Bowling on the wrong lane
Bowling on the wrong lane may be one of the most embarrassing things that you can do in league bowling. If it does happen, do not worry because there is no penalty - well, besides a bruised ego.

If one person, or one person from each team, bowls on the wrong lane, a dead ball shall be called and the bowler or bowlers shall bowl on the correct lane. If two or more bowlers from the same team bowl on the wrong lane, the scores stand as bowled, and the next bowler after the error is noticed needs to bowl on the correct lane.

Brrrr, it is cold out there!
It is that time of year again. As league officers, most of you will at some point have to deal with snow or inclement weather at some point during this winter season. Being prepared with the proper information and options will make your decision making easier. Also, having officer contact information available to the league members will help. Go here to read about canceling a league session. Some things to note:

- As league officers, you have the authority to cancel an entire session of league play due to weather. If the league session is cancelled, the league must work with the center to make up the missed week. If the center allows, the league may add a week to their schedule and push back the schedule one week. Otherwise, the postponed matches can be made up whenever there is lane availability. The league's board of directors should decide how the session is to be made up if there is an option.
- If the decision is made to not cancel league, consideration must be given to teams that cannot field a legal lineup, as USBC considers inclement weather as sufficient cause to request a postponement. Remember, everyone's driving abilities and driving conditions are different.
- Lastly, consult your league rules for the time frame to complete any unopposed postponements that are granted. Individual postponements may only be granted if the league rules allow for it.

This information may be found in USBC Rule 111. Go here for a copy of the USBC playing Rules.
Strike the holiday spirit and give the gift of bowling
Shopping for a bowler this holiday? Why not give bowling apparel and gifts? Go here to shop the USBC SportStore.

For those wanting to purchase an honor score award upgrade from Keepsake, the deadline to order rings with upgrades, custom jewelry rings, etc., to ensure arrival by Dec. 25 has passed. All standard high score award rings (no upgrades) will be manufactured and shipped normally with no guarantee for holiday delivery as there will be a longer delivery time due to USPS processing of packages during the holiday season.

Tournament time
As league officers, you may be asked to help some of your bowlers with tournament entry information. These are a few of the questions that you may be asked.

Can I get another copy of my membership card?
Some tournaments will require the bowlers to show proof of current membership. Any member may print a valid copy of their membership card by using the “Find a member” feature at the top of BOWL.com. The bowler may also verify past seasons’ averages using this feature. Go here for find a member feature.

Can you verify my current average?
Some bowlers may be required to report their current average. Most secretarial software programs have utilities or reports to allow you to print out the bowler’s current average; this report frequently includes every game the bowler bowled.

Can you help me apply for average relief?
If due to injury or disability a bowler feels that they can no longer compete at the same average as what they have previous established, USBC allows the bowler to request relief of their established average under USBC Rule 4e. One of the requirements to request relief is the bowler's game-by-game scores for every league in which they currently bowl. As with the average report above, most secretary software programs have reports that will allow you to print the bowler's scores.

Along with the bowler's game-by-game scores, USBC also will need a note from a physician, stating the injury, the length of time the injury will impact the bowler and how the injury or disability is reason for a downward adjustment.

I quit!
As a reminder, when a bowler withdraws from a league they must be give a two weeks’ notice. The bowler must give the notice to both the team captain and the league secretary. While there is no requirement for the notice to be in writing, it is recommended. The notice is for two calendar weeks. If the league member does not give this proper two weeks’ notice, the league may file written suspension charges.

This information and more can be found in USBC Rules 114a and 115b. Go here for sample letters and documentation if the league needs to file charges.

Things to do
The Secretary

- Submit membership application within 30 days of receipt.
- Submit all USBC awards within 20 days.

The President

- Appoint a prize committee and arrange to have the committee submit one or more prize
lists for consideration by the fifth week of bowling.

- Verify the league's bank account.
- Announce upcoming tournaments.

If you need assistance please feel free to contact the Rules Team at rules@BOWL.com or 800-514-BOWL extension 3155.

**Mythbusters**

**Myth #35:** Leagues must grant postponements for snow.

**Myth #16:** The two-week notice required for withdrawing from a league is based on the calendar.

Go [here](#) to find the answer to these and other bowling questions.

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