

## [2021-2022 Playing Rules Book](#)

April 2022

Last month, we discussed:

- Financial Statements
- Audits

If you missed last month's *Rules Extra*, please click [here](#).

This month, we cover:

- Prize Lists and Adjustments

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.



## LEAGUE RESOURCES

### **How to adjust the team prize list**

For details and options to amend the league prize list, [click here to learn how to adjust a prize list.](#)

### **How to prorate prize money when needed**

When an individual or team properly withdraws (Rule 121a), they would receive a prorated share of the prize money. To prorate prize money between

bowlers, divide the total team prize money by the playing strength of the league to determine the amount per bowler on the team. Then divide the individual portion by the number of weeks the league bowls, which equals the amount of prize money per week an individual receives. Multiply the amount per week by the number of weeks each bowler paid.

**Example:** A league bowls 25 weeks and each team has four players. The team prize money is \$400 or \$100 per bowler. To split prize money between two bowlers, divide the individual prize money (\$100) by the number of weeks (25) to get the amount per week ( $100/25 = \$4$  per week). This amount is then multiplied by the number of weeks each bowler paid into the prize fund.

### What takes precedence?

We receive calls from handicap leagues asking what takes precedence when awarding scratch and handicap prizes at the end of the league season. If the league rules are silent, the league board of directors decides by a majority vote of those present and voting would decide which takes precedence.



### IN THE NEWS

The 2022 USBC Convention will take place from April 25-28 at The Orleans in Las Vegas. All USBC members wishing to watch the activities can do so for free on BowlTV. For a full schedule of the event:

### CONVENTION SCHEDULE



### HOT TOPICS

USBC has taken actions recently regarding a number of bowling balls. A summary of these actions can be found below.

USBC REVOKES CERTIFICATION APPROVAL OF THE [STORM SPECTRE](#) ALONG WITH [PURPLE HAMMERS](#) PRODUCED IN 2016 AND 2017.

USBC recently revoked the approval of two bowling balls for use in all USBC-certified competition. These balls are:

Storm Spectre – effective March 14, 2022

Purple Hammer (produced in 2016 or 2017 with a serial # starting with 6 or 7)  
– effective March 21, 2022

These balls may not be used in any USBC-certified competition. A league or tournament cannot authorize the use of equipment not approved by USBC. A player using a ball on the [non-conforming ball list](#) subjects those games to forfeiture.

USBC also recently announced actions regarding the following balls effective March 30, 2022.

- [Storm Phaze 4](#)
- [Storm Electrify Solid](#)
- [Storm Trend 2](#)
- [900 Global Altered Reality](#)
- [900 Global Wolverine](#)
- [Roto Grip UFO Alert](#)

USBC has NOT revoked the certification approval of these balls. Instead, USBC has taken the action of prohibiting their use in USBC national tournaments, including, but not limited to, the USBC Masters, U.S. Open, USBC Open Championships, USBC Women's Championships, all PWBA Tour events, USBC Junior Gold and Youth Open Championships, USBC Intercollegiate Championships, USBC Team USA Trials, USBC Senior Masters and USBC Senior Queens.

**These ball models remain USBC approved.** Each USBC competition, whether tournament or league, has the option to adopt USBC's national tournament rule prohibiting use of these balls or to continue to allow their use.

Should a league wish to adopt a rule to prohibit the use of these balls in their competition after the league schedule begins, the requirement of the unanimous consent of all team captains to approve such a rule as stated in Rule 102c applies.

**USBC has compiled an FAQ regarding this action.**

FAQ



**DON'T FORGET!**

**Don't forget...**The League Treasurer is responsible to provide a detailed financial statement to each team captain when the prizes are distributed. USBC has created an interactive financial statement for leagues to use. You can access it [here](#).



**MYTHS MYTHBUSTERS**

**Busted, Plausible or Confirmed:**

**MYTH #18:** A team cannot be forced to use an absentee score for a position round or playoff.

**MYTH #49:** A league can adopt a rule not to add roll-off, playoff and sweeper/fun-night averages into final average records.

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