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Last month, we discussed the options for leagues after centers closed because of COVID-19. If you did not receive a copy of the last month's Rules Extra, please contact Rules@bowl.com.

This month, we look at adjusting the prize list and the financial responsibilities of league officers.

Please share Rules Extra with your fellow officers and league members.

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USBC Cancellations and Postponements

USBC cancelled its national youth championships and postponed the Senior Championships and the USBC Annual Meeting until 2021. [Learn more.](#)

Is an audit of league funds required when the league ends early?

Yes! Ending a league does not forego the requirement to audit league funds. Please use the links below to assist in completing the audit.

- [Audit Procedures](#)
- [Audit Committee Worksheet](#) (if document does not appear, please download the file from your browser)
- [Audit Committee Worksheet Instructions](#)

Adjusting prize lists for leagues canceled because of COVID-19

After the league board of directors (officers and team captains), by majority of the votes cast, decide to end the league schedule early, the league board of directors must also decide how to adjust the prize lists. Key points for determining final standings and prize-list adjustments for a canceled league:

- The last date the league bowled determines the final standings for the league or a segment in a split-season league.
- If the league cancels the playoff, co-champions must be declared and the prize money split equally among qualifying teams.
- The adjustment must maintain the format/structure of the originally adopted prize list
- The adjustment is approved by a majority of the votes cast
- Special awards for teams and individuals may be adjusted
- Prize money for the playoff may be adjusted
- The league cannot split prize money equally among all teams without unanimous consent of the team captains or their designated representative

The league treasurer or secretary/treasurer must present a financial statement upon completion of the league, which includes a copy of the prize list showing how prizes were paid.



DON'T FORGET!

To contact the center to discuss any league cancellation. Just because a bowling center is closed does not mean the league automatically is canceled. The league is postponed until the league board of directors (officers and team captains) vote to end the league schedule.

Before deciding to cancel a league, contact the center to come to an agreement regarding the league's contract with the center. A league end date does not negate a contract that specifies a certain number of weeks a league is required to bowl, so please contact the center regarding the contract.



DO YOUR BOWLERS KNOW?

The status of the league? Please keep the league's team captains informed of what the officers are contemplating so the captains can let their team members know what is happening with the league.



MYTHBUSTERS

Busted, Plausible, or Confirmed:

Myth #11: I can put league funds into my personal account.

Myth #13: The final prize list is the league financial statement.

[Get the answers to these and other bowling myths.](#)

Want to be part of Mythbusters? Send your bowling myth to Rules@bowl.com.



TENPIN PUZZLER

This month's Puzzler comes from Alan in Pensacola, Florida, who asks if there are any rules changes effective for next season, which starts Aug. 1, 2020.

To find out the answer, either [view the Tenpin Puzzler video](#) or [read the Tenpin Puzzler article](#).

If you have a question for PB, email him at PBAtkinson@bowl.com. If PB uses your question, we will send you an autographed copy of the 2019-2020 USBC Playing Rules.