

[2022-2023 Playing Rules Book](#)

June 2023

Last month, we discussed:

- Closing Out the Season
- Two-Handed Deliveries vs Two-Handed Approaches
- 2023 USBC Annual Meeting Updates

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

This month, we will cover:

- Summer Work for a Successful Fall

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.



IN THE NEWS

Summer Work for a Successful Fall

By now, most fall/winter leagues have completed their seasons, and bowlers are moving on to their summer activities, which we at USBC hope includes bowling in a summer league. You, however, as a league officer, can't sit back and completely rest. There are things for you to accomplish over the break to help set the table for next season. Here are a few things to review as you prepare for next season:

- Have the final averages from your league been submitted to your local association? These are due within 15 days from the end of the league.
- Did your league have elections for officers at the conclusion of the season?
- Did the league take any actions to adopt rules for next season?
- Were there any issues that the league experienced during the season that might warrant the adoption of a new rule? What might some options be that could address these issues without creating others?
- Have you contacted the bowling center to discuss your 2023-2024 league agreement?

- Has a date/time been sent for your preseason organizational meeting? How will the bowlers be notified of plans for next season?
- What plans/processes are in place to recruit more bowlers into your league?

Association Workshops and USBC assets to help your league be successful

Does your association offer a league officer workshop? If so, make plans to attend and invite the other officers of your league. The information provided at these gatherings helps disseminate important information on how to improve your league's operations and to keep everybody informed about things that are new in bowling. This season's league kits will include information for you and your bowlers showing more about the value of USBC membership.

USBC also provides a host of information for our league officers to help them navigate league operations. We provide guidance of Officer Duties, Conducting Meetings, League Rules, Finances, and the list goes on and on. Access all of this on the USBC [League Resources](#) page.

SafeSport and Registered Volunteer tools

We want to say thank you to our registered volunteers and everyone who has taken SafeSport training. Now, USBC members can easily see their current status for SafeSport training and Registered Volunteer Program (RVP) requirements through their USBC Community Login profile. Once in your profile, just click on the Athlete Safety/RVP link for details. [Learn more.](#)

2023-2024 Rulebook

The 2023-2024 USBC Rulebook will be posted on BOWL.com in July. Updates include direct links to the rules from the Table of Contents page.

The rulebook will be posted at [BOWL.com/Rules](https://www.bowl.com/rules).

[League Resources Page](#)

[Athlete Safety/RVP](#)



IN THE NEWS



The 2023 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting was held April 24-27.

United States Bowling Congress delegates elected three board members and voted on a number of legislative proposals at the 2023 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting. Read the full press release below.

USBC announced certification of String Pin bowling effective August 1, 2023. See the press release below. A FAQ on the certification of string pin bowling can be found below.

[Convention Press Release](#)

[String Pin Press Release](#)

[FAQ on String Pin](#)



DON'T FORGET!

Don't forget...Final averages are official as of the date the league ends and due within 15 days. If the league votes to end the schedule, final averages must be submitted to the local association within 15 days of the vote to end the league.



DO YOUR BOWLERS KNOW?

Do your bowlers know... who to contact if they intend to return to the league, need a bowler or will not be returning? Be sure bowlers have contact information to notify someone if they have questions regarding next season.



MYTHS MYTHBUSTERS

Mythbusters... Busted, Plausible or Confirmed:

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

Myth # 29: USBC Rules are only guidelines.

Myth # 34: Once adopted, all league rules are final.

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

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