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Proposer: Robert J. Peters Sr.
Lehigh Acres, FL

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Proposer: David P. Lewis
Mount Pleasant, MI

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Proposer: Laura J. Heller
Rockford, IL

RULES PROPOSAL NO. LR 1

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
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PRESENT RULE...

USBC Playing Rules Chapter 4, League Rules Rule 102e, item 9, Duties of the Secretary

In addition to the duties specified by the board of directors, the secretary/league official shall:

9. Furnish a list of individual averages to the local association manager(s), when requested. The list must show the full names and ID numbers of all bowlers who competed in the league, the number of games bowled, total pinfall and average for each bowler.

PROPOSAL...

Replace "Furnish a list of individual averages to the local association manager(s), when requested." with "Submit to the local association manager:

- a. By February 1, a list of individual averages as of January 1.
- b. Within 20 days of the end of the league's schedule, a list of individual's final season averages.

If adopted, Rule 102e, item 9 will state:

In addition to the duties specified by the board of directors, the secretary/league official shall:

9. Submit to the local association manager:
 - a. By February 1, a list of individual averages as of January 1.
 - b. Within 20 days of the end of the league's schedule, a list of individual's final season averages.

The list must show the full names and ID numbers of all bowlers who competed in the league, the number of games bowled, total pinfall and average for each bowler.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

State associations and tournament directors/managers that run their tournaments after January 1 and during the summer have a problem getting new bowlers and those returning to bowling after a few years away, into handicap and/or classified tournaments because, without previous season averages, they would have to bowl scratch. Since league secretaries presently are not required to provide January 1st averages, it is difficult for tournament managers to check those averages even though tournament rules allow the use of January 1st averages to be used for entry into the tournaments.

Presented by: Robert J. Peters, Sr.
Lehigh Acres, FL

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors

REASON FOR REJECTION...

Associations currently have the ability to request January 1 averages (USBC Rule 102e, #9). In addition, there are very few bowlers that this rule would actually apply to. There are other mechanisms available for them to provide this information to tournament directors.

RULES PROPOSAL NO. LR 2

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
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PRESENT RULE...

USBC Playing Rules Chapter 4, League Rules Rule 109a, Legal Lineup

A minimum legal lineup must be present to complete the first frame of any game of a series unless the league rules state another frame. A frame shall be considered completed when all bowlers present on each team have made his/her last deliveries in that frame. The following also shall apply:

1. A legal lineup is:
 - a. Three or more eligible players in five-player team leagues, unless league rules state one or more.
 - b. Two or more eligible players in either three- or four-player team leagues, unless league rules state one or more.
 - c. One eligible player in two-player team leagues.
2. Substitutes count to determine a legal lineup, unless otherwise provided by league rule.
3. Leagues may include in its rules the number of players from a team's roster who must be present to count toward a legal lineup.

PROPOSAL...

Delete the first two sentences and replace with:

"A minimum legal lineup must be present by the start of league competition of any game in the series. If no minimum legal lineup is present prior to the start of any game in a series then the game in progress will be played as if the game were forfeited."

If adopted, Rule 109a will state:

A minimum legal lineup must be present by the start of league competition of any game in the series. If no minimum legal lineup is present prior to the start of any game in a series then the game in progress will be played as if the game were forfeited. The following also shall apply:

1. A legal lineup is:
 - a. Three or more eligible players in five-player team leagues, unless league rules state one or more.
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 - c. One eligible player in two-player team leagues.
2. Substitutes count to determine a legal lineup, unless otherwise provided by league rule.
3. Leagues may include in its rules the number of players from a team's roster who must be present to count toward a legal lineup.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

In my opinion, a requirement for a legal lineup to start the game is to insure that the opposing team will have a direct competition and not have to wait. All teams scheduled for league competition should have a legal lineup there prior to the start of league competition of a game in the series. Teams should know whether or not they are bowling in direct competition or under a forfeit condition when they deliver the first ball in the competition and not wait until the first frame is complete. The way the rule is written (in my opinion) sends a message to our future bowlers that it is okay for all members of your team to be a little late and not be penalized for not being on time. I do not know of anywhere else in the world that you can be a little late and not be penalized in some form or another. Other members of the team will be allowed to bowl under the tardy player rule as long as the team has a legal lineup at the start of league competition or any game in the series of competition

Presented by: Richard G. Gullion Jr.
Austin, Texas

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors

REASON FOR REJECTION...

The requested change no longer allows the league to decide what is in the best interest of its members as it requires a legal lineup be present before competition begins. It also does not take into consideration a player's position in the lineup. The proposal would declare a forfeit even though a late member, who fulfills the legal lineup requirement, arrives and is ready to bowl before his/her position in the lineup.

RULES PROPOSAL NO. TR 1

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PRESENT RULE...

USBC Playing Rules

Chapter 6, Tournament Rules

Rule 319c, Average Adjustments (Rerating)

The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.

PROPOSAL...

Add the following as new paragraphs:

Unless the tournament rules state otherwise, in a handicap or classified tournament, a bowler who has had his/her average adjusted/rerated in accordance with this rule is required to report all previous assigned average adjustments/rerates, whether the bowler accepted the adjustment/rerate or not, at the time of bowling.

The following information must be submitted prior to participation for possible average adjustment:

1. The name of each tournament in which an average adjustment/rerate was assigned.
2. The adjusted/rerated average.

Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings

If adopted, Rule 319c will state:

The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.

Unless the tournament rules state otherwise, in a handicap or classified tournament, a bowler who has had his/her average adjusted/rerated in accordance with this rule is required to report all previous assigned average adjustments/rerates, whether the bowler accepted the adjustment/rerate or not, at the time of bowling.

The following information must be submitted prior to participation for possible average adjustment/rerate:

1. The name of each tournament in which an average adjustment/rerate was assigned.
2. The adjusted/rerated average.

Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

Allowing tournament management the ability to assign an adjusted average is correcting only part of the problem. After the bowler has bowled, tournament management discovers the bowler's average does not reflect his/her ability. Management then adjusts the average for future tournaments.

After being adjusted, these bowlers go to a different tournament and unless the tournament has adopted a rule requiring the bowler to report a previous adjustment, he/she bowls with an average that may not be conducive of his/her ability.

This rule would, by default, require the bowler to report any previous average adjustment but would not require tournament management to adjust the bowler. The bowler would be required to submit the information to tournament management in order to determine if an adjustment is necessary.

Presented by: USBC Board of Directors

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 1

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
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PRESENT BYLAW...

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. Compliance with Federal and state law.
2. Acceptance of, and adherence to, the Bylaws, the terms of the charter, and the authority of the USBC Board.
3. 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.
4. Compliance with requirements in the USBC National Supplement and the *USBC Association Policy Manual*, including such requirements as are added or revised from time to time.
5. 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 "local associations must provide service for men, women and youth and all" after "Chartered" in the second sentence.

If adopted, Section B will state:

USBC issues charters to state and local bowling associations that meet requirements established in these Bylaws and by the Board of Directors. Chartered local associations must provide service for men, women and youth and all 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:

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If adopted, proposal will be effective August 1, 2018.

If adopted, the following will be deleted for the 2018-19 season:

Non-merged Local Association Bylaws

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

Since a majority of leagues are mixed leagues, in a non-merged association, we are not only putting extra work on the league secretaries, but subjecting the members to different levels of service from either the BA or WBA.

By merging we can offer the membership and the community a unified face. By combining the knowledge and experience of both associations (BA and WBA together) we can address any problem or issues with all facets of the situation being explored. While we don't always agree on all issues, we can reach a better understanding by exploring all avenues and possibly getting a more accurate look at the issue before reaching any conclusion.

We can all do better when we are merged, provide better service and cut out the duplication of services that two separate associations now provide. Our bowlers need one organization they can go to for services and information. The sport of bowling and the bowlers we serve deserve the very best they can get and the only way for that to happen is for the local associations to merge.

Presented by:	Jerry Ledbetter Puyallup, WA	Di Tormanen Peoria, AZ
	Sharron Wannamaker Vancouver, WA	Board of Directors, Wy-Jon County USBC Shawnee, KS
	Board of Directors, Orange County USBC Garden Grove, CA	

Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board of Directors

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 2

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
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PRESENT BYLAW...

USBC National Bylaws

Article II, Purposes

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PROPOSAL...

Add "state associations must provide service for men, women and youth and all" after "Chartered" in the second sentence.

If adopted, Section B will state:

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If adopted, proposal will be effective August 1, 2018.

If adopted, the following will be deleted for the 2018-19 season:

Non-merged State Association Bylaws

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

We all belong to one National Organization, so we are already all on the same team. Let's put all of our efforts into presenting that unified front at every level of USBC. By combining the efforts of the state BA's and WBA's we would be enhancing the experience of all state bowlers at state level events to the utmost level. By combining the efforts of the dedicated men and women we produce a more dynamic and efficient organization.

At present in a merged local association, the women members have the choice of joining either the state BA or WBA or even joining both. The men do not have that option, therefore, we are not offering the same level of service to the membership. In order for our sport to grow and thrive, it is important for our state organizations to merge.

It is time to put personal agendas aside and look at the total picture. Everyone gains from merging, the local, state and USBC.

Presented by:	Jerry Ledbetter Puyallup, WA	Di Tormanen Peoria, AZ
	Sharron Wannamaker Vancouver, WA	Board of Directors, Wy-Jon County USBC Shawnee, KS
	Board of Directors, Orange County USBC Garden Grove, CA	

Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board of Directors

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 3

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
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PRESENT BYLAW...

USBC National Bylaws Article III, Membership and Dues Section B, Dues

USBC adult members are required to pay dues to USBC, to local associations, as well as to state associations that assess dues in combined amounts established by USBC.

USBC Youth Standard Membership dues are \$4, state/local association dues are not allowed.

Annual adult standard membership dues are:
USBC dues not to exceed \$10.
State dues not to exceed \$5.
Local dues determined by their membership.

PROPOSAL...

Change USBC dues not to exceed "\$10" to "\$15".

If adopted, Section B will state:

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Annual adult standard membership dues are:
USBC dues not to exceed \$15.
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REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

In these trying economic times and loss of USBC membership, USBC has gone ten years without a dues increase. USBC has found other ways to generate revenue, but many cuts have been made to allow USBC to continue to operate, including a tremendous reduction in personnel and some services to the membership.

I would encourage passage of this dues increase, trusting USBC to use the increased revenue to benefit the membership in the best ways currently being requested by USBC membership. (i.e. Resume an 11-in-a-row award, promote bowling nationally, etc.)

Presented by: David P. Lewis
Mount Pleasant, MI

Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board of Directors

The USBC Board appreciates this proposal from the field. It is very meaningful to see association leaders supporting the value of USBC services and the need to adjust our prices over time. Recently our USBC family at all levels has talked about A Future for the Sport. This proposal is a vote about A Future for the Sport.

Approval will support future funding for key association services such as regional managers, rules counselors and WinLABS support. It ensures future investment in technology such as WinLABS, BOWL.com and the new mobile app. Approval also continues support of our investment in Youth programs and competitive bowling such as the PWBA Tour,

USBC Masters and Queens. It allows us to continue showcasing bowling on television to inspire the next generation and develop new coaching material for members everywhere.

However, we want to be clear that this proposal will not change USBC's approach to awards. Strategically we believe league awards are best provided at the local level. This is part of the reason the USBC Board supported removing the cap on local association dues and raising the cap for state associations.

We encourage our delegates to pass this proposal with an eye on a Future for the Sport. Together we are building a better USBC we can all be proud of. Approving this proposal will allow us to plan for the future and continue supporting bowling in a quality way for years to come. Together We Can!

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 4

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
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<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	_____	_____

PRESENT BYLAW...

USBC National Bylaws Article VI, Meetings Section A, Annual Meeting, Item 3a

Each merged state association in good standing representing men, women and youth, may elect two Delegates and two Alternate Delegates to the USBC Annual Meeting. Each non-merged state association in good standing may elect one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate to the USBC Annual Meeting;

PROPOSAL...

Add "Additionally, each merged state association in good standing representing men, women and youth, may elect two Delegates representing Affiliate Associations to the USBC Annual Meeting. Each non-merged state association in good standing may elect one Delegate representing Affiliate Associations to the USBC Annual Meeting."

If adopted, USBC State Bylaws will be codified to conform.

If adopted, Item 3a will state:

Each merged state association in good standing representing men, women and youth, may elect two Delegates and two Alternate Delegates to the USBC Annual Meeting. Each non-merged state association in good standing may elect one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate to the USBC Annual Meeting. Additionally, each merged state association in good standing representing men, women and youth, may elect two Delegates representing Affiliate Associations to the USBC Annual Meeting. Each non-merged state association in good standing may elect one Delegate representing Affiliate Associations to the USBC Annual Meeting;

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

It is understood that chartered affiliate bowling associations forfeit certain privileges by its decision to affiliate only. They are not required to fulfill full duties and responsibilities as the other chartered associations. However, having to forfeit representation at the USBC Annual Meeting is extreme. Rules and amendments are adopted that affect them but for which they have no voting rights. They need a vote, let them have one.

Presented by: Laura J Heller
Rockford, IL

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors

REASON FOR REJECTION...

Affiliate associations are not required to follow the regular bylaws adopted by the USBC Delegation. These types of associations do not have to incorporate, conduct tournaments or hold an annual membership meeting, unless necessary. Any Affiliate association who wants representation at the USBC Annual Meeting can change over to a regular association by contacting USBC Headquarters for the process.