

## **CENTER CLOSINGS - LEAGUE**

**Q: A CENTER CLOSED ITS DOORS – WHAT DOES THE LEAGUE DO NOW?  
(This would also apply if the center is destroyed.)**

A: USBC considers a center that is closed or destroyed a forced action. A majority vote of the board of directors (officers and team captains) is required to decide which course of action the league will take. A majority vote will determine whether the league will:

### **Move to a New Center**

- Individuals/teams that do not want to move to another center would receive a prorated share of the prize money for the weeks bowled.
  - Teams would receive prize money for placement at the time the league moves.
  - If all the teams do not move, leagues should pay out at the time of the move.  
Leagues may pay out only the teams that do not move.
- Wins, losses and averages transfer to the league's new center.
- Advise the association of the league's change of center so the association can update the new center information in WinLABS.

*or*

### **End Now**

- Pay out the league based on the standings at the time the league stopped bowling.
- Pay out equally; if a prize fund was adopted the written unanimous consent of all team captains would be required.
- The treasurer should provide a financial statement to the league.
- The secretary should provide a finalized prize list to the league.
- Averages should be sent to the association.

**Q: WHAT IF THE CENTER THE LEAGUE MOVES TO IS IN A DIFFERENT ASSOCIATION?**

A: **The league could finish out the season with the former association.**

- All awards, final averages, appeals, etc., would be handled by the former association.
- If any honor scores are bowled the former association would process them.
- The new association would handle inspections, if necessary.

*or*

**By unanimous written consent, the league could end and recertify as a new league under the jurisdiction of the new association.**

- Local membership dues (state, if applicable) would be paid to the new association.
- The league would receive all services from the new association.

**Q: CAN A LEAGUE VOTE TO START NEW AVERAGES AT THE NEW CENTER?**

A: Yes, by a majority vote, but since it is only one league the averages must be combined when submitted to the association.

**Q: CAN A LEAGUE START OVER?**

A: Yes, by a majority vote the league would end as indicated above and start over as a new league. If the association is different the league must be certified through the new association and appropriate membership dues must be paid.

**Q: WHAT IF THE LEAGUE WANTS TO SPLIT INTO TWO LEAGUES?**

A: The league moves where the majority votes to go and the remaining individuals would resign and be paid out as stated above.

**Q: WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT OUR CENTER IS CLOSING IN FOUR WEEKS – WHAT CAN WE DO?**

A: **Move immediately to a new center with the consent of the current proprietor**

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*or*

**Finish out the four weeks and then move to a new center**

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- Wins, losses and averages transfer to the league's new center.
- Advise the association of the league's change of center so the association can update the new center information in WinLABS.

*or*

**End Now**

- Pay out the league based on the standings at the time the league stopped bowling.
- The treasurer should provide a financial statement to the league.
- The secretary should provide a finalized prize list to the league.
- Averages should be sent to the association.