Averages

National ID Number

The association manager of a local association is required to provide all league secretaries with the National ID number of each participant in the league by the end of each league schedule or the association cutoff date for submission of averages, as determined by the board.

Information regarding what must be documented in the average listing can be found in Chapter 5, Section B of the *USBC Association Policy Manual*. It says:

> *Final averages, including scores from playoffs and sweepers, must be submitted at the end of league competition. Averages must be entered for the season in which the league is certified. Bowlers in leagues that cross over seasons will not have an average for the season in which the league starts until the league is completed.*
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> *1. Provide each league secretary with the USBC ID number of each participant in the league prior to the end of each league's schedule.*
> *2. Regardless of the number of games, process all averages, including pin total and number of games bowled in WinLABS or a system approved by USBC.*
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> *Note: Associations cannot set an average cutoff date. All league scores, including those bowled in playoffs and roll-offs, must be included in a league average*

To ensure your league secretaries have the correct information, the easiest way for the association manager to accomplish this is to print an updated league roster from WinLABS (adults)/on-line processing (youth) (which includes the bowlers' National ID numbers) and distribute it to the league secretaries.

This will allow the league secretary to enter the National ID numbers into his/her league secretary software and maintain the information from season-to-season. As a result, this will help eliminate multiple ID numbers due to nicknames and same name confusion (i.e., two individuals in a league with similar names, including Jr., Sr., II, and III) in the future.

To get league secretaries into the habit of collecting ID numbers and putting them into their computer system, it may be advantageous to provide a handout/flyer outlining this requirement at the annual league secretaries meeting and again when you send the ID's to them. Also, it is suggested that the association manager provide the rosters to the league secretaries as soon as most of the memberships have been processed, giving the secretary another way to verify that all membership applications have been turned into the local association for processing.

Average Listing

Using WinLABS or the on-line youth processing system, the association must maintain an average listing of all games bowled for all members of the association. The average listing could be in print or in an electronic format; however, it must be readily available. For instance, the listing could be in the form of a yearbook, posted on the association Web site or posted at bowling centers.

If you are printing an average book, please make sure your customers need a hard copy. Many league secretaries now use BOWL.com to verify membership and average information and don't need a printed version. It is suggested that each bowling center has a hard copy as well as local tournament managers and league secretaries who request them. Many associations have gone to a system where they ask secretaries to let them know if they would like an average book, thus keeping down the cost of printing more than are needed.

You should also put only the information that is needed in your average book. While lists of tournament champions, Hall of Fame members, etc., are commonly done, does that information go beyond the bowling center's control desk or the league secretary's brief case? Perhaps this kind of information should be posted on your association website or social media pages.

Keeping your average book smaller (fewer pages) will also decrease costs. For those who sell advertising in their average books, perhaps those advertisers would be interested in having their ad put on your local association website or on a poster showing businesses who support the local association which can be posted at your local bowling center(s).