

[2022-2023 Playing Rules Book](#)

January 2023

Last month, we discussed:

- Position rounds
- Roll-offs
- Playoffs
- Bad Weather Cancellations

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

This month, we will cover:

- Adding and losing teams
- League Fee Arrearages

If you are no longer a league officer, please forward *Rules Extra* to newly elected officers if you have their email address so that they will be more knowledgeable in their new role.

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



LEAGUE RESOURCES

Adding and losing teams during the season

One of the commonly asked questions of the Rules Team is: What do we do when a team wants to join or leave the league? A team withdrawing from or joining a league affects the schedule and the prize fund. The schedule must reflect the number of teams in the league. Review [this document to see how to handle a team joining or withdrawing from the league](#). Click below to learn how to adjust the league's prize fund.

ADJUST PRIZE FUND

Don't let bowlers get behind in fees

Bowlers make a commitment to the league when they sign up, so what do you do when you have a bowler who has not paid his or her fees? If the bowler is present, ask the bowler to pay the fees prior to bowling. If the bowler does not pay, you may tell the bowler and team captain that the bowler cannot participate until paid.

If all efforts to collect fees fail, the league may file a complaint with USBC following the procedures in [Rule 122b](#). Use the following tools to assist in the complaint filing process:

- [Checklist](#)
- [Sample Notification Letter](#)
- [The Meeting](#)



IN THE NEWS

USBC announces 2023 Convention and Annual Meeting

Have you ever wondered how USBC league and tournament rules get decided? How can they be changed? Did you know the USBC Convention and Annual Meeting is where these rules are voted upon by delegates from your local association?

The governance of USBC in many ways lies within the hands of the USBC volunteer delegates who come from local and state associations like yours. Similarly, in your local area, the local associations are made up of volunteers who have been elected and then help determine activities and programs to service your bowlers.

The elected board members help determine the tournaments that are put on and rules for those events. Most local association annual meetings are in the spring and summer, and we encourage you to consider helping the sport in your community by getting involved with your local association.

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DON'T FORGET!

Don't forget... [Rule 122b](#) states that bowlers may be in arrears for a maximum of six weeks. However, please do not wait for six weeks to go by before addressing bowlers who owe fees.



DO YOUR BOWLERS KNOW?

Do your bowlers know... what fees must be paid when absent? Please be sure your league members, especially new bowlers to the league, are aware what fees must be paid even when they are absent.



Busted, Plausible or Confirmed:

MYTH #15: When a league requires bowlers to prepay for the last two weeks of bowling, a player who withdraws from a league is credited the prepaid amount for the required two-week withdrawal fees.

MYTH #16: The two-week notice required for withdrawing from a league is based on the calendar.

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

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