

## August 2020

Last month, we covered league officer duties, rules, contracts, and league finances. If you missed any of the four Rules Extras sent in July, please click [here](#).

This month, we are covering key points for leagues to start back up.

If you are no longer a league officer, please forward *Rules Extra* to newly elected officers if you have their email address so they will be more knowledgeable in their new role.

Please forward *Rules Extra* via email to your fellow officers and league members.

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### COVID-19

For updated information regarding waivers and modifications to USBC Playing Rules to allow certified leagues more flexibility to return to bowling while adhering to guidelines related to COVID-19, click [here](#).

### League start-up

We are providing tips and our [Quick-Start Checklist](#) for league secretaries and treasurers to help the first league session go smoothly.

### Membership application cards

Membership application cards can be a nightmare for league secretaries – poor handwriting, incomplete cards, not handing in cards, fees do not balance. We suggest announcements be made or instructions provided on how to complete the card. Please remind the bowlers that email addresses and membership ID numbers are an important means of communication for you and USBC.

Check the cards as they are received. If the bowler has checked paid online or through another league, ask for a receipt. If the bowler has no receipt, collect membership fees; they can be refunded. For a league membership dues worksheet, click [here](#).

### **League certification applications**

League certification applications, membership application cards and membership fees must be filed with the local association within 30 days of the start of the league. We urge you to submit the application as quickly as possible; you can always add bowlers after the application is submitted. Please print legibly and make sure all boxes are marked, including the proper lane condition. The application comes with detailed instructions.

### **Youth bowlers**

USBC youth bowlers CANNOT bowl in USBC adult leagues comprised of teams of two or more players and where prize money is awarded. This includes bowling as a substitute or pacer, and they cannot waive prize money to bowl in the league. If in doubt, do not let the youth bowler compete in the league. Learn more about [USBC Youth Eligibility](#).

### **Coaching**

The United States Bowling Congress has made changes to the USBC Coaching program.

USBC has replaced the word “certify” with “train” across its coaching instruction series. Instead of taking a USBC (Level I, Bronze, Silver, Gold) “certification” class, members will be taking a USBC Level I “training” class. USBC is making this change to reflect the relationship more accurately between USBC and members who take coaching classes.

Similarly, USBC will no longer use the word “certified” as it relates to member coaches who have completed classes.



### **SMART Expands Policy Relating to use of Scholarship Funds**

The Scholarship Management and Account Reporting for Tenpins (SMART) policy recently was updated to expand the use of SMART scholarships for student-related expenses.

Under the new guidelines, a student can use their SMART scholarships to be reimbursed for expenses related to tuition and certain related student expenses, or to have a payment made for such expenses as off-campus housing and/or student-loan debt.

Click [here](#) to read more.



**DON'T FORGET!**

**Don't forget...** to pass out league rules to every team captain as quickly as possible.



**DO YOUR BOWLERS KNOW?**

**Do your bowlers know...**lane courtesy? Why not print copies of the [Etiquette Guidelines](#) for all your bowlers?