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Tell your bowlers to activate their membership for a special gift

New this year, bowlers have the opportunity to activate their memberships at BOWL.com/activate. Activating their membership allows USBC to communicate important news, updates and tips to them throughout the bowling season. Plus, we will give each bowler a **bonus gift of 20% off at USBCSportStore.com when they activate!**

If bowlers do not have a computer or are unable to activate their memberships, they will still be a full USBC member and receive all their benefits.

Also this year, each bowler will receive a bag tag member gift, included in their membership card mailing.

Mythbusters

True or False: League rules supersede USBC Rules.

True or False: You must wear bowling shoes in league or tournament play.

Click [here](#) to find out the answers to these myths and to see more USBC Mythbusters.

Do you want to be a certified league officer?

The USBC Officer Certification Program teaches current and future league officers his or her responsibilities for any office he or she holds or wishes to seek. In order to become a certified officer, a member must first go through the instructional course and then pass the exam. Officer training is currently available for league secretaries but will soon be available for league treasurers and presidents.

For more information please visit BOWL.com/rules and click on Officer Certification.

Register and update your league standing sheet on BOWL.com

In order to upload your League Standing Sheets for the new season, remember to register or update your league information on BOWL.com.

To update your league information for the new season, follow these three simple steps:

- Go to BOWL.com and under the "leagues" tab click "[League Standing Sheets](#)".
- Find the "Leagues" tab and click "[Update Your League](#)". Enter your user name and password.
- You can then edit your league contact information, your start/end dates, and select the appropriate season for your upcoming/current league.

If you are currently not uploading your standing sheet to BOWL.com, click [here](#) for more information.

How to handle prize lists

In most leagues, the prize list creates the most controversy. Questions concerning the fairness, when to adopt and how to vote can be answered by clicking [here](#).

Have your bowlers to pay up

During each league session, insist all bowlers pay full fees. Though team captains are responsible for collecting fees, they are not liable for their teammates' payments.

To encourage prompt payment, leagues can adopt a rule that a team forfeits any games when a bowler is **present and bowling** and not current in paying fees. If adopted, the league arrearage rule must be enforced consistently throughout the season.

Youth bowlers in adult leagues

If an adult league has teams that have a playing strength of two or more players and award cash prizes, youth bowlers cannot bowl and still remain eligible for USBC Youth competition. If you have this situation, please make sure the youth bowlers in your league are aware of this rule.

Click [here](#) for more youth eligibility information.

Things to do

League Certification Application – Submit to the local association **within 30 days** of the start of the league.

League Funds – Deposit within 7 days. The president should verify the account monthly (click [here](#) for form) and appoint an audit committee. Remember that two officers *must* sign for withdrawals.

Awards – Many awards do not require 12 games be bowled. See [Rule 53](#) for instructions on average based awards. Award [applications](#) must be submitted within 20 days of the accomplishment being bowled.



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