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Reminder: Tell your bowlers to activate their memberships at BOWL.com/activate

USBC is asking bowlers to activate their memberships this season in order to receive the latest USBC news and information, as well as their monthly US Bowler online magazine.

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 of their benefits.

Bowlers can activate their membership at BOWL.com/activate.

Tournament season is around the corner

The USBC Open Championships and USBC Women's Championships are rapidly approaching, and reservations are coming in fast!

The Open Championships is anticipating a sellout in Baton Rouge. Make sure your league bowlers know that prime dates are going fast and spots are limited! Visit BOWL.com/openchamp for available dates and reservation information.

The Women's Championships in Reno is also filling up quickly! If you have female members in your leagues, let them know that there is still time to reserve their spots. Visit BOWL.com/womenschamp for available dates and reservation information.

Remember, anyone can bowl! There are average divisions for every bowler at the USBC Championship events.

Can a team use an absentee score for the entire season?

Week after week, a team in the league is using an absentee score and the league fees are not in the team envelope. The team can continue to use the absentee score as long as the league allows it. The longer league fees go uncollected, the less likely they will be collected.

If a bowler is gone for two consecutive sessions and the team has not communicated with the bowler, take a proactive approach and contact the bowler yourself. Things to [consider](#) before filing charges:

- Determine if the bowler withdrew
- Verbal notice fulfills the withdrawal notice requirement.

Mythbusters

True or False: Players can be added to a team roster any time throughout the season.

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

- Two weeks are based on the calendar, not league sessions.
- A member who withdraws properly with good reason is entitled to a prorated share of team prize money based on the number of weeks paid.
- The league board determines good cause for withdrawal.
- A league can file a complaint for up to six sessions of unpaid league fees.

A bowler must be [notified](#) of a meeting to file charges for failing to pay league fees.

League Accounting form is now available

USBC has created a league accounting form for leagues to easily track deposits and withdrawals. If you would like to download a copy of this new form, please click [here](#).

Submit your league and membership applications

As a reminder per USBC rule 102e item 2, it is the League Secretary's responsibility to forward the annual membership dues, league application, and membership applications to the local association manager within 30 days after the league schedule begins. Additional membership applications also must be forwarded to the local association within 30 days of receipt.

A league is temporarily certified at the start of its current schedule for 30 days, counting the first day of competition. This is important as award scores bowled in the first 30 days are subject to rejection if league applications are not submitted within 30 days.

It's not too late to become a certified league officer

The USBC Officer Certification Program teaches current and future league officers his or her responsibilities for any office.

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 soon will be available for league treasurers and presidents.

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

Don't forget to submit awards applications

Bowlers like to be recognized for their accomplishments on the lanes. Do not forget to submit the award applications for all achievements.

- 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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