



Delegates Report

Proposed Amendments

Arlington, TX

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Requires the bowler on the right lane to make the first delivery when both bowlers have completed the same number of deliveries.

Proposer: Robert Rowe, III
Edgewater, MD

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Rule 113b. Procedures

Rule 113c. Special Contests

Requires games bowled in a playoff or special contest to count toward averages.

Proposer: Bill Dennis
Madison, WI

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Rule 118b. How Established

Allows the league's board to adjust a player's average upwards during the season with a two thirds vote.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Defaults total pins plus handicap to be used to break ties for position matches for handicap leagues.

Proposer: Rick Weaver
Phoenix, AZ

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Requires bowlers to use the highest of either their composite average of all leagues, or the bowler's highest single league average of 21 games or more.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Rule 319c. Average Adjustment (Rerating)

Does not allow the tournament manager to request a bowler to report an average adjustment which was issued beyond the last 12 months.

Proposer: Robert Rowe, III
Edgewater, MD

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USBC National Bylaws

Article III, Membership Dues

Section B, Dues

Changes the maximum USBC adult state dues from \$1 to \$3.

Proposer: West Virginia State USBC

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Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Article V, Board of Directors

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Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Article V, Board of Directors

Section A, Board Composition, Authority and Duties

Removes the maximum limit on Local dues and allows the Local Board to set dues for the association.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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USBC National Bylaws

Article V, Officers

Section C, Term

Requires the USBC President's term in office to be a single, three year term.

Proposer: Martha Boron
Canton, MI

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USBC National Bylaws

Article XI, Fiscal Year

Removes the fiscal year from the bylaws.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Article IV, Membership and Dues

Removes the provision that membership purchased in a summer league receives next season's membership.

Proposer: Anthony Colangelo
Helmetta, NJ

RULE PROPOSAL NO. LR 1

DELEGATE ACTION
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PRESENT RULE...

No present Rule

PROPOSAL...

Create a new rule 106g:

“When two bowlers in corresponding positions in their respective lineups on the same pair of lanes (example: the fifth bowler on one team and the fifth bowler on the other team) are due to bowl at the same time and have made an equal number of deliveries in that frame the player on the right hand lane shall bowl first. The player on the left hand lane has the option to wait until his opponent in the corresponding position bowls on the right hand lane to make his/her next delivery.”

If adopted, the rule will state.

Bowlers in Corresponding Positions

When two bowlers in corresponding positions in their respective lineups on the same pair of lanes (example: the fifth bowler on one team and the fifth bowler on the other team) are due to bowl at the same time and have made an equal number of deliveries in that frame the player on the right hand lane shall bowl first. The player on the left hand lane has the option to wait until his opponent in the corresponding position bowls on the right hand lane to make his/her next delivery.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

This proposal actually seeks to reinstate a rule that was previously eliminated from the *USBC Playing Rules* with the rationale that the old rule was merely a matter of etiquette. This rule isn't about giving the player on the next lane or two enough space; it addresses tactical considerations, particularly late in games and series' that are close, and some players prefer to not have to make the next shot if they can avoid it. Rather than leave open the possibility of an unpleasant situation developing during competition because neither side wants the other to throw the next shot, this would eliminate any question about who is obligated to throw the next shot in the event of a stalemate. This rule serves the same purpose as the generally accepted rule of golf that whichever player is furthest from the hole makes the next shot.

Presented by: Robert Rowe, III
Edgewater, MD

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors

REASON FOR REJECTION...

This rule was removed from the *Playing Rules* book in 1998 as the enforcement was difficult, caused confusion and there is no penalty if not adhered to. Since it was, and still is, a code of etiquette accepted by bowlers it is not necessary to put it back in the rule book.

Since this proposed rule would only apply after completion of the first delivery in a frame the proposed change could cause a delay of game if bowler's in corresponding positions are not up to bowl at the same time and the bowler on the left lane waits for the bowler on the right lane to make the first delivery.

RULE PROPOSAL NO. LR 2

DELEGATE ACTION

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PRESENT RULE...

Rule 113b. Procedures

USBC Playing Rules, Chapter 4: League Rules

A playoff may not consist of less than one frame, scored like a 10th frame.

1. The following procedures apply, unless the league rules state otherwise:
 - a. Playoffs are conducted under the same rules governing league play during the regular season.
 - b. Handicap is figured as of the date/time the games are bowled. All games bowled prior to the playoff are included in determining handicap.
 - c. When more than two teams are involved in a playoff, total pins from the playoff shall decide the winner.
 - d. If a tie exists at the end of a playoff, each team bowls an additional frame until the tie is broken.
 - e. Games do not count toward individual averages or special league prizes.
2. The league secretary arranges to have lanes available.

PROPOSAL...

1. Delete "individual averages or" in Item 1(e).
2. Add new Item 2:
"Games are counted toward individual averages."

PRESENT RULE...

Rule 113c. Special Contests

USBC Playing Rules, Chapter 4: League Rules

A special contest is competition scheduled by the league where the scores do not count towards regular league standings; such as a tournament. The following apply to such competition:

1. Participation must be limited to league members or substitutes.
2. USBC league or tournament rules govern play.
3. Scores bowled which qualify for USBC awards will be recognized.

PROPOSAL...

3. Add new Item 4:
"Games are counted toward individual averages."

If adopted, Item 2 will become Item 3 in 113b.

If adopted, Rule 113b and 113c will state:

Rule 113b. Procedures

A playoff may not consist of less than one frame, scored like a 10th frame.

1. The following procedures apply, unless the league rules state otherwise:
 - a. Playoffs are conducted under the same rules governing league play during the regular season.
 - b. Handicap is figured as of the date/time the games are bowled. All games bowled prior to the playoff are included in determining handicap.
 - c. When more than two teams are involved in a playoff, total pins from the playoff shall decide the winner.
 - d. If a tie exists at the end of a playoff, each team bowls an additional frame until the tie is broken.
 - e. Games do not count toward special league prizes.
2. Games are counted toward individual averages.
3. The league secretary arranges to have lanes available.

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1. Participation must be limited to league members or substitutes.
2. USBC league or tournament rules govern play.
3. Scores bowled which qualify for USBC awards will be recognized.
4. Games are counted toward individual averages.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

All games bowled in USBC certified competition should count toward a bowler's average. This is especially true for games bowled during a playoff or special contest when the bowler is trying to win the league or contest. Counting all games will also not add confusion as to what games may or may not count toward final averages.

Presented by: Bill Dennis
Madison, WI

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

RULE PROPOSAL NO. LR 3

DELEGATE ACTION
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PRESENT RULE...

Rule 118b. How Established

USBC Playing Rules, Chapter 4: League Rules

Each league shall adopt a rule to determine the number of games required to establish an average in that league. The following applies when establishing an average:

1. A right-handed bowler must always bowl right-handed. Similarly, a left-handed bowler must always bowl left-handed. **Penalty:** Forfeiture of game.
2. No combination of scores bowled both right- and left-handed can be used to compute an average, except as stipulated in Rule 4c.
3. The league's board of directors may, by majority vote, adjust a player's average before the player bowls in the league or during the season due to injury or disability. Separate averages must be maintained.

Youth leagues:

4. A bowler using a two-handed delivery will establish an average with two hands. When the bowler changes to a one-handed delivery, they must establish a new average using that hand.

PROPOSAL...

Add new Item 4:

Adult Leagues: "The league's board of directors may, with two-thirds vote, adjust a player's average upward during the season. Separate averages must be maintained. The bowler must use the adjusted average or established league average (whichever is higher) for the remainder of the season."

If adopted, Item 4 will be Item 5.

If adopted, Rule 118b will state:

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1. A right-handed bowler must always bowl right-handed. Similarly, a left-handed bowler must always bowl left-handed. **Penalty:** Forfeiture of game.
2. No combination of scores bowled both right- and left-handed can be used to compute an average, except as stipulated in Rule 4c.
3. The league's board of directors may, by majority vote, adjust a player's average before the player bowls in the league or during the season due to injury or disability. Separate averages must be maintained.
4. **Adult Leagues:** The league's board of directors may, with two-thirds vote, adjust a player's average upward during the season. Separate averages must be maintained. The bowler must use the adjusted average or established league average (whichever is higher) for the remainder of the season.
5. **Youth leagues:** A bowler using a two-handed delivery will establish an average with two hands. When the bowler changes to a one-handed delivery, they must establish a new average using that hand.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

Over the years, USBC has been asked by leagues to allow the board to adjust the bowler's average upward during the season due to the bowler performing below his or her ability. Currently the only option is for the league to dismiss the player from the league following USBC Rule 115a. Once dismissed, the league could adjust the average upward and then vote to allow him/her to re-join the league using the adjusted average.

By allowing the league to adjust the bowler's average upward during the season, the league does not have to go through the formal removal process.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

RULE PROPOSAL NO. LR 4

DELEGATE ACTION

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PRESENT RULE...

Rule 120. Position Matches

USBC Playing Rules, Chapter 4: League Rules

A rule may be adopted to include position matches in the schedule subject to the following:

- a. Teams shall be paired according to its league position standings and games bowled count as won and lost.
- b. Ties for position pairings shall be determined by total pinfall without handicap, unless otherwise provided by league rule.

PROPOSAL...

Replace item b with the following:

"Ties for position pairings shall be determined as follows, unless otherwise provided by league rule:

1. Scratch leagues - By total scratch pinfall.
2. Handicap leagues - By total pinfall with handicap."

If adopted, Rule 120 will state:

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- a. Teams shall be paired according to its league position standings and games bowled count as won and lost.
- b. Ties for position pairings shall be determined as follows, unless otherwise provided by league rule:
 1. Scratch leagues - By total scratch pinfall.
 2. Handicap leagues - By total pinfall with handicap.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

Since scratch leagues by definition do not have a handicap, ties in standings would obviously be broken by scratch pinfall. However, the default for handicap leagues should be based on handicap total pins since the higher total handicap pins technically means they "bowled better" than the other team.

Presented by: Rick Weaver
Phoenix, AZ

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

RULE PROPOSAL NO. TR 1

DELEGATE ACTION

APPROVE

REJECT

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. Individual averages must be based on a minimum of 21 games in a USBC league.
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...

Replace Item 1 with:

"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."

If adopted, Rule 319a will state:

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.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

USBC reviewed average trends and is concerned about individuals with a significant variance between established league averages and performances in other leagues and tournaments. USBC is proposing several changes to the 319 rules in an effort to discourage any average manipulation that could result in an unfair competitive advantage.

There are many bowlers who do not belong to leagues, or belong to one league and substitute in a variety of other leagues throughout the season, but do not bowl 21 games. In many cases, in the leagues in which the bowler does not have 21 games, the average is generally higher and is more indicative of their skill level. If a bowler can establish a higher average bowling in different centers and different leagues, those scores should count toward the bowler's tournament entering average.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

RULE PROPOSAL NO. TR 2

DELEGATE ACTION
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PRESENT RULE...

Rule 319c. Average Adjustments (Rerating)

USBC Playing Rules, Chapter 6: Tournament Rules

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 second paragraph:

“A handicap or classified tournament may, by tournament rule, require a bowler whose entering average was adjusted in accordance with Item 1 of this rule (or who refused to accept such an adjustment) in a previous tournament to report a previous adjustment which occurred within the last twelve-month period. This reporting requirement must be explicitly stated; a tournament rule stating “Rule 319c is in effect” or anything constructively similar is insufficient to impose any kind of reporting requirement.”

If adopted, Rule 319c will state:

1. 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.
2. A handicap or classified tournament may, by tournament rule, require a bowler whose entering average was adjusted in accordance with Item 1 of this rule (or who refused to accept such an adjustment) in a previous tournament to report a previous adjustment which occurred within the last twelve-month period. This reporting requirement must be explicitly stated; a tournament rule stating “Rule 319c is in effect” or anything constructively similar is insufficient to impose any kind of reporting requirement.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

1. To extinguish the oft-repeated myth that such a reporting requirement actually exists (no such requirement currently exists under present USBC rules).
2. To enable tournament managers to affirmatively require such disclosure and take action in the best interest of the tournament and the sport (they already have that prerogative anyway, but this way they are reminded of it, and bowlers are on notice reporting could be required), while placing the onus on tournament managers to explicitly state that requirement; see reason #1.
3. To prevent bowlers from being stigmatized or otherwise unfairly hindered by an incident or issue from ages ago that may have arisen for any number of reasons, including but not limited to; new bowlers having rapidly improved, an overreaction by a given tournament manager, a personal grudge by a given tournament manager, or, conversely, a bowler whose ability has legitimately declined for whatever reason (for example, age, injury, temporary leave from or reduced practice or participation in the sport for other reasons). Limiting such a requirement to re-rates from the previous twelve months is comparable to the limits imposed by the Fair Credit Reporting Act (e.g., bankruptcies can only stay on a person’s credit report for ten years, other negative items can only stay for seven years.)

Presented by: Robert Rowe, III
Edgewater, MD

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors

REASON FOR REJECTION...

Currently, tournament managers have the authority to request averages that have been adjusted in previous tournaments. Tournaments that currently require individuals to report adjustments must state so in the tournament rules. The tournament rule can state “all adjustments/rerates” or have a specific time period. This proposal disallows tournament rules to go beyond 12 months and takes the authority away from tournament managers to do what is right for their tournament. Presently when a tournament rule is not explicitly stated, upon appeal USBC would not hold the bowler responsible for reporting the adjustment.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 1

DELEGATE ACTION
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PRESENT SECTION...

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 members are required to pay dues to USBC, to state associations, as well as the local processing fee in combined amounts established by USBC.

Annual adult standard membership dues are:
USBC dues not to exceed \$10.
State dues not to exceed \$1.
Local dues not to exceed \$10.

PROPOSAL...

Replace "\$1" with "3" in adult state dues.

If adopted, Section B will state:

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 members are required to pay dues to USBC, to state associations, as well as the local processing fee in combined amounts established by USBC.

Annual adult standard membership dues are:
USBC dues not to exceed \$10.
State dues not to exceed \$3.
Local dues not to exceed \$10.

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*

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

Although we recognize the fact that the state association cannot be run on dues alone, \$1 per member, per year, is not sufficient when state dues are optional. The women in the state of West Virginia that belong to merged local associations do not pay the state WBA dues unless they want to bowl in the state WBA tournaments. Each time locals merge the state WBA loses about 75% of that association's women bowlers as members.

We believe it is in conflict with the statement under Section B that states they 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.

Presented by: West Virginia State USBC WBA

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors

REASON FOR REJECTION...

USBC is supporting a series of proposals to remove the dues cap at all levels, see pages 11 - 16.

Reason for B2-4

The Financial Freedom and Flexibility Proposals

B2-4 are the Financial Freedom and Flexibility Proposals and will remove the dues cap for associations at all levels. Adopting these proposals will give associations at all three levels the ability to effectively manage short-term and long-term financial decisions based on their needs. This will allow a Board of Directors to make well-thought out financial plans and know exactly what income will be in regard to standard adult dues.

Associations should have financial freedom and flexibility and be trusted to provide services for the members at a reasonable rate. State and local leaders are familiar with their members, what is working, what needs to be implemented and what is a fair price for their area.

At the national level, USBC is unable to effectively invest for the future under the current system. Some of USBC's top investment priorities include better support tools for associations and increasing staff communication in the field. It is very important for us to keep pace with technology, especially for our younger members as well as continue testing programs beyond those designed to increase membership. Moving forward correctly on these priorities require long-term commitment and planning. National organizations in today's era need the freedom and flexibility to adjust prices as business conditions warrant without uncertainty.

The USBC Board recommends adoption of B2-4. If B2 fails to be adopted, the Board will withdraw B3 and 4. These proposed amendments were designed to work together or not at all. We need to improve service and benefits at all levels. Only through a collective trust across the organization can we adjust and secure the future of USBC.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 2

DELEGATE ACTION

<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVE

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PRESENT SECTION...

USBC National Bylaws
Article IV, Board of Directors
Section E, Authority and Duties, Item 16

Establishing annual National dues up to the maximum set by the Delegates as well as establishing terms and conditions for collection of dues;

PROPOSAL...

Delete "up to the maximum set by the Delegates"

If adopted, Item 16 will state:

Establishing annual National dues, as well as establishing terms and conditions for collection of dues;

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

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

The reason for the proposal can be found on page 11.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 3

DELEGATE ACTION

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PRESENT SECTION...

**Merged State USBC Bylaws
Article V, Board of Directors
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 delegates representing adult membership, Youth Delegates, and Board 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 will be elected by:

1. Youth Delegates.
2. Officers and directors who hold youth membership.
3. Youth Directors. (20% of the board who represent youth).

The number of Board members elected by the Youth Delegates, officers and directors who hold youth membership and Youth Directors (20% of the board representing the youth) 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.

PROPOSAL...

Add a new Item 5 to state "Determining dues."

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 delegates representing adult membership, Youth Delegates, and Board 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 will be elected by:

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7. Approving use of membership records.

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

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

The reason for the proposal can be found on page 11.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 4

DELEGATE ACTION

APPROVE

REJECT

PRESENT SECTION...

**Merged Local USBC Bylaws
Article V, Board of Directors
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 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 will be elected by:

1. Youth Representatives.
2. Officers and directors who hold youth membership.
3. Youth Directors. (20% of the board who represent youth).

The number of Board members elected by the Youth Representatives, officers and directors who hold youth membership and Youth Directors (20% of the board who represent youth) is _____.

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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.

(See the Suspension and Reinstatement Chapter for re-rate, suspension, reinstatement and appeal procedures.)

PROPOSAL...

Add a new Item 5: "Determining dues."

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 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 will be elected by:

1. Youth Representatives.
2. Officers and directors who hold youth membership.
3. Youth Directors. (20% of the board who represent youth).

The number of Board members elected by the Youth Representatives, officers and directors who hold youth membership and Youth Directors (20% of the board who represent youth) 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.
- (See the Suspension and Reinstatement Chapter for re-rate, suspension, reinstatement and appeal procedures.)

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

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

The reason for the proposal can be found on page 11.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 5

DELEGATE ACTION

<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVE

<input type="checkbox"/> REJECT

PRESENT SECTION...

**USBC National Bylaws
Article V, Officers
Section C, Term**

Each officer, except the executive director, serves a one-year term and may be re-elected to a position for a maximum of three terms.

PROPOSAL...

Add a new first sentence "The President serves one three year term."

Replace "Each officer" with "Other officers".

If adopted, Section C will state:

The President serves one three year term. Other officers, except the executive director, serve a one-year term and may be re-elected to a position for a maximum of three terms.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

In the six years of its existence, USBC has had four presidents. As many of the delegation who have served as association presidents know, the first year is one where a person must acclimatize his/herself to the job. Subsequent time can then be spent on implementing new programs and bringing about change and improvements where necessary. Increasing the length of the term would give the president that opportunity and this change would provide some stability in that office.

Presented by: Martha Boron
Canton, MI

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors

REASON FOR REJECTION...

This proposal is tying the board's hands when determining the right candidate. The board currently determines a president for one year, with a maximum of three years. Since the president is elected from the current directors who have a 9 year limit on the board, those who do not have 3 years available would not be eligible to run.

In addition, the year of electing a president the incumbents who are re-elected would be eligible, along with those directors who are eligible to run for another term. However, those who need to be re-elected for another term in order to fulfill the three year presidential term could only serve three years **if the individual is re-elected**. If the president is not re-elected to a director term he/she would have to resign as president and a vacancy would occur, which the board would fill for the remainder of the term.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 6

DELEGATE ACTION

<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVE

<input type="checkbox"/> REJECT

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC National Bylaws Article XI, Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of USBC is August 1 through July 31.

PROPOSAL...

Delete the Article.

If adopted, the remaining Articles will be renumbered.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

This proposal is strictly to change the financial accounting for USBC and **would NOT** affect membership count for delegates, or the bowling season of August 1 to July 31. Associations would keep the current fiscal year unless a proposal is submitted to remove this language from the state and/or local bylaws.

USBC would like the flexibility to consider changing its accounting to a calendar year basis that is January 1 to December 31. This change would bring USBC in line with how most nonprofit and for-profit corporations report their financial results. It will also allow USBC to work more seamlessly with partners, vendors and benefit providers who are on a calendar year financial schedule.

Additionally, a bylaw provision designating a fiscal year for USBC is simply unnecessary and without benefit. Elimination of the provision would benefit USBC by allowing the organization to promptly and efficiently respond if adjusting the fiscal year helps to better comply with any changes in the tax law, accounting rules or regulatory requirements.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 7

DELEGATE ACTION

<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVE

<input type="checkbox"/> REJECT

PRESENT SECTION...

Merged Local USBC Bylaws Article IV, Membership and Dues

Membership is in effect from August 1 through July 31 and is composed of:

1. **Adults** who have paid the appropriate USBC, state (if applicable) and local association dues; and
2. **Youth** who have paid the appropriate USBC and state dues and local processing fee in the association's jurisdiction.

An individual joining a summer league after March 15 shall pay the dues/local processing fee that are known to be, or become, effective for the next current season. On payment of the dues/processing fee, the individual shall become a member for the balance of the current season and the next season.

Each individual shall pay annual USBC membership dues, local dues (adult) or local processing fee (youth) and state association dues, except as provided in Rule 100e, Traveling League and 100l, Mail-o-Graphic League.

The adult members, and all officers and directors, by two-thirds vote, determine and adopt local adult dues, if any.

The annual adult standard membership dues are as follows:

Local	\$ _____ (Cannot exceed \$10.)
State	\$ _____ (Cannot exceed \$1.)
USBC adult standard membership	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total	\$ _____

The annual youth standard membership dues are as follows:

Local processing fee	\$ 2.00
State	\$ 0.50
USBC youth standard membership	<u>\$14.50</u>
Total	\$17.00

PROPOSAL...

Delete the second paragraph.

If adopted, Article IV will state:

Membership is in effect from August 1 through July 31 and is composed of:

1. **Adults** who have paid the appropriate USBC, state (if applicable) and local association dues; and
2. **Youth** who have paid the appropriate USBC and state dues and local processing fee in the association's jurisdiction.

Each individual shall pay annual USBC membership dues, local dues (adult) or local processing fee (youth) and state association dues, except as provided in Rule 100e, Traveling League and 100l, Mail-o-Graphic League.

The adult members, and all officers and directors, by two-thirds vote, determine and adopt local adult dues, if any.

The annual adult standard membership dues are as follows:

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USBC adult standard membership	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total	\$ _____

The annual youth standard membership dues are as follows:

Local processing fee	\$ 2.00
State	\$ 0.50
USBC youth standard membership	<u>\$14.50</u>
Total	\$17.00

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USBC Playing Rules*

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

The March 15th date causes a loss of revenue at both the local and national levels. Individuals that only bowl “summer” and not “winter” are essentially only required to pay for membership every other season.

Our Association lost close to \$700 dollars, roughly 116 bowlers, in local membership dues because of the loophole that the March 15th date creates. Headquarters potentially lost \$1,160 dollars if these individuals do not purchase a membership until after March 15th, 2011.

A membership should last from August 1 through July 31, regardless of when it is purchased. A bowler competing in a summer bowling league potentially costs USBC the same as a bowler competing in a winter league. Why should we give a bowler that only bowls in the summer a free ride every other year?

The dates worked when there was a specific winter and summer season for bowling leagues. In today’s bowling center environment a bowling season is a year round event especially with short season leagues becoming more and more popular.

Presented by: Anthony Colangelo
Helmetta, NJ

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors