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Last month, we discussed:

- Financial Statements
- Audits

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

This month, we cover:

- Prize Lists and Adjustments

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.



### **When to adjust the league prize list**

There are circumstances that may occur that necessitate the league to amend a previously approved prize list. Situations such as adding or losing teams, changes to the length of the league schedule or the amount the prize list was based upon was miscalculated are some of the reasons why the prize list may need to be adjusted.

### **How to adjust the team prize list**

For details and options on how to amend the league prize list, [click here](#).

### **How to prorate prize money when needed**

When an individual or team properly withdraws ([Rule 121a](#)), they receive a prorated share of the prize money. To prorate prize money between bowlers, divide the total team prize money by the playing strength of the league to determine the amount per bowler on the team. Then, divide the individual portion by the number of weeks the league bowls, which equals the amount of prize money per week an individual receives. Multiply the amount per week by the number of weeks each bowler paid.

**Example:** A league bowls 25 weeks, and each team has four players. The team prize money is \$400 total or \$100 per bowler. To split prize money between two bowlers, divide the individual prize money (\$100) by the number of weeks (25) to get the amount per week ( $100/25 = \$4$  per week). This amount is then multiplied by the number of weeks each bowler paid into the prize fund.

### **What takes precedence?**

We receive calls from handicap leagues asking what takes precedence when awarding scratch and handicap prizes at the end of the league season. If the league rules are silent, the league

board of directors decides by a majority vote of those present and voting which takes precedence. Once this decision is made, we ask that you please make sure future versions of the league rules include this. If leagues have adopted prize lists with differing prize values for the various categories, many leagues will use the higher-valued prize as taking precedent.



## IN THE NEWS

### **USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy discusses the 2026 State of the Association**

USBC's State of the Association for 2026 leads off with a look at the numbers in membership. The address also highlights an exciting 2025 campaign and looks ahead to what's next for USBC in 2026 and beyond.

To see the full report, click [here](#).

### **2026 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting.**

In an effort to show you the governance side of USBC and hopefully inspire you to take an active role in local, state or national service to the bowling community, we wanted to provide information on the 2026 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting.

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. 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. We encourage you to consider helping the sport in your community by getting involved with your local association.

More information on the 2026 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting can be found [here](#).



## HOT TOPICS

### **We have a Protest – Prepared or Panicked?**

No league likes to have protests filed within the competition; however, when one is filed, handling the issue professionally and in a timely manner will go a long way in demonstrating your abilities as a league officer.

Protests are governed under [Rule 120](#). When a written protest is filed with a league officer, a meeting of the league's board of directors (team captains and league officers) must be convened to address the protest and render a decision.

USBC has created a guide to help you through the steps of processing a protest in your league. It can be accessed [here](#).



## DON'T FORGET!

**Don't forget ...** The League Treasurer is responsible for providing a detailed financial statement to each team captain when the prizes are distributed. USBC has created an interactive financial statement for leagues to use. You can access it [here](#).



## MYTHBUSTERS

### Mythbusters

Busted, plausible, or confirmed:

Myth #13: The final prize list is the league financial statement.

Myth #63: A league, by a majority of the votes cast by the league board of directors, can change a league prize list.