

# USBC ADULT BASIC MEMBERSHIP COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**1. The USBC Adult Basic membership will cost \$10.**

- A. A breakdown of the dues structure for the USBC Adult Basic membership:
- \$7 to National USBC
  - \$3 to the local associations

The USBC National and local association dues are set. The final cost of the membership is dependent on the state dues. Adult Basic Members have the option of paying the state dues, if the member so chooses. Your league secretary will let you know the cost of the State membership if you'd like to purchase it.

**2. What do I get with a USBC Adult Basic membership?**

- A. You receive a USBC-certified average, which will allow you to compete in local and national tournaments throughout the season. You will not be sent a membership card, but will be able to print one from the "Find a Member" utility located on BOWL.com. High score achievements will be officially recorded by USBC, but awards such as rings and plaques are not included in the membership.

**3. If I buy a USBC Adult Basic membership in March, will the membership cover a short-season league in the spring and a second short-season league in the summer?**

- A. No. The USBC Adult Basic membership is good for one short-season league. If your spring league designates as a short-season league and you purchase the USBC Adult Basic membership, the membership is valid only for that league. For your summer league, you can either purchase another USBC Adult Basic membership or upgrade to the USBC Adult Standard membership.

**4. I already have a USBC Adult Standard membership and I want to bowl in a short-season league. Do I also have to buy the USBC Adult Basic membership to bowl in the league?**

- A. No. If your USBC Adult Standard membership is current, you would not need to purchase another membership. Also, you would be eligible for honor score awards earned in the league.

**5. I already have a USBC Adult Basic membership and I want to bowl in the state tournament. Does my USBC Adult Basic membership cover this?**

- A. To bowl in the state tournament, you would have to pay any applicable state dues. State dues cannot exceed \$5.

**6. What if I purchase a USBC Adult Basic membership and later decide I want the USBC Adult Standard membership?**

- A. You can upgrade to the USBC Adult Standard membership through your league secretary by paying the cost difference between the USBC Standard and USBC Basic memberships.

**7. I'm a league secretary. How would I upgrade a membership?**

- A. The upgrade is completed by the association voiding the existing USBC Adult Basic membership and collecting the difference in dues for the USBC Adult Standard membership.

**8. My short-season league is only eight weeks and we bowl three games a week. If I only bowl six weeks and have 18 games, is the average USBC-certified?**

- A. No. You must have at least 21 games for a USBC-certified average.

- 9. We want to have a league that bowls three times a week for two months. Since we only bowl for two months, can we get the USBC Adult Basic membership?**
- A. No. The league must be 16 or fewer sessions.
- 10. Do I get a membership card in the mail with my USBC Adult Basic membership?**
- A. No. You will be able to go onto BOWL.com and print a membership card.
- 11. If I bowl a 300 game or 800 series, will I get an award?**
- A. Your achievement will be recognized and recorded as official by USBC, but no award such as a ring or plaque is provided. You will have the opportunity to purchase an award.
- 12. If the USBC Adult Basic membership is only good for that short-season league, does that mean I'm only eligible to bowl tournaments during the time my short-season league is active?**
- A. No. The membership provides a USBC-certified average so you can bowl in tournaments throughout the season, the same as the USBC Adult Standard membership.
- 13. Does USBC Adult Basic membership extend for a league that crosses over to next season, for example our summer league runs from June through the end of August?**
- A. Yes, as long as the league is 16 sessions or less.
- 14. Does that mean the USBC Adult Basic membership also extends for the length of the league for tournament eligibility?**
- A. No. Tournament eligibility extends to Oct. 1 following the season in which USBC Adult Basic membership was purchased.
- 15. Can an association put in a rule for the Championship Tournament that all members can bowl, but if you only paid basic for a USBC Adult Basic membership you would have to pay the difference between a Basic and Standard membership?**
- A. No.
- 16. If a USBC Standard Youth bowler wants to become a USBC Adult member by joining a USBC Adult short-season league, which membership is required?**
- A. A youth member would be required to pay for a USBC Adult Basic or Standard membership to participate in the short-season league.
- 17. If the local associations dues are \$2, can the USBC Adult Basic membership be \$9 (\$7 National, \$2 local) for dues?**
- A. Yes, the local can charge their current dues if less than \$3.