

Last month, we discussed:

- Adding and dropping teams
- Team and roster definitions
- Verifying the league accounts

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

This month, we will cover:

- League finances
- Online and mobile banking
- Bowling ball hole rules

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 finances**

We cannot stress enough how important it is to follow the rules and procedures for league finances. League funds must be deposited within seven (7) days of receipt. The president must do the math monthly to [verify the league account](#) has the correct amount of money on deposit. [Learn more about league finances.](#)

### **Online and mobile banking**

Debit cards, online banking and mobile banking are very popular methods to handle finances. Banks encourage paperless banking. Users can see finances from a smart phone while on the go. These methods of banking are convenient and quick ways to check balances, pay bills and forward money to others. [How does this trend affect bowling?](#)

### **Balance Hole Protests**

Even though the new specification regarding balance holes is now in its third season, it seems many leagues are still dealing with enforcement issues when presented with a violation and are struggling with how to handle them. USBC offers the following guidance:

Leagues should take a proactive role in educating their league members that any hole drilled in a ball must be used on every delivery. This can be done through league board of directors' meetings, announcements or even handouts regarding the rule. Simply stated, if a hole is not used, it is defined as a balance hole, and balance holes are prohibited.

If an individual is accused of violating this rule, the game is subject to forfeiture. As part of the process to determine what penalty would apply (if any), it should be determined whether or not the bowler was informed of the rule previously. If it is determined they were unaware of the rule,

the board could assess a warning instead of a forfeiture. If it is determined that the player was aware of the rule but still violated it, the declaration of a forfeiture would be in order.

Also, understand that the processing of these types of issues needs to be done in accordance with the deadlines in Rule 120.



## DON'T FORGET!

**Don't forget...** about the prize fund. Rule 106a requires proposals to be presented for adoption by the fifth week of the schedule. League presidents, it is your duty to ensure a prize list is adopted in a timely manner. If this has not been done, please activate a prize fund committee to get at least one proposal submitted to the league for adoption as quickly as possible. Click [how to adopt a prize list](#) for more details.



## DO YOUR BOWLERS KNOW?

### SafeSport Training Update

For all members who are taking SafeSport training, it is imperative to go through BOWL.com's Athlete Safety Portal. Visit BOWL.com and, under the USBC heading, click on Athlete Portal in the drop down. There, you can complete your Community Login and be taken to your exclusive Athlete Safety page, which is where you can access SafeSport training and set up your NCSI background screening.

Who is required to take [SafeSport training](#)?

Who is required to be a [Registered Volunteer](#)?

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).

Bowlers 18 or older who are participating in a Youth or Adult/Youth League must be compliant with the annual SafeSport training requirement.



## MYTHBUSTERS

### Mythbusters

#### **Busted, Plausible, or Confirmed:**

Myth #52: All finger and thumb holes must be used when delivering the ball.

Myth #6: The league president must calculate weekly fees to verify the account.

Myth #11: I can put league funds into my personal account.

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

Want to be part of Mythbusters? Send your bowling myths to [Rules@bowl.com](mailto:Rules@bowl.com).