

## [2022-2023 Playing Rules Book](#)

December 2022

Last month, we discussed:

- League finances
- Online and mobile banking
- Balance hole protests

If you missed last month's *Rules Extra*, please click [here](#).

This month, we will cover:

- Position rounds
- Roll-offs
- Playoffs
- Weather cancellations

If you are no longer a league officer, please forward *Rules Extra* to newly elected officers.

Please forward *Rules Extra* via email to your fellow officers and league members.



## LEAGUE RESOURCES

### **Position rounds**

Do you know what to do if teams are tied going into a position round? What if teams bowl the wrong opponent or teams have not made up games?

[Get these answers and more](#)

### **Roll-off (also known as a tiebreaker)**

Many leagues use the term roll-off for the championship playoffs when, in fact, a roll-off is a tiebreaker. A roll-off, according to [Rule 118](#), must be conducted when there is a tie for first place at the end of a segment or the season (unless co-champions are declared). Scores from a roll-off must be added into a bowler's average record.

### **Playoff (also known as the championship)**

Most playoffs are connected to [split seasons](#). A split season is when a league divides the standings into segments with the standings starting over once the previous segment is completed. This is a great way for a league to add interest

and to give teams the opportunity to move up in the standings and compete in the championship playoff.

### **Dealing with weather issues**

Tis the season for weather-related problems to start happening. The CAQ's attached to [Rule 117b](#) and [Rule 117d](#) provide guidance to leagues when faced with weather-related issues.



## IN THE NEWS

### **BowlTV Announcement**

For the first time, bowling's premier professional organizations in the United States will be available for fans around the world to watch through a single livestreaming service – BowlTV.

[BowlTV.com](#) is the multi-channel livestreaming platform of the United States Bowling Congress and will be the exclusive home of the Professional Bowlers Association and Professional Women's Bowling Association in 2023.

A partnership between USBC and PBA is bringing the PBA's full lineup to BowlTV for 2023, which includes coverage of the national tour, PBA50, PBA Jr. and regional competition.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)



## DON'T FORGET!

**Don't forget...** to forward any new bowler membership application cards and any applicable fees to the local association no later than 30 days after receipt.



## DO YOUR BOWLERS KNOW?

**Do your bowlers know...** the league procedure for canceling for inclement weather? This is the time to reinforce the league procedures for doing so.



## ATHLETE SAFETY/RVP

### **SafeSport Training Update**

The U.S. Center for SafeSport continues to play an important role with USBC.

- **Parent Training Resources**

Parents are an important part of the solution as we all work together to prevent abuse in sports. Our [Parent Guide to Misconduct in Sports](#) is designed for parents of athletes of all ages. This FREE online training course explains the issues of misconduct in sports and helps parents ensure their children have positive and safe experiences.

- **Youth Athlete Resources**

The U.S. Center for SafeSport now has two free online courses for children of varied ages and their parents or caregivers. These courses introduce minor athletes to the importance of positive, welcoming environments in which bullying and abuse are not tolerated. The courses also let course takers know where to report abuse or misconduct if it occurs.

For all members taking SafeSport training, it is imperative to go through BOWL.com's Athlete Safety Portal. Visit [BOWL.com](#), under the USBC heading, and click on Athlete Portal in the drop down. Enter your Community Login, and you will be taken to your exclusive Athlete Safety page from which you will access SafeSport training and your NCSI background screening.

As a reminder, all league officers of Youth or Adult/Youth leagues must be compliant with the annual SafeSport training and have a current background screening (done every two years) under [Rule 100b](#).

Bowlers 18 or older who are participating in a Youth or Adult/Youth League must be compliant with the annual SafeSport training requirements under [Rule 100b](#).

[PARENT AND YOUTH ATHLETE RESOURCES](#)

[ARE YOU RVP COMPLIANT? FIND OUT HERE](#)



**Busted, Plausible or Confirmed:**

**MYTH #8:** On position-match weeks, if the first-place team cannot move down in the standings, they bowl the team in last place.

**MYTH #18:** A team cannot be forced to use an absentee score for a position round or playoff.

[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).