

2022-2023 Playing Rules Book**August 2022**

Last month, our weekly eblasts covered:

- League officer duties
- League finances
- Other important information to complete your duties as an officer
- Rule changes for 2022-2023

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

The month, we will cover:

- Any rule changes for 2022-2023
- USBC Membership Applications
- 2022-2023 Playing Rules and Commonly Asked Questions
- Adult/Youth league requirements
- Youth leagues
- Deadline for proposed changes to USBC rules

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.

 IN THE NEWS**Rule changes effective Aug. 1, 2022**

The USBC Board has rescinded the changes made to USBC rules in 2019-2020 which were instituted in response to the COVID pandemic. Starting Aug. 1, 2022, the following rule changes will be in effect:

Rule 18 – Bowlers will no longer be allowed to use isopropyl alcohol to clean a bowling ball once competition has started.

Rules 113a and 113b – The use of two lanes immediately adjoining each other will again be required to be used for league competition.

Rules 320a and 320b - The use of two lanes immediately adjoining each other will again be required to be used for tournament competition.

2022-2023 USBC Membership Applications

USBC thanks you for your continued efforts in collecting accurate and complete information from your league bowlers on their USBC membership applications. Accurate member information improves the fulfillment of membership cards and member benefits to your league bowlers.

2022-2023 Playing Rules and Commonly Asked Questions

The 2022-2023 USBC Rulebook is now posted and can be accessed [here](#). The rulebook is available online and through the [BOWL.com](#) app. Added features this year include the addition of a Table of Contents with direct links to rules, and the inclusion of links which will provide quick access to referenced rules and CAQ's.

 LEAGUE RESOURCES**Why should our league certify with USBC?**

Every season, this question is asked, so USBC has created [this document](#) to help promote the many benefits of certifying your league with USBC.

Adult/Youth Leagues

Adult leagues allowing USBC Youth members 18 or younger to participate must be certified as an adult/youth league, must comply with USBC Rule 400 and those 18 or older must complete U.S. Center for SafeSport training. All officers must be a Registered Volunteer (SafeSport trained and background screening through NCSI).

Youth Leagues

Promote your scholarship leagues. If you have unassigned funds in your SMART account, use them to promote bowling. Inform the parents/youth that you are adding additional scholarship funds to the prize fund. Or, have the youth/parents help promote your leagues. For example: Everyone receives prizes in the form of scholarships, and for each new bowler you bring in, you both receive scholarship funds. This is a great way to have others promote your leagues.

If you would like to provide scholarships, get started by submitting this [form](#) to SMART@bowl.com.

Don't forget when certifying your league, include your SMART account number on the league application.

Deadline for proposals for changes to USBC rules is fast approaching

Proposals for changes to USBC rules are due by Sept. 1, 2022. If you have a rule change you would like to be considered by the USBC delegates, send your proposal to rules@bowl.com by Sept. 1, 2022.

 MYTHS MYTHBUSTERS**Busted, Plausible or Confirmed:**

MYTH #30: A team or individual can pre-bowl for the first league session.

MYTH #34: Once adopted all league rules are final.

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