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Last month, we discussed:

- Roll-offs and Playoffs
- Financial Statements

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

This month, we cover:

- Closing Out the Season
- The Importance of Audits

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

Closing out the season entails quite a bit more than just passing out the prize money. Below is a list of actions that need to be completed at the end of your season.

League secretaries need to:

- Submit final average records to the local association.
- Provide the final standings to the treasurer for prize distribution.
- Verify that any awards earned in the league have been submitted.
- Notify the association of any changes in league officers for the upcoming season.

League treasurers need to:

- Provide a detailed financial statement to each team captain, officer and/or league member.

If elections are held, the current officers must turn over all records to the new officers.

USBC provides information on league operations and officer responsibilities on our League Resources page, which can be accessed [here](#).



## HOT TOPICS

### **The Importance of Audits**

It seems that at the end of the season when a league is getting ready to pay out is when leagues discover discrepancies with the league funds. The appointment of an Audit Committee AND the

Audit Committee completing an audit is one of the ways for a league to protect itself from last-second surprises.

Pair that with the league president fulfilling his or her duties and doing the required monthly audit of the league account, and your league will have two (2) important components of a plan of preventive actions to protect the league funds.

USBC provides directions on the responsibilities of the league's Audit Committee [here](#). As the saying goes...“an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

Every season, Rules receives complaints regarding league finance improprieties that are many times first discovered as a result of a league completing an annual audit of the league finances. Many times, these shortages are substantial and could have been prevented if the leagues had followed the basic financial requirements USBC has put into place.

The basics of good league fund financial management are:

- League deposits are to be made within seven days of receipt.
- League President must verify league deposits monthly
- Leagues MUST conduct an annual audit prior to the distribution of the prize fund.

## 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...**averages must include all completed roll-off games, playoff games and any sweeper or “Fun Night” games bowled using the game of American tenpins. Please forward the league averages as soon as possible to the local association. This will give the association time to process the averages for the national database so that they appear on BOWL.com.



### DO YOUR BOWLERS KNOW?

**Do your bowlers know...**the date of your league's organizational meeting? We urge leagues to set the date before the end of the league session and let your bowlers know the date of the meeting for next season.



**Mythbusters**

Busted, plausible or confirmed:

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

Myth #49: A league can adopt a rule not to add roll-off, playoff and sweeper/"Fun Night" games into final average records.

Myth #53: A bowler using the two-handed approach cannot use a one-handed delivery.

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

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