

## Chapter Two

# Membership and Dues

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### **Memberships**

Several membership options are available for joining USBC. With few exceptions, all require the payment of dues and adherence to USBC regulations.

Currently available membership packages:

- Standard
- Associate
- Basic (Youth)
- Collegiate
- High School (Youth)
- Junior Gold (Youth)
- Sport Bowling
- USBC Life Membership

To purchase USBC Youth membership the individual may not have reached his/her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before August 1 of the current bowling season. The age is waived for anyone authorized as mentally challenged.

**Descriptions benefits and cost for the above membership categories may be found on the Membership page of BOWL.com under “join USBC”.**

### **Dues**

It is important that all dues and bowler information are submitted to USBC Headquarters promptly to ensure the bowler quickly receives the support and benefits of the national organization.

### **Adult Membership Dues**

The dues a bowler submits are directed to three applicable areas: the local association, the state association and USBC Headquarters. When dues are paid through a local association, the association manager transmits the state and national portions of the dues to USBC Headquarters via WinLABS within 20 days of receipt of the dues. USBC Headquarters will then transmit the state’s portion to the appropriate state association.

### **Youth Membership Dues and Processing Fees**

The dues a youth bowler submits are directed to two applicable areas: the state association and USBC Headquarters. The local processing fee stays with the processing office i.e., the local association or bowling center. When dues are paid through a local association, the association manager transmits the state and national portions of the dues to USBC Headquarters via a web based application on Bowl.com within 20 days of receipt of the dues. USBC Headquarters will then transmit the state’s portion to the appropriate state association.



**State Dues Distribution:**

**Merged State Association:** If merged adult and youth it receives the appropriate amount of dues for men, women and youth, regardless of the status of the local association.

**Merged State Association competing with Non-merged Youth:** If the merged state is competing with a non-merged youth association, regardless of the status of the local association, the youth members will select which state association to join, with the option to join both. Adults pay the adult state dues.

**Merged State Association not competing with Non-merged Youth:** If the merged state is not competing, all youth dues go to the Non-merged Youth Association, regardless of the status of the local association. Adults pay adult state dues.

**Non-Merged State Association:** Regardless of the local association's status:

- Adult men's dues are received by the state BA.
- The state youth association receives youth dues.
- Women are to select either the state BA or state WBA or both.