



2013 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Reno, NV



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Proposer: Marissa de Luna
San Diego, CA

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Requires rules for distribution of special prizes to be included in the tournament rules and if not, Rule 308 applies.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Allows for tournaments to have a rule allowing individuals who bowl with both hands to choose which hand they are going to use and all average information submitted will be for that hand.

Proposer: Paul Ellison
Parkersburg, WV

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Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Proposers: Maureen Nelson Sharon Schildroth
Salt Lake City, UT Grandville, MI

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Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Proposer: USBC Awards Committee

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Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Requires an association to transfer assets to the association servicing their members, within 30 days of dissolution.

Proposer: USBC Board of Directors

RULES PROPOSAL NO. LR 1

PRESENT RULE...

Rule 104a. Team Captain's Authority, Item 3 USBC Playing Rules, Chapter 4: League Rules

Be responsible for the conduct and attendance of the team in league play. It is within the captain's authority to permanently remove any player from the team. If requested, good and sufficient reason for the removal must be furnished to the board.

PROPOSAL...

Change the last sentence to read, "Good and sufficient reason for the removal must be furnished to the board and team member."

If adopted, Rule 104a Item 3 will read:

Be responsible for the conduct and attendance of the team in league play. It is within the captain's authority to permanently remove any player from the team. Good and sufficient reason for the removal must be furnished to the board and team member.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

There are instances where the team captain has permanently removed players without giving good and sufficient reasons for those removals. The team captain should be responsible for automatically advising the team member with the reason for their removal. Failure to do this gives the team captain a potential abuse of authority and creates a misunderstanding among team members. Rule 104a, as currently written, does not give the team member the opportunity to explain the reasons for permanent removal. The team member can respond following Rule 119 Protest/Appeal Procedure.

Presented by: Marissa de Luna
San Diego, CA

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors

REASON FOR REJECTION...

The process currently in place requires the team captain to furnish good and sufficient reason to the board, if requested. The individual can file a written protest with a league officer and the league board would render a decision with the individual having the right to attend the board meeting.

RULE PROPOSAL NO. TR 1

PRESENT RULE...

Rule 308. Distribution of Prize Funds

USBC Playing Rules, Chapter 6: Tournament Rules

The sponsor and management of a USBC tournament undertake a fiduciary obligation that all funds provided by that part of the entry fee designated as prize fee, but not including interest thereon, shall be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of tournament participants. Such funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

All prize money collected in an event or division of an event must be returned to the participants in that event or division of that event, except where replacements or correction of averages require a change of classification. In that case, prizes will be distributed to reflect the actual number of participants in the event or division of the event.

USBC may, at its discretion, require a bond or in lieu thereof, a satisfactory assurance that the prize fund obligations will be met.

The following prize fund requirements apply, unless otherwise provided by tournament rule:

- a. The last-place prize, including those paid for each last place tie, must be equal to at least the amount of the prize fee in the event.
- b. In team, doubles and singles events there shall be at least one prize for each 10 entries or major fraction thereof.
- c. If special prizes exceed 25 percent of the prize fund in an event or division of an event, and a bowler or team can qualify for both a special and position prize, all prizes won by a bowler or team count as one prize in determining the ratio of one prize for each 10 entries. Special prizes may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 1. Scratch prizes in a handicap event.
 2. Single-game prizes.
 3. Limited group prizes, such as early bird, average category, sponsor and weekend prizes, etc. Squad prizes to which all participants in an event are eligible are not defined as special prizes.
- d. When there are 100 or more entries in an event or division of an event, first place or the amount spent from the prize fund for a first-place prize, shall not exceed 40 percent of the total prize fund. Second place must be equal to at least one-half of first place or the amount spent from the prize fund for first place.
- e. When special prizes are offered and a team or individual can win a position and a special prize, the total prize paid to second place shall be at least one-half the combined total of first place plus the special prize of greatest value.

PROPOSAL...

Delete Item c.

Change item e to read "When special prizes are offered no more than 25% of the entire prize fund can be used toward special prizes."

If adopted, Items will be re-lettered.

If adopted, Rule 308 will state:

The sponsor and management of a USBC tournament undertake a fiduciary obligation that all funds provided by that part of the entry fee designated as prize fee, but not including interest thereon, shall be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of tournament participants. Such funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

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- d. When special prizes are offered no more than 25% of the entire prize fund can be used toward special prizes.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

When special prizes are offered, tournament management should include the distribution in the rules so bowlers understand how the prize money will be paid. By creating this default, a tournament entrant knows there is a set limit on how much the prize fund can be allocated to special prizes when said allocation does not appear in the tournament rules.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

RULE PROPOSAL NO. TR 2

PRESENT RULE...

Rule 319a. Conditions that Apply

USBC Playing Rules, Chapter 6: Tournament Rules

The following conditions apply to averages in handicap or classified tournaments, unless the tournament rules state otherwise, except that only USBC league averages shall be accepted. (See Rule 319c for average adjustment.)

1. The bowler is required to submit the previous season's highest average of:
 - a) A single USBC league average based on a minimum of 21 games; or
 - b) A composite average of all USBC leagues, including leagues with less than 21 games bowled.
2. When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used.
3. Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. In the case of a team of two or more bowlers, the averages will be combined to determine if the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total.
4. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of a series. Or, if an extension of time has been granted in writing by tournament management before the end of the first game of a series, the correction can be made within 48 hours after the end of the series.
5. When an association publishes a yearbook, a tournament using previous season averages to determine handicap or classification, shall use the yearbook to verify averages, if furnished, and not require the association to verify averages from that association.

PROPOSAL...

Add a new first sentence to state:

"A tournament may, by rule, allow a bowler who has an established average with both hands, bowl with the hand that has the lower established average and use that average."

Add "for the hand being used in the tournament" after "average" in Item 1.

Add "for the hand being used," after "prior season's average" in Item 2.

If adopted, Rule 319a will state:

A tournament may, by rule, allow a bowler who has an established average with both hands, bowl with the hand that has the lower established average and use that average. The following conditions apply to averages in handicap or classified tournaments, unless the tournament rules state otherwise, except that only USBC league averages shall be accepted. (See Rule 319c for average adjustment.)

1. The bowler is required to submit the previous season's highest average for the hand being used in the tournament of:
 - a) A single USBC league average based on a minimum of 21 games; or
 - b) A composite average of all USBC leagues, including leagues with less than 21 games bowled.
2. When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, for the hand being used, the current average must be used.

3. Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. In the case of a team of two or more bowlers, the averages will be combined to determine if the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total.
4. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of a series. Or, if an extension of time has been granted in writing by tournament management before the end of the first game of a series, the correction can be made within 48 hours after the end of the series.
5. When an association publishes a yearbook, a tournament using previous season averages to determine handicap or classification, shall use the yearbook to verify averages, if furnished, and not require the association to verify averages from that association.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

To allow any bowler who bowls both left and right handed to bowl in all tournaments using a left hand established average and bowl left handed in that tournament and also bowl right handed in tournaments using the right handed established average.

Presented by: Paul Ellison
Parkersburg, WV

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors

REASON FOR REJECTION...

Currently tournament rules determine if it will allow a person who has an established average with both right and left hands to enter the tournament and use the average for that hand. Therefore tournament rules should govern which hand/average may be used as they are responsible for enforcement.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 1

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC National Bylaws

Article II, Purposes

Section B, Chartering State and Local Bowling Associations

USBC issues charters to state and local bowling associations that meet requirements established in these Bylaws and by the Board of Directors. Chartered associations are subject to the authority of USBC. USBC approves the geographic areas in which chartered associations may operate. The Board may revoke the charter of a state or local bowling association at any time if it determines that the association is not acting in compliance with USBC bylaws or rules, or state or local association bylaws; or is not in compliance with such requirements as USBC may establish, in its sole discretion, from time to time. Requirements for chartered state and local bowling associations include but are not limited to:

1. Acceptance of, and adherence to, the Bylaws, the terms of the charter, and the authority of the USBC Board.
2. Adoption and maintenance of bylaws in the form determined by USBC and avoidance of any rules or policies conflicting with those bylaws or the USBC Bylaws.
3. Compliance with requirements in the USBC National or Association Policy Manual, including such requirements as are added or revised from time to time.
4. Acting in the best interest of USBC and the sport of bowling.

In extraordinary circumstances, the USBC Board may waive or suspend any requirements otherwise applicable to a state or local bowling association or establish separate affiliate status for organizations serving amateur bowlers to operate under the parameters established by the Board.

PROPOSAL...

Add "(which may be standard, affiliate or such other classifications as are established by the Board of Directors)" after "associations" in the first sentence.

If adopted, Section B will state:

USBC issues charters to state and local bowling associations (which may be standard, affiliate or such other classifications as are established by the Board of Directors) that meet requirements established in these Bylaws and by the Board of Directors. Chartered associations are subject to the authority of USBC. USBC approves the geographic areas in which chartered associations may operate. The Board may revoke the charter of a state or local bowling association at any time if it determines that the association is not acting in compliance with USBC bylaws or rules, or state or local association bylaws; or is not in compliance with such requirements as USBC may establish, in its sole discretion, from time to time. Requirements for chartered state and local bowling associations include but are not limited to:

1. Acceptance of, and adherence to, the Bylaws, the terms of the charter, and the authority of the USBC Board.
2. Adoption and maintenance of bylaws in the form determined by USBC and avoidance of any rules or policies conflicting with those bylaws or the USBC Bylaws.
3. Compliance with requirements in the USBC National or *Association Policy Manual*, including such requirements as are added or revised from time to time.
4. Acting in the best interest of USBC and the sport of bowling.

In extraordinary circumstances, the USBC Board may waive or suspend any requirements otherwise applicable to a state or local bowling association or establish separate affiliate status for organizations serving amateur bowlers to operate under the parameters established by the Board.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

Currently, USBC has only two types of associations: chartered and affiliate. As there may be a need in the future for new types of associations, both state and local and for the sake of clarity, we are recommending the removal of the term

“chartered” as a type of association and replacing it with “standard”. If approved, “chartered” will reference any association’s status with USBC and the type will be classified by a defined title (e.g., standard, affiliate).

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 2

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC National Bylaws

Article IV, Board of Directors

Section A, Eligibility and Composition

Individuals elected to the Board of Directors must be members of USBC and must be at least 18 years old. Prior to election or appointment and throughout their term, an individual must be approved through the Registered Volunteer Program.

The Board consists of:

1. Delegate Directors. Twelve (12) Directors elected at a USBC Annual Meeting by the "Delegates," as defined in these Bylaws; these Delegate Directors must meet eligibility criteria established by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board;
2. Proprietor Directors. Two (2) Directors who are Proprietors, as defined in these Bylaws, and who are elected by Bowling Proprietors' Association of America ("BPAA"), and approved by the board, subject to these provisions:
 - a. A "Proprietor" is an individual who is the owner, partner, or corporate officer of a bowling center or group of bowling centers;
 - b. Excluded from the definition of "Proprietor" is an individual who owns 25% or less of the equity shares, or who is inactive in the management of the bowling center or bowling centers or who is employed by, or otherwise receives compensation from BPAA;
 - c. No more than one additional Delegate Director may serve on the Board who meets the definition of "Proprietor" and is among the 12 Delegate Directors elected by the Delegates;
 - d. Any number of Directors who meet the definition of "Proprietor" may serve on the Board if each is a Team USA Athlete, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B, Item 1), and is elected to the Board by Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B) or those board members selected by the Youth Committee;
3. Youth Directors. Three (3) Directors who are elected by the Youth Committee;
4. Team USA Directors. Five (5) Directors who are Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws, and who are elected by Team USA Athletes, or a greater number, if necessary, to assure that at least 20% of the Board consists of Team USA Athletes;
5. Other Directors. Directors who are representatives of organizations that conduct National amateur bowling programs or competition as determined by the Board based upon receipt and evaluation of written petitions from other amateur bowling organizations for representation on the USBC Board, with the Board having exclusive authority to grant or deny the petition, and with these Directors elected or appointed by their respective bowling organizations;
6. At-Large Director. Up to two (2) Directors-at-Large who may be appointed by the President and approved by the Board;
7. Youth Ambassador Director. One (1) Youth Ambassador Director who is appointed by the President and approved by the Board from the National Youth Leaders serving on the Youth Committee.

PROPOSAL...

Add a new sentence to the end of the first paragraph to state:

"Directors must remain USBC members and maintain any other qualifications required for Board election throughout their term of office."

If adopted, Section A will state:

Individuals elected to the Board of Directors must be members of USBC and must be at least 18 years old. Prior to election or appointment and throughout their term, an individual must be approved through the Registered Volunteer Program. Directors must remain USBC members and maintain any other qualifications required for Board election throughout their term of office.

The Board consists of:

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2. Proprietor Directors. Two (2) Directors who are Proprietors, as defined in these Bylaws, and who are elected by Bowling Proprietors' Association of America ("BPAA"), and approved by the board, subject to these provisions:
 - a. A "Proprietor" is an individual who is the owner, partner, or corporate officer of a bowling center or group of bowling centers;
 - b. Excluded from the definition of "Proprietor" is an individual who owns 25% or less of the equity shares, or who is inactive in the management of the bowling center or bowling centers or who is employed by, or otherwise receives compensation from BPAA;
 - c. No more than one additional Delegate Director may serve on the Board who meets the definition of "Proprietor" and is among the 12 Delegate Directors elected by the Delegates;
 - d. Any number of Directors who meet the definition of "Proprietor" may serve on the Board if each is a Team USA Athlete, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B, Item 1), and is elected to the Board by Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B) or those board members selected by the Youth Committee;
3. Youth Directors. Three (3) Directors who are elected by the Youth Committee;
4. Team USA Directors. Five (5) Directors who are Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws, and who are elected by Team USA Athletes, or a greater number, if necessary, to assure that at least 20% of the Board consists of Team USA Athletes;
5. Other Directors. Directors who are representatives of organizations that conduct National amateur bowling programs or competition as determined by the Board based upon receipt and evaluation of written petitions from other amateur bowling organizations for representation on the USBC Board, with the Board having exclusive authority to grant or deny the petition, and with these Directors elected or appointed by their respective bowling organizations;
6. At-Large Director. Up to two (2) Directors-at-Large who may be appointed by the President and approved by the Board;
7. Youth Ambassador Director. One (1) Youth Ambassador Director who is appointed by the President and approved by the Board from the National Youth Leaders serving on the Youth Committee.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

Various directors come to the Board through different processes and are chosen to represent specific areas of membership/industry. Delegate Directors come from the field, Youth Directors come from the Youth Committee, etc.; therefore, it is important to maintain the eligibility that was required at the time of election/appointment.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 3

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC National Bylaws

Article IV, Board of Directors

Section A, Eligibility and Composition

Individuals elected to the Board of Directors must be members of USBC and must be at least 18 years old. Prior to election or appointment and throughout their term, an individual must be approved through the Registered Volunteer Program.

The Board consists of:

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 - a. A "Proprietor" is an individual who is the owner, partner, or corporate officer of a bowling center or group of bowling centers;
 - b. Excluded from the definition of "Proprietor" is an individual who owns 25% or less of the equity shares, or who is inactive in the management of the bowling center or bowling centers or who is employed by, or otherwise receives compensation from BPAA;
 - c. No more than one additional Delegate Director may serve on the Board who meets the definition of "Proprietor" and is among the 12 Delegate Directors elected by the Delegates;
 - d. Any number of Directors who meet the definition of "Proprietor" may serve on the Board if each is a Team USA Athlete, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B, Item 1), and is elected to the Board by Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B) or those board members selected by the Youth Committee;
3. Youth Directors. Three (3) Directors who are elected by the Youth Committee;
4. Team USA Directors. Five (5) Directors who are Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws, and who are elected by Team USA Athletes, or a greater number, if necessary, to assure that at least 20% of the Board consists of Team USA Athletes;
5. Other Directors. Directors who are representatives of organizations that conduct National amateur bowling programs or competition as determined by the Board based upon receipt and evaluation of written petitions from other amateur bowling organizations for representation on the USBC Board, with the Board having exclusive authority to grant or deny the petition, and with these Directors elected or appointed by their respective bowling organizations;
6. At-Large Director. Up to two (2) Directors-at-Large who may be appointed by the President and approved by the Board;
7. Youth Ambassador Director. One (1) Youth Ambassador Director who is appointed by the President and approved by the Board from the National Youth Leaders serving on the Youth Committee.

PROPOSAL...

In item 1 add "Not more than" at the beginning of the sentence and "in total who are" after "Directors".

In Item 3 add "Not more than" at the beginning of the sentence and "who are subject to approval of the Board" to the end of the sentence.

If adopted, Section A will state:

Individuals elected to the Board of Directors must be members of USBC and must be at least 18 years old. Prior to election or appointment and throughout their term, an individual must be approved through the Registered Volunteer Program.

The Board consists of:

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 - c. No more than one additional Delegate Director may serve on the Board who meets the definition of "Proprietor" and is among the 12 Delegate Directors elected by the Delegates;
 - d. Any number of Directors who meet the definition of "Proprietor" may serve on the Board if each is a Team USA Athlete, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B, Item 1), and is elected to the Board by Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B) or those board members selected by the Youth Committee;
3. Youth Directors. Not more than three (3) Directors who are elected by the Youth Committee who are subject to approval of the Board;
4. Team USA Directors. Five (5) Directors who are Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws, and who are elected by Team USA Athletes, or a greater number, if necessary, to assure that at least 20% of the Board consists of Team USA Athletes;
5. Other Directors. Directors who are representatives of organizations that conduct National amateur bowling programs or competition as determined by the Board based upon receipt and evaluation of written petitions from other amateur bowling organizations for representation on the USBC Board, with the Board having exclusive authority to grant or deny the petition, and with these Directors elected or appointed by their respective bowling organizations;
6. At-Large Director. Up to two (2) Directors-at-Large who may be appointed by the President and approved by the Board;
7. Youth Ambassador Director. One (1) Youth Ambassador Director who is appointed by the President and approved by the Board from the National Youth Leaders serving on the Youth Committee.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

Research has demonstrated that one of the biggest challenges for an organization to be as effective as possible is due to the size of the Board. This proposal would allow the USBC Board to downsize, as needed, but not to go over a set number in Delegate Directors, Youth Directors, or Proprietor Directors. Team USA Directors are mandated by USOC at 20%.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 4

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC National Bylaws

Article IV, Board of Directors

Section A, Eligibility and Composition

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6. At-Large Director. Up to two (2) Directors-at-Large who may be appointed by the President and approved by the Board;
7. Youth Ambassador Director. One (1) Youth Ambassador Director who is appointed by the President and approved by the Board from the National Youth Leaders serving on the Youth Committee.

PROPOSAL...

In Item 7 add "At the discretion and option of the USBC Board of Directors from time to time, there may be" at the beginning of the sentence.

In Item 7 change "appointed" to "recommended" and President" to "Youth Committee".

In Item 7 add "who is" prior to "approved" and delete "from the National Youth leaders serving on the Youth Committee."

If adopted, Section A will state:

Individuals elected to the Board of Directors must be members of USBC and must be at least 18 years old. Prior to election or appointment and throughout their term, an individual must be approved through the Registered Volunteer Program.

The Board consists of:

1. Delegate Directors. Twelve (12) Directors elected at a USBC Annual Meeting by the "Delegates," as defined in these Bylaws; these Delegate Directors must meet eligibility criteria established by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board;
2. Proprietor Directors. Two (2) Directors who are Proprietors, as defined in these Bylaws, and who are elected by Bowling Proprietors' Association of America ("BPAA"), and approved by the board, subject to these provisions:
 - a. A "Proprietor" is an individual who is the owner, partner, or corporate officer of a bowling center or group of bowling centers;
 - b. Excluded from the definition of "Proprietor" is an individual who owns 25% or less of the equity shares, or who is inactive in the management of the bowling center or bowling centers or who is employed by, or otherwise receives compensation from BPAA;
 - c. No more than one additional Delegate Director may serve on the Board who meets the definition of "Proprietor" and is among the 12 Delegate Directors elected by the Delegates;
 - d. Any number of Directors who meet the definition of "Proprietor" may serve on the Board if each is a Team USA Athlete, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B, Item 1), and is elected to the Board by Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B) or those board members selected by the Youth Committee;
3. Youth Directors. Three (3) Directors who are elected by the Youth Committee;
4. Team USA Directors. Five (5) Directors who are Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws, and who are elected by Team USA Athletes, or a greater number, if necessary, to assure that at least 20% of the Board consists of Team USA Athletes;
5. Other Directors. Directors who are representatives of organizations that conduct National amateur bowling programs or competition as determined by the Board based upon receipt and evaluation of written petitions from other amateur bowling organizations for representation on the USBC Board, with the Board having exclusive authority to grant or deny the petition, and with these Directors elected or appointed by their respective bowling organizations;
6. At-Large Director. Up to two (2) Directors-at-Large who may be appointed by the President and approved by the Board;
7. Youth Ambassador Director. At the discretion and option of the USBC Board of Directors from time to time, there may be one (1) Youth Ambassador Director who is recommended by the Youth Committee and who is approved by the Board.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

Currently, this position is not an option. This suggested change provides both USBC Board and USBC Youth Committee an option. This position was created to give a youth experience as a National Board member while giving the Board the benefit of input from a youth. This recommendation does not change the composition/requirements of the USBC Youth Committee, but would allow the Youth Committee time to mentor a candidate so the experience of serving at the national level is positive. This also allows the option to not have a representative when there is not an eligible candidate who has the time resources/experiences to serve.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 5

PRESENT SECTION...

**USBC National Bylaws
Article IV, Board of Directors
Section C, Terms**

The terms of Directors are determined according to the following provisions:

1. Each Director elected by the Delegates, by Team USA Athletes, by the Youth Committee or by BPAA serves a three-year term and may be re-elected for two additional terms;
2. Directors-at-Large appointed by the President, Youth Ambassador Director and Directors representing other amateur bowling organizations, serve one-year terms;
3. Multiple-year terms are staggered according to procedures established by the Board;
4. When a Director resigns from the Board or fills a vacancy, and has served more than half of a term, that Director is considered to have served a full term. Terms begin on August 1 and end of July 31.
5. Multiple elected or appointed terms may be served either consecutively or intermittently; but all Directors are subject to a lifetime maximum of nine years of service on the Board.

PROPOSAL...

Delete "and may be re-elected for two additional terms" in Item 1.

Delete Item 5.

If adopted, Section C will state:

The terms of Directors are determined according to the following provisions:

1. Each Director elected by the Delegates, by Team USA Athletes, by the Youth Committee or by BPAA serves a three-year term;
2. Directors-at-Large appointed by the President, Youth Ambassador Director and Directors representing other amateur bowling organizations, serve one-year terms;
3. Multiple-year terms are staggered according to procedures established by the Board;
4. When a Director resigns from the Board or fills a vacancy, and has served more than half of a term, that Director is considered to have served a full term. Terms begin on August 1 and end of July 31.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

With directors no longer staying on the board for many years and current elections constantly adding new board members, term limits could limit the possibility of keeping hard working and knowledgeable directors from serving the sport. Current directors have to go through the nominating committee along with other candidates and aren't automatically placed on the slate for re-election; they even run from the floor. Because of the growing interest of being on the board current directors have to work hard to keep their positions so re-election is not a given. The sport needs directors that want to serve and have the time and knowledge of the sport, instead of having them walk away from the organization they've supported. Forcing directors to end their service could hurt pertinent committees by the loss of continuity.

Presented by: Maureen Nelson Sharon Schildroth
 Salt Lake City, UT Grandville, MI

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors

REASON FOR REJECTION...

The USBC Board has the largest pool of candidates to draw from for service as Board Members. Successful organizations create methods for succession planning and part of this is creating mechanisms that encourage limited time in visionary positions. This enables the Board to consistently introduce new individuals with fresh ideas to move

the organization forward. Mentoring of the newer Board members and their ideas is a responsibility of sitting Board members. Term limits also allow the organization to seek out the required talents to match the direction of the organization as it evolves. Needed experience/knowledge from past Board members can be obtained in an advisory capacity or on task forces.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 6

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC National Bylaws
Article IV, Board of Directors
Section E, Authority and Duties, Item 9

Exercising final jurisdiction over violations and interpretations of USBC rules and regulations, disputes with or among chartered state and local associations, and issues arising from league and tournament play including protests and appeals;

1. PROPOSAL...

Add "general playing rules." after "over".

If adopted, item 9 will state:

Exercising final jurisdiction over general playing rules. violations and interpretations of USBC rules and regulations, disputes with or among chartered state and local associations, and issues arising from league and tournament play including protests and appeals;

USBC National Bylaws
Article IV, Board of Directors
Section E, Authority and Duties, Item 14

Amending or suspending these Bylaws, and the general playing rules, league rules, and tournament rules in the event the Board considers it expedient and in the best interests of USBC or to avoid disadvantage to USBC and/or changes in Federal and/or state law, rules and regulations that affect the applicability or the enforceability of any part of these Bylaws, the general playing rules, league rules, and tournament rules. Any changes made under this provision must be ratified by the Delegates and is otherwise subject to Delegate action consistent with applicable law;

2. PROPOSAL...

Delete "general playing rules" in both places in the first sentence.

If adopted, Items 14 will state:

Amending or suspending these Bylaws, and the league rules, and tournament rules in the event the Board considers it expedient and in the best interests of USBC or to avoid disadvantage to USBC and/or changes in Federal and/or state law, rules and regulations that affect the applicability or the enforceability of any part of these Bylaws, the league rules, and tournament rules. Any changes made under this provision must be ratified by the Delegates and is otherwise subject to Delegate action consistent with applicable law;

If adopted, the following will be codified to conform:

National Bylaws, Article VI, Section A, Item 4-d

National Bylaws, Article VIII

USBC Association Policy Manual

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

The General Playing Rules constitute those rules found in Chapter 2 of the rule book. These rules are the very basis for American Ten Pins and apply to all types of competition. These rules are modified infrequently. As these rules have a direct impact on the sport as a whole, any rule change generally needs to become effective in a more timely fashion than the current process allows. This does not eliminate any member from submitting a proposal to the Board for consideration in regards to the GPR's.

Since the inception of USBC, we have only had a few changes to the GPR's. The changes approved by the delegation have been initiated by USBC to update a rule and to help injured/disabled members bowl.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 7

PRESENT SECTION...

**USBC National Bylaws
Article VI, Meetings
Section A, Annual Meeting, Item 4b**

Establish standard maximum adult dues for National, state and local;

1. PROPOSAL...

Delete "and local" and add "and" between "National" and "state"

If adopted, Item 4b will state:

Establish standard maximum adult dues for National and state;

**Merged Local USBC Bylaws
Article V, Board of Directors – Management
Section A, Board Composition, Authority and Duties**

The management and governance of the association is vested in the Board of Directors that includes the Officer and Director positions. The members and Youth Representatives determine the number of positions on the Board of Directors and their term. **The total number of Board members is _____, with _____ total number of directors.** At least 20% of the total number of board members (Youth Directors) will be elected by:

1. Youth Representatives who consist of:
 - a. Youth members, at least 14 years of age.
 - b. One adult representative, who is a USBC member, from each certified youth league. (A league is not eligible for representation if it has not submitted a league application.)
 - c. One center representative, who is a USBC member, from each center having at least one certified youth league.
2. Youth Directors.

The number of Youth Directors is _____.

The Board shall not engage in any acts constituting a conflict of interest. The Board's duties include but are not limited to:

1. Enforcing the bylaws.
2. Complying with the *USBC Association Policy Manual*.
3. Conducting championship level competition for its membership constituency (men, women and youth) and complying with state and local laws in their area.
4. Implementing USBC programs as requested.
5. Selecting/appointing the Association Manager.
6. Approving use of membership records.
7. Re-rating the league average of an association member when there is evidence the bowler's average does not represent the bowler's true ability.
8. Conducting suspension and reinstatement hearings if requested by USBC Headquarters.

2. PROPOSAL...

Add a new Item 5: "Determining dues."

If adopted, Section A will be renumbered.

If adopted, Section A will state:

The management and governance of the association is vested in the Board of Directors that includes the Officer and Director positions. The members and Youth Representatives determine the number of positions on the Board of Directors and their term. **The total number of Board members is _____, with _____ total number of directors.** At least 20% of the total number of board members (Youth Directors) will be elected by:

1. Youth Representatives who consist of:
 - a. Youth members, at least 14 years of age.
 - b. One adult representative, who is a USBC member, from each certified youth league. (A league is not eligible for representation if it has not submitted a league application.)
 - c. One center representative, who is a USBC member, from each center having at least one certified youth league.
2. Youth Directors.

The number of Youth Directors is _____.

The Board shall not engage in any acts constituting a conflict of interest. The Board's duties include but are not limited to:

1. Enforcing the bylaws.
2. Complying with the *USBC Association Policy Manual*.
3. Conducting championship level competition for its membership constituency (men, women and youth) and complying with state and local laws in their area.
4. Implementing USBC programs as requested.
5. Determining dues.
6. Selecting/appointing the Association Manager.
7. Approving use of membership records.
8. Re-rating the league average of an association member when there is evidence the bowler's average does not represent the bowler's true ability.
9. Conducting suspension and reinstatement hearings if requested by USBC Headquarters.

If adopted, the following will be codified to conform:

USBC National Bylaws
Merged State USBC Bylaws
State USBC BA Bylaws
State USBC WBA Bylaws
Merged Local USBC Bylaws
Local USBC BA Bylaws
Local USBC WBA Bylaws
USBC Playing Rules
USBC Association Handbook

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

Beginning with the 2014-2015 season, local associations will be responsible for establishing and distributing special achievement awards for their members. It is the USBC Board of Directors belief that each respective association can deliver a unique awards program to the members it serves that will provide better benefit, be better received, and be more intimate than anything that can be provided at a National level. In business, the leadership of a business must decide what services to provide and the consumer cost for those services. Local associations must have authority and flexibility to provide services to benefit the membership it serves and the discretion on how much those services will cost.

Presented by: USBC Awards Committee

Recommended for approval by USBC Board of Directors

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 8

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC National Bylaws

Article VI, Meetings

Section A, Annual Meeting, Item 7, Action

Elections by the Delegates are conducted according to policies and procedures established by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board. The action of a majority of Delegates present and voting, when a quorum has been established, carries a motion unless otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws. Absentee and proxy voting are not permitted.

PROPOSAL...

Add “. and other types of voting agreements.” after “voting” in the last sentence.

If adopted, Item 7 will state:

Elections by the Delegates are conducted according to policies and procedures established by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board. The action of a majority of Delegates present and voting, when a quorum has been established, carries a motion unless otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws. Absentee and proxy voting, and other types of voting agreements, are not permitted.

If adopted, the following will be codified to conform:

State Merged USBC Bylaws

State USBC BA Bylaws

State USBC WBA Bylaws

State USBC Youth Bylaws

Local Merged Bylaws

Local USBC BA Bylaws

Local USBC WBA Bylaws

Local USBC Youth Bylaws

USBC Association Policy Manual

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

This proposal provides clarity of understanding that all voting must be done in person by an eligible Delegate when there is an election or action taken. The additional language protects the current process as well as any future type of voting process that would not be considered an absentee or proxy type of agreement.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

This proposal was adopted by the USBC Board effective October 28, 2012. In accordance with Article IV, Section E, Item 14 of the USBC National Bylaws, this proposal has been adopted by the USBC Board of Directors and is being presented to the delegates for their approval.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 9

PRESENT SECTION...

**USBC Merged State Bylaws
Article II, Nonprofit Corporation and Charter
Section C, Association Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of this organization all of its assets remaining after payment of its lawful obligations shall be distributed in accordance with the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations promulgated thereunder.

1. PROPOSAL...

Delete and replace with:

“Upon termination of its charter, the USBC association shall transfer all of its assets remaining after payment of its lawful obligations to the organization(s) serving the bowling centers previously under its jurisdiction, provided such entity is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

If the organization fails to transfer its assets within 30 days of their termination, USBC shall be entitled to take whatever action it deems appropriate to ensure such transfer.”

If adopted, Section C will state:

Upon termination of its charter, the USBC association shall transfer all of its assets remaining after payment of its lawful obligations to the organization(s) serving the bowling centers previously under its jurisdiction, provided such entity is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

If the organization fails to transfer its assets within 30 days of their termination, USBC shall be entitled to take whatever action it deems appropriate to ensure such transfer.

**USBC Merged Local Bylaws
Article II, Nonprofit Corporation and Charter
Section C, Association Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of this organization all of its assets remaining after payment of its lawful obligations shall be distributed in accordance with the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations promulgated thereunder.

2. PROPOSAL...

Delete and replace with:

“Upon termination of its charter, the USBC association shall transfer all of its assets remaining after payment of its lawful obligations to the organization serving the centers previously under its jurisdiction. If, at the time of dissolution, the association does not have an active USBC certified center, the assets will be transferred to the state association. The receiving association must be exempt under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

If the organization fails to transfer its assets within 30 days, USBC shall be entitled to take whatever action it deems appropriate to ensure such transfer.

These requirements are applicable to all associations whose charter has been revoked as well as all current and future associations.”

If adopted, Section C will state:

Upon termination of its charter, the USBC association shall transfer all of its assets remaining after payment of its lawful obligations to the organization serving the centers previously under its jurisdiction. If, at the time of dissolution, the association does not have an active USBC certified center, the assets will be transferred to the state association. The receiving association must be exempt under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

If the organization fails to transfer its assets within 30 days, USBC shall be entitled to take whatever action it deems appropriate to ensure such transfer.

These requirements are applicable to all associations whose charter has been revoked as well as all current and future associations.

If adopted, proposal will be effective immediately.

If adopted, the following will be codified to conform:

State USBC BA Bylaws
State USBC WBA Bylaws
State USBC Youth Bylaws
Local USBC BA Bylaws
Local USBC WBA Bylaws
Local USBC Youth Bylaws
USBC Association Policy Manual

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

When associations merge, a charter is revoked, or the association no longer has a center, the business of the association needs to be finalized in a timely manner. The assets of the association were received from the members, through tournaments, dues, fundraisers, etc., for membership services. When an association merges or a charter is revoked, we believe these assets must be transferred to the association servicing the members. In the case of a one center association whose center closes its doors, the funds should still benefit bowling and must be transferred to the state association.

When multiple associations are involved, the assets will be transferred proportionately.

These funds are needed to support the continued services of the members from the dissolved association. These services have not changed. Having funds, that were procured for membership enhancement, remain sitting in the account of a dissolved association is not good business.

Presented by: USBC Board of Directors