

**July 2020**

Last month, we discussed returning to bowling under COVID-19 restrictions, Registered Volunteer updates and no balance holes for the 2020-2021 season. Please click [here](#) for the June edition of *Rules Extra*.

This month, we cover elections, league officer duties and other important information to complete your duties as an officer. You will receive *Rules Extra* for the next three Wednesdays, as we look at rules and finances heading into the new season.

If you are no longer a league officer, please forward these issues to newly elected officers to assist them in completing their duties for the 2019-2020 season and preparing for the 2020-2021 season.

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



## IN THE NEWS

### **Elections**

With the abrupt ending of leagues because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many league elections also were canceled. The current officers remain in place and continue handling league business until the election is held at the [league organizational meeting](#). Officers are elected by a majority of votes cast by the league board of directors unless the league rules allow the membership to elect officers.

Click on the links below for detailed information regarding elections.

[Elections](#) | [Sample ballot](#) | [Election Video](#)

A few things regarding eligibility for league officers:

1. Cannot be members of an immediate family. This includes fathers, mothers, daughters, sisters, wives, husbands, sons, brothers, stepsisters, stepbrothers, stepmothers, stepfathers, and in-laws. Same gender spouses are considered immediate family.
2. Must be 18 years of age.
3. Must have USBC membership
4. Must be bondable. Cannot have been convicted of a felony or found guilty of mishandling league or association funds in the past.

### **Officer duties**

Before accepting an office, candidates should understand their roles and responsibilities. Please review the information below regarding the responsibilities of officers.

### **President**

1. [Training video](#)
2. Meet with the center regarding the league contract. Click [here](#) for negotiating tips.
3. Meeting Tips:
  1. [How to prepare an agenda](#)
  2. [How to make a motion](#)
4. Appoint committees:
  1. Prize committee (Required)
  2. Audit committee information (Required)
  3. Other committees as needed
5. Ensure the league account is opened in the name of the league AND that monthly statements come to you so you may [verify the league account](#).

### **Vice President**

1. [Fill in for the president when not available](#)
2. Watch the training video under President (above) for more information about the president's duties

## Secretary

1. [Training video](#)
2. Get league information from the local association
3. Ensure every bowler:
  1. Completes a membership application
  2. Pays fees or shows receipt for membership fees already paid
4. [Certify the league as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days](#)
5. Update the league rules and pass out to the team captains
6. [Post and/or pass out weekly recap sheets](#)
7. Send in final average as requested by the local association

## Treasurer

1. [Training video](#)
2. Work with the president to get an account set up in the name of the league with two signatures
3. Make deposits within seven days
4. [Make sure bowlers are current in league fees](#)
5. [Complete a financial statement at the end of the season](#)
6. Two members of an immediate family cannot serve as president or vice president and secretary-treasurer or treasurer of the same league or co-sign for withdrawals from a league account, even if they do not reside in the same household.



## Busted, Plausible, or Confirmed:

**Myth #2:** A quorum is one more than half.

**Myth#12:** When there are three candidates on the ballot for an office, the candidate with the most votes wins.

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This month's Puzzler comes from Beth from Bozeman, Montana, who asks if USBC has any tips for starting leagues during this unprecedented time.

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