

June 2026

Last month, we discussed:

- Closing Out the Season
- The Importance of Audits

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

This month, we cover:

- Summer Work for a Successful Fall
- 2026 USBC Annual Meeting Updates

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.

There will be multiple Rules Extras in July that will have information on any changes for the upcoming 2026-2027 season.



LEAGUE RESOURCES

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 to the local association within 15 days from the end of the league.
- **Did your league have elections for officers at the conclusion of the season?**
If so, forward the names of the newly elected officers to your local association so that they can be provided with any necessary information for next season.
- **Did the league take any actions to adopt rules for next season?**
If so, update your rules now so that they are ready for the start of next season.
- **Were there any issues that the league experienced during the season that might warrant the adoption of a new rule(s)?**
If so, have some notes regarding what the issue is and some suggestions on rules that might address the issue(s).
- **Have you contacted the bowling center to discuss your 2026-2027 league agreement?**

Having lineage costs and anticipated start/end dates ahead of time helps schedule your organizational meetings to address any issues that need to be resolved for the upcoming season.

- **Has a date/time been set for your preseason organizational meeting?**
Once you have the start date information from the center, it's time to get this meeting scheduled.
- **How will the bowlers be notified of plans for next season?**
It is good practice to have the email addresses and phone numbers for all the captains so that you can advise them of the organizational meeting date and the dates of any other meetings that may be needed to prepare for next season.
- **What plans/processes are in place to recruit more bowlers into your league?**
Most leagues have the inevitable last-second dropouts or teams that cannot field a full roster. Working with the center and the rest of the members of the league to solicit bowlers for the league can make those early weeks less stressful when teams have a full complement of players.

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 on 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. Now, USBC members can easily see their current status in the Registered Volunteer Program (RVP) through their USBC Community Login profile. Once in your profile, just click on the Athlete Safety/RVP link for details. [Learn more.](#)

2026-2027 Rulebook

The 2026-2027 USBC Rulebook will be posted on BOWL.com in July. Updates include more direct links to the rules from the Table of Contents page.

The rulebook will be posted at BOWL.com/Rules.



2026 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting Comes to a Close

United States Bowling Congress delegates elected three board members at the 2026 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting, which came to a close on April 30. Read the full press release [here](#).

There were two (2) legislative items presented to the delegates at this annual meeting. Both failed to receive the required number of votes for approval. Rules is pleased to announce that there are no changes to the USBC Playing Rules for the 2026-2027 season.



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 at a date earlier than originally certified, 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.



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.