

[2022-2023 Playing Rules Book](#)

October 2022

Last month, we discussed the following topics:

- Rules concerning absentee and vacancy scores
- How to adopt a prize list
- Athlete Safety/RVP

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

This month, we will cover the following topics:

- Adding and dropping teams
- Team and roster definitions
- Verifying league accounts

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

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



LEAGUE RESOURCES

About teams

The Rules team receives multiple inquiries about teams, rosters, legal lineups and what to do when a league gains or loses a team. Do you know the difference between a team roster and playing strength? What about lineups, legal lineups, substitutes and additional players? The following links answer many of the questions we receive.

[TEAMS AND ROSTERS](#)

[ADDING/DROPPING TEAMS](#)

USBC Memberships Purchased on [BOWL.com](#)

The demand for doing things online has increased drastically the last few years and joining USBC is no different.

Through September, memberships purchased online are up nearly 40% versus last season. This efficiency is helpful to both bowlers and league officers, but we want to remind you that **ALL MEMBERS** of a certified league must be USBC members in order for your league to be certified.

Please verify that all bowlers participating in your leagues are current (2022-2023) USBC members.



DON'T FORGET!

The league account must be properly verified by the league president each month. This involves more than just looking at the statement of account and the treasurer's records. Click [President Verification Worksheet](#) to assist in a proper league account verification.



DO YOUR BOWLERS KNOW?

Do your bowlers know...Rule 18 allows only the use of a dry towel to clean the outer surface of bowling balls once competition has begun. The USBC Board has rescinded the COVID-19 allowance that gave bowlers permission to use isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol) to clean their bowling balls during competition.



ATHLETE SAFETY/RVP

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The USBC Athlete Safety policy states that all adults (18 years of age and older) who participate with minors (17 years of age and under) must go through SafeSport training. Additionally, all officers must be registered volunteers with USBC (SafeSport training and a background screening through NCSI).

To learn more about the policies in the Athlete Safety/RVP Handbook, click [here](#).

To become a Registered Volunteer, click [here](#).