #1: The option that gets the most votes wins.

Myth #12: When there are three candidates on the ballot for an office, the candidate with the most votes wins.

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

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

Tenpin Puzzler

This month's Puzzler comes from Jerry in Texas who asks about membership when a bowler is allowed to switch hands.

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 2018-2019 USBC Playing Rules.



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