

Voting Results For the Proposals and Amendments from the 2017 USBC National Convention Delegates Meeting Las Vegas NV 4/28/2017

These are the results from the Delegates voting on the Proposals and amendments from the USBC Delegates Meeting held in Las Vegas from 4/28/2017. Highlighted in "**Bold**" is the result and included are the vote count and %. The USBC Board of Elections with who was elected and votes received is also included.

Rules Proposals

LR 1 – Allows for a game and/or series to be capped at maximum scratch score – (**Approved**) - (528 Approved @ 68.90% & 238 Rejected @ 31.10%). This rule is only used if adopted in your League Rules.

LR 2 – Allows for change to rules during a season with 75% approval of the team captains or designated representative – (**Rejected**) - (111 Approved @ 14.57% & 651 Rejected @ 85.43%).

TR 1 – Allows the tournament manager to disqualify an individual for eligibility and/or average violations no later than 30 days after prizes are paid - (**Rejected**) - (309 Approved @ 39.92% & 462 Rejected @ 60.08%).

TR 2 – Allows adjustments/rerating after games are completed – (**Rejected**) - (99 Approved @ 12.89% & 669 Rejected @ 87.11%).

TR 3 – Limits the reporting of rerates to three years prior – (**Rejected**) - (151 Approved @ 19.66% & 617 Rejected @ 80.34%).

TR 4 – Requires reporting of prize money in excess of \$300.00 in an event – (**Approved**) - (381 Approved @ 50.60% & 372 Rejected @ 49.40%). This will be based on an honor system as there is nothing on bowl.com to verify.

TR 5 - Requires reporting of combined prize money in excess of \$500.00 in a tournament – (**Approved**) - (428 Approved @ 56.52% & 327 Rejected @ 43.48%).

TR 6 - Requires reporting of combined prize money in excess of \$1000.00 in all tournaments competed in within 12 months – (**Approved**) - (481 Approved @ 64.13% & 269 Rejected @ 35.87%).

TR 7 – Allows for a game and/or series to be capped at maximum scratch score – (**Approved**) - (512 Approved @ 68.09% & 240 Rejected @ 31.91%).

TR 8 – Allows for protests on eligibility and/or average violations to be filled no later than 10 days after prizes are paid – **WITHDREW BY USBC**

Bylaws Proposals

B 1 – Increases the formula for delegate representation to the USBC Convention and sets the maximum delegates allowed to an association to 30 - (**Approved**) - (658 Approved @ 87.97% & 90 Rejected @ 12.03%).

B 2 – Adds USBC Hall of Famers as eligible voters at the USBC Annual Meeting - (**Approved**) - (583 Approved @ 77.42% & 171 Rejected @ 22.58%).

B 3 – Allows for one quorum for adult and youth delegates - (**Approved**) - (706 Approved @ 93.88% & 46 Rejected @ 6.12%).

B 4 – Individuals joining a summer league can purchase membership for that summer and following season - (**Rejected**) - (348 Approved @ 46.09% & 407 Rejected @ 53.91%).

B 5 – Allows for one quorum for adult members and youth representatives - (**Approved**) - (703 Approved @ 93.36% & 50 Rejected @ 6.64%).

Elections to the USBC Board of Directors

These were the results to fill the 3 positions open on the USBC Board of Directors (3 year Terms) a Majority was need to be elected

Elected

Jo Dimond – Columbus, GA - (562 Votes)

Karl Kielich – El Paso, TX – (617 Votes)

Adam Mitchell – Reston VA – (567 Votes)

Not Elected

Glenda Beckett – Palmetto Bay FL – (490 Votes)

USBC BOARD ELECTIONS

The election of board members will take place Thursday, April 27, during the Annual Meeting at the The Orleans in Las Vegas. The following four nominees were selected by the USBC Nominating Committee as candidates for three open positions on the board. Additional candidates may run from the floor if they provide notice of their candidacy to the committee by March 27, 2017.

The slated candidates:

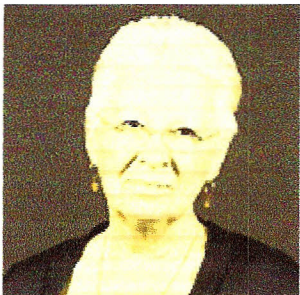


GLENDA BECKETT
Palmetto Bay, Florida

Glenda Beckett has served as association manager of Greater Miami USBC since 2012 and has been involved with the association since 2001. She has served as a director on the board and was first vice president and tournament manager for Greater Miami USBC. She retired from AT&T/Lucent Technologies in 2001, having served as executive assistant to the president for the Caribbean and Latin America region. While working in Singapore and Bangkok, Thailand, over a seven-year period, she became actively involved in bowling and worked international tournaments. She received the 2017 Pilar Cohalla Award for outstanding service from the Florida State USBC WBA. She was inducted into the Greater Miami USBC Hall of Fame for meritorious service in 2014, received the Greater Miami WBA Outstanding Service Award in 2006 and was named Most Powerful Female Marketing Executive by the Dan Marino Charity Golf Tournament in 1999. On the lanes, she finished eighth in all-events at the 2005 Florida State Senior Tournament.

Why are you qualified to serve on the USBC Board of Directors?

I bring a strong, varied background to the national USBC Board. I am a league and tournament bowler, as well as a tournament director. I have served as an officer or director on local boards for many years. My service to bowling has been recognized at both the local and state level. I have international experience and I understand bowling center operations. I am a conscientious worker and committed to support the sport of bowling.



JO DIMOND
Columbus, Ohio

Jo Dimond has served on the USBC Board since 2011, is chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee, and serves on the Legal and Legislative, and National Policy committees. She is the Central Ohio USBC association manager, a position she has held since 2005, and serves as conference coordinator for high schools in central Ohio and as OHSAA Central District tournament manager. She was a director for the Women's International Bowling Congress from 2002-2005 and executive director of the Greater Columbus Bowling Association from 2001-2005. She served as association secretary for the Columbus WBA from 1988-2005. She served on the USBC Restructuring Task Force in 2008-2009, has been on the Nominating Committees for WIBC and USBC, and was an original member of the Membership Development team and Local Delivery System team for Bowling Headquarters in the early 1990s. A member of the Central Ohio and state of Ohio halls of fame, she received the Helen Baker Award in 1997.

Why are you qualified to continue to serve on the USBC Board of Directors?



KARL KIELICH
El Paso, Texas

Karl Kielich has served on the USBC Board since 2011 and was appointed to the Bowlers to

My experience at the local level has provided insight into the merger process that I believe will be helpful as we transition all associations together. I can honestly say that I am as excited about the future of the USBC today as I was in 2005 and I promise to do everything I can to continue to meet the opportunities and challenges that will face us.

Veterans Link board in 2016. For USBC, he currently serves on the Diversity and Inclusion, Equipment Specifications, Executive Director and Board Evaluation committees. He previously has served as chair of the Association Outreach and the Awards committees. Kielich has been the association manager for El Paso USBC for the last two years, after serving as president of the association for five years, and he was involved with the local promotion of the 2010 USBC Women's and 2015 USBC Open Championships. He was inducted into the El Paso USBC Hall of Fame in 2008. He has worked in management for AT&T since 2005, supervising both entry-level and management employees, and currently is a lead financial analyst. Kielich, who is a USBC Bronze coach, previously worked as an assistant manager and pro shop manager at a bowling center.

Why are you qualified to continue to serve on the USBC Board of Directors?

I have earned the respect of my colleagues both in the boardroom but also with the leaders directly serving our membership at the grassroots levels. I have been asked to serve on, and lead, several committees and task forces that have resulted in positive change. I will continue to be a valuable and relied upon resource to the USBC Board, our leaders, our members and to the future of our sport.



ADAM MITCHELL

Reston, Virginia

Adam Mitchell has been a board member for Nation's Capital Area USBC since 2014, as well as a current Virginia State Youth Director. He started bowling at age 10, and was a local Youth Leader for the Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA). He continues to work with association leaders to manage tournaments and support operations of the association. Off the lanes, he is President and Chief Executive Officer of Global Solutions Inc., a company he started in 2013 to provide security consulting services to federal contractor clients, to include human resources, recruiting and sourcing services, to provide innovative strategies to reduce costs and promote growth. He manages a team of three and together supports more than 30 companies throughout the

United States. In addition to his company, he is a corporate security officer for Schafer Government Services, LLC, managing a team of four security personnel and oversees the security program for 400-plus employees and consultants nationwide.

Why are you qualified to serve on the USBC Board of Directors?

I feel I am qualified to serve on the USBC Board of Directors because I will be able to help continue to promote the sport of bowling at multiple levels. I would utilize my business background to continue to push forward strategic initiatives, professional relationships to expand recognition of the sport, and interpersonal skills to work with different teams, where I can continue to bring value to the sport



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Rule 100g, Handicap

Allows for a game and/or series to be capped at maximum scratch score.

Proposer: Lynn Roth
Kearns, UT

Rules Proposal No. LR 2..... Page 3

USBC Playing Rules
Chapter 4, League Rules
Rule 122, Meetings

Allows for changes to rules during the season with 75% approval of the team captains or designated representatives.

Proposer: Gregory A. Strohmenger
APO, AE

Tournament Rules

Rules Proposal No. TR 1..... Page 4

USBC Playing Rules
Chapter 6, Tournament Rules
Rule 303, Management

Allows the tournament manager to disqualify an individual for eligibility and/or average violations no later than 30 days after prizes are paid.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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USBC Playing Rules
Chapter 6, Tournament Rules
Rule 319c, Average Adjustments (Rerating)

Allows for adjustments/rerating after games are completed.

Proposer: Don Hildebrand
Glendale, WI

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USBC Playing Rules
Chapter 6, Tournament Rules
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Limits the reporting of rerates to three years prior.

Proposer: Robert Rowe III
Edgewater, MD

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Chapter 6, Tournament Rules
Rule 319d, Reporting Prior Prize Winnings

Requires reporting of prize money in excess of \$300 in an event.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Requires reporting of combined prize money in excess of \$500 in a tournament.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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**USBC Playing Rules
Chapter 6, Tournament Rules
Rule 327 Scoring Process, New Rule**

Allows for a game and/or series to be capped at maximum scratch score.

Proposer: Kevin Roberts Jamie Brooks
Fort Worth, TX Fort Worth, TX

Dave Davis Terry Taylor
Willingboro, NJ Bedford, TX

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**USBC Playing Rules
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Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Increases the formula for delegate representation to the USBC Convention and sets the maximum delegates allowed to an association to 30.

Proposer: Kandy Birmingham
New Berlin, WI

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**USBC National Bylaws
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Adds USBC Hall of Famers as eligible voters at the USBC Annual Meeting.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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**USBC Merged State Bylaws
Article VII, Meetings
Section A. Annual Meeting, Item 7, Quorum**

Allows for one quorum for adult and youth delegates.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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**USBC Merged Local Bylaws
Article IV, Membership and Dues**

Individuals joining a summer league can purchase membership for that summer and following season.

Proposer: Jay Frangione
Woodbridge, NJ

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**USBC Merged Local Bylaws
Article VII, Meetings
Section A. Annual Meeting, Item 6, Quorum**

Allows for one quorum for adult members and Youth Representatives.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

RULES PROPOSAL NO. LR 1

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
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PRESENT RULE...

USBC Playing Rules Chapter 4, League Rules Rule 100g, Handicap

A handicap league is one in which handicap is added to a bowler's score to place bowlers and teams with varying degrees of skill on as equitable a basis as possible for scheduled competition. USBC league rules shall apply to all USBC handicap leagues, in addition to the following:

1. The percentage shall be 100 percent, unless otherwise provided by league rule.
2. When the rules are adopted, each handicap league shall decide whether the individual or team method of handicapping will be used.
3. Handicap shall be figured according to the following:
 - a. **Adult leagues:** From the average of each bowler as provided by league rule.
 - b. **Youth leagues:** Unless otherwise provided by league rule, for the first session handicap shall be figured after the current average has been established. Thereafter, handicap will be figured on the current average.
4. Handicap shall not be limited, unless otherwise provided by league rule.
5. The combined current average of each of the players bowling on a team shall be the team average.
6. When figuring handicap or averages, fractions are to be dropped. (Download a handicap chart on BOWL.com.)

PROPOSAL...

Add new item 5 to state:

"A handicap game or series shall not be capped unless otherwise provided by league rule. If a league adopts such a rule, a game or series cannot be capped below the highest possible scratch score."

If adopted, Rule 100g will state:

A handicap league is one in which handicap is added to a bowler's score to place bowlers and teams with varying degrees of skill on as equitable a basis as possible for scheduled competition. USBC league rules shall apply to all USBC handicap leagues, in addition to the following:

1. The percentage shall be 100 percent, unless otherwise provided by league rule.
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4. Handicap shall not be limited, unless otherwise provided by league rule.
5. A handicap game or series shall not be capped unless otherwise provided by league rule. If a league adopts such a rule, a game or series cannot be capped below the highest possible scratch score.
6. The combined current average of each of the players bowling on a team shall be the team average.
7. When figuring handicap or averages, fractions are to be dropped. (Download a handicap chart on BOWL.com.)

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

Bowling a 300 game or a 900 series is the ultimate achievement in bowling. Handicap scores should not exceed the highest attainable scratch score. Participants should not be penalized after reaching perfection by losing to a handicap score, which exceeds the highest attainable scratch score.

On April 17, 2006 I was fortunate to bowl a perfect game in the first game of a three-game match in a league using the Peterson Point system to determine winners. My opponent also bowled a perfect game. He had 9

pins of handicap and I received zero. The result, I lost the point, 309 to 300. I don't believe it is right to achieve perfection and lose the match.

Presented by: Lynn Roth
Kearns, UT

Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board

RULES PROPOSAL NO. LR 2

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
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PRESENT RULE...

USBC Playing Rules Chapter 4, League Rules Rule 122, Meetings

League meetings are conducted under the following requirements:

- The secretary shall notify the members or team captains of all league meetings.
- To conduct business, a quorum must be in attendance. In youth leagues, the league supervisor or official must also be in attendance.
- Absentee and proxy votes are not acceptable. Only members present are eligible to vote.

Rules shall be adopted at a meeting prior to the start of the league schedule by the board of directors, unless the league elects to have its rules adopted by the membership. After the league schedule begins, a change in the league rules and approved prize list can be made only with the written consent of every team captain or designated representative.

PROPOSAL...

Delete "every" and replace with "75% of the" in the last sentence of the last paragraph.

If adopted, Rule 122 will state:

League meetings are conducted under the following requirements:

- The secretary shall notify the members or team captains of all league meetings.
- To conduct business, a quorum must be in attendance. In youth leagues, the league supervisor or official must also be in attendance.
- Absentee and proxy votes are not acceptable. Only members present are eligible to vote.

Rules shall be adopted at a meeting prior to the start of the league schedule by the board of directors, unless the league elects to have its rules adopted by the membership. After the league schedule begins, a change in the league rules and approved prize list can be made only with the written consent of 75% of the team captain or designated representative.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

A league that has 20 teams and during the course of the season there is a rule in the bylaws that is found that needs to be changed, just one vote is needed to defeat the motion which accounts for only 5% of the league. The U.S. Congress only needs 66% of the vote to amend or overturn an issue. By reducing the requirement to 75% of the vote, it would allow a super majority to pass any motion to amend the by-laws and keep a single spiteful vote from defeating the motion.

Presented by: Gregory A. Strohmenger
APO, AE

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board

REASON FOR REJECTION...

Changing a rule during the season will change the conditions under which the bowlers entered the league. Because of this, every team must agree. Without every team agreeing, a league could change a rule or prize list to directly affect one team and that one team could do nothing about it.

RULES PROPOSAL NO. TR 1

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
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<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	_____	_____

PRESENT RULE...

USBC Playing Rules Chapter 6, Tournament Rules Rule 303, Management

Tournament management has supervisory control of all technical parts of the operation of the tournament including the following:

- a. Drafting the schedule and prize list.
- b. Adopting and enforcing the tournament rules, provided they are not in conflict with any USBC rules.
- c. Deciding all disputes, complaints or protests involving any USBC or tournament rules, or appeals from the decision of tournament personnel.
- d. Deciding any matter about the operation of the tournament, when not inconsistent with the tournament rules or USBC rules.
- e. Accepting or rejecting any entrant.

The decision of tournament management shall be final except where an appeal is made to USBC Headquarters. (See Rule 329 for appeal procedures.)

PROPOSAL...

Add a new item to state:

"Disqualifying for violation of eligibility and/or average violations no later than 30 days after payout."

If adopted, Rule 303 will state:

Tournament management has supervisory control of all technical parts of the operation of the tournament including the following:

- a. Drafting the schedule and prize list.
- b. Adopting and enforcing the tournament rules, provided they are not in conflict with any USBC rules.
- c. Deciding all disputes, complaints or protests involving any USBC or tournament rules, or appeals from the decision of tournament personnel.
- d. Deciding any matter about the operation of the tournament, when not inconsistent with the tournament rules or USBC rules.
- e. Disqualifying for violation of eligibility and/or average violations no later than 30 days after payout.
- f. Accepting or rejecting any entrant.

The decision of tournament management shall be final except where an appeal is made to USBC Headquarters. (See Rule 329 for appeal procedures.)

If adopted, the remaining items will be re-lettered.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

Currently the tournament manager has the authority to disqualify, prior to prize payout. This change will allow tournaments to disqualify after prizes are paid if an eligibility or average violation is discovered. Those who cash in a tournament should be in compliance with eligibility and average rules. Some of this information is discovered after the prizes are awarded based on information from other bowlers.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board

RULES PROPOSAL NO. TR 2

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	_____	_____

PRESENT RULE...

USBC Playing Rules
Chapter 6, Tournament Rules
Rule 319c, Average Adjustments (Rerating)

The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.

Unless the tournament rules state otherwise, in a handicap or classified tournament, a bowler who has had his/her average adjusted/rerated in accordance with this rule is required to report all previous assigned average adjustments/rerates, whether the bowler accepted the adjustment/rerate or not, at the time of bowling.

The following information must be submitted prior to participation for possible average adjustment/ rerate:

1. The name of each tournament in which an average adjustment/rerate was assigned.
2. The adjusted/rerated average.

Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.

PROPOSAL...

Add "or after" after "before" in the first sentence of paragraph one.

Add a new sentence in the first paragraph:

"If the average is adjusted after participation, the prize fee only shall be refunded and the bowler removed from the prize list."

If adopted, Rule 319c will state:

The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before or after participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded. If the average is adjusted after participation, the prize fee only shall be refunded and the bowler removed from the prize list.

Unless the tournament rules state otherwise, in a handicap or classified tournament, a bowler who has had his/her average adjusted/rerated in accordance with this rule is required to report all previous assigned average adjustments/rerates, whether the bowler accepted the adjustment/rerate or not, at the time of bowling.

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2. The adjusted/rerated average.

Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

There are times that bowlers, sometimes unknowingly, use entering averages that are not indicative of their actual abilities. Some of these are last-minute substitutions that may not leave time to properly research. This will give tournament management the option to rerate or to disqualify the bowler. The rerate may not be used very often but this will offer those who "make an honest mistake" an opportunity to remain in the prize list.

Presented by: Don Hildebrand
Glendale, WI

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board

REASON FOR REJECTION...

Adjusting a player's average after bowling changes the condition under which bowler entered the tournament. While a bowler who refuses an adjustment would have his/her prize money returned, this would still need to count as an entry. As such, tournament management would be responsible to pay lineage to the center and pay out the prize fee. In addition, tournament management would be required to refund any team who had an individual bowl who refused an adjustment since a change in lineup could not be made after bowling.

RULES PROPOSAL NO. TR 3

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	_____	_____

PRESENT RULE...

USBC Playing Rules
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Rule 319c, Average Adjustments (Rerating)

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1. The name of each tournament in which an average adjustment/rerate was assigned.
2. The adjusted/rerated average.

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PROPOSAL...

Add "in the three years prior to bowling in a given handicap or classified tournament" after "who," and "from the preceding three years" after "adjustments/rerates" in the first sentence of paragraph two.

If adopted, Rule 319c will state:

The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.

Unless the tournament rules state otherwise, in a handicap or classified tournament, a bowler who, in the three years prior to bowling in a given handicap or classified tournament, has had his/her average adjusted/rerated in accordance with this rule is required to report all previous assigned average adjustments/rerates from the preceding three years, whether the bowler accepted the adjustment/rerate or not, at the time of bowling.

The following information must be submitted prior to participation for possible average adjustment/ rerate:

1. The name of each tournament in which an average adjustment/rerate was assigned.
2. The adjusted/rerated average.

Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

Rule 319c, as presently written—in particular, as amended during last year's USBC legislative session—effectively brands a bowler with a scarlet letter for life if, even one time no matter how long ago, a tournament director decides, for any reason or even no reason whatsoever, to rerate that bowler for his/her tournament—an action for which the bowler generally has no recourse (other than to accept a refund of his/her entry fee) and is not subject to any sort of muster to ensure fairness. This characterization may seem draconian at first glance, but the reality is that a tournament director really does have that discretion and that action—unless it happens at a local or state USBC association championship tournament—really is subject to absolutely no approval by or appeal to Bowling Headquarters to ensure that any rerating was justified whether the tournament is USBC Certified or not. The reality also remains that tournament directors who do become aware of a given bowler having been re-rated in a prior tournament tend to be rather unreceptive to the bowler's side of the story or otherwise any explanation of why he/she should not also re-rate that bowler for his/her tournament; in fact, some of the larger handicap tournaments throughout the country automatically (i.e.: by tournament rule) re-rate bowlers who have been re-rated in the past. Furthermore, last year's amendment to

this rule took leave of the fact that there already was and still is a mechanism in place to rein in those who chronically establish league averages below their true ability in order to gain an unfair advantage in handicap tournaments—Section 9 of USBC's Suspension and Reinstatement Procedures—that truly does mark for life (or comes close enough to that, anyway) those who are proven to be so flagrantly and chronically under-representing their true ability; that mechanism insists that there be evidence to support a suggestion that a bowler is establishing league averages below his/her true ability, affords those so accused the opportunity to appear at a hearing and defend themselves against such suggestions by presenting their own evidence, and provides an appeal process for those who disagree with the outcome of those hearings. Rule 319c, as presently written, effectively marks bowlers in much the same way with much the same effect with no evidentiary muster or appellate recourse whatsoever—it happens the instant the tournament director informs the bowler of the re-rating decision.

I'll say it again: a tournament director has the discretion to re-rate a bowler for any reason or no reason whatsoever. A tournament director can and often will often re-rate a bowler based on credible information about a bowler's past tournament scores vis a vis their league averages. A tournament director can also re-rate a bowler based on erroneous information about past performances, conjecture from other bowlers who may or may not have a personal grudge against that bowler (or who heard and repeated gossip from such grudging bowlers), the tournament director's own personal grudge against that bowler (even without any evidence whatsoever that the bowler presents a threat to the fairness of the tournament), the color of the bowler's shirt, the way the bowler styles his/her hair, or any other reason whatsoever, and outside of a local or state USBC association's annual championship tournament that bowler would have no recourse whatsoever. Does it happen often? I certainly hope not, but it can and does happen.

What about bowlers who were re-rated in one tournament or even a handful of tournaments years and years ago? I'll repeat myself again: tournament directors who become aware of a given bowler having been re-rated in a prior tournament tend to be rather unreceptive to any explanation for why he/she should not also re-rate that bowler for his/her tournament. Here's a real-life example: a bowler was re-rated in a tournament four years ago based solely upon his having reported (as required by that tournament's rules) that he had been re-rated in a tournament ten years earlier. Under this rule, he is now required to report the re-rate from four years ago regardless of the reason for it (and the tournament director to whom he's making that report is unlikely to care why it happened or believe his explanation if he does get the chance to give one), and even if what happened four years ago didn't happen, he'd still have to report a re-rate that happened fourteen years ago as though it's relevant to his ability today. Does this sound fair?

Too many things can and do change about a bowler even over the course of five years, most remarkably age and, with that, physical condition, mental acuity, and life's priorities (for example, some people don't bowl four nights a week and practice twenty more games every week like they may have when they were younger). Even if a re-rate from ten or twenty years ago was entirely justified, it is probable that things have happened which make it unrealistic to think that bowler could still be at the level that one person seemed to think he/she was at back then.

When it comes to average rules, handicap and classified tournaments tend to go with the language of the USBC rules, including those where the rule gives the tournament director the discretion to "otherwise provide by tournament rule." Because of this, bowlers who have been re-rated by a tournament even once in their lives no matter how long ago will be marked as possible cheaters for life by virtue of Rule 319c as it is presently written; tournaments are highly unlikely to consider and put the effort into "otherwise providing by tournament rule." Reining in last year's amendment to this rule to limit the default reporting requirement to re-rates having occurred only in the last three years creates a much more sensible mechanism for combating those who scheme to gain an unfair advantage which does not unfairly tarnish other tournament bowlers who compete in tournaments honestly and in good faith. A tournament director would still be free to have his/her own rule in place of this default if it feels a different rule would be best for his/her tournament.

In considering this proposal, I would implore the delegates consider the cloud that being required to disclose a past re-rate causes to hover over a bowler, be honest with themselves about how a tournament director would likely react to such a disclosure, and then ask themselves: for how long is it really necessary for that cloud to hover over that bowler?

Presented by: Robert Rowe III
Edgewater, MD

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board

REASON FOR REJECTION...

Tournaments currently have the right to limit the number of years an adjustment/rerate needs to be reported. If changed, tournaments could still require any adjustment/rerate be reported with no time constraint, thereby requiring more than the national rule, which could cause for more disqualifications.

RULES PROPOSAL NO. TR 4

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	_____	_____

PRESENT RULE...

USBC Playing Rules Chapter 6, Tournament Rules Rule 319d, Reporting Prior Prize Winnings

A handicap or classified tournament may require a bowler to report any previous tournament prize winnings as a condition for entry.

In a handicap or classified tournament that does not have such a rule, anyone who has qualified for a cash and/or merchandise prize of \$600 or more in the position standings prize list in any event in a tournament, including all-events, special features, special prizes and donated prizes, within the last 12-month period, must give tournament management the following information prior to participation for possible average adjustment:

1. The name of each tournament in which they have been paid such a prize, or if not yet paid, in which they have qualified for the prize.
2. The amount of the prize.
3. The actual score bowled to qualify for the prize.
4. The prize position.

Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.

PROPOSAL...

Delete \$600 and replace with "\$300" in paragraph two.

If adopted, Rule 319d will state:

A handicap or classified tournament may require a bowler to report any previous tournament prize winnings as a condition for entry.

In a handicap or classified tournament that does not have such a rule, anyone who has qualified for a cash and/or merchandise prize of \$300 or more in the position standings prize list in any event in a tournament, including all-events, special features, special prizes and donated prizes, within the last 12-month period, must give tournament management the following information prior to participation for possible average adjustment:

1. The name of each tournament in which they have been paid such a prize, or if not yet paid, in which they have qualified for the prize.
2. The amount of the prize.
3. The actual score bowled to qualify for the prize.
4. The prize position.

Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

While most tournament costs have increased and kept up with inflation, we have noticed a trend whereby only the top money tournaments offer individual prize payouts of \$600 or more. And in many of those payouts, only the top one or two spots may pay out an individual amount of \$600 or more.

In many prize lists, it may be only a few pins per game that separates the winner from the runner-up and so on down the prize list. Lowering the individual prize amount to \$300 would provide a larger pool of top finishers to report their winnings and scores.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board

RULES PROPOSAL NO. TR 5

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	_____	_____

PRESENT RULE...

USBC Playing Rules Chapter 6, Tournament Rules Rule 319d, Reporting Prior Prize Winnings

A handicap or classified tournament may require a bowler to report any previous tournament prize winnings as a condition for entry.

In a handicap or classified tournament that does not have such a rule, anyone who has qualified for a cash and/or merchandise prize of \$600 or more in the position standings prize list in any event in a tournament, including all-events, special features, special prizes and donated prizes, within the last 12-month period, must give tournament management the following information prior to participation for possible average adjustment:

1. The name of each tournament in which they have been paid such a prize, or if not yet paid, in which they have qualified for the prize.
2. The amount of the prize.
3. The actual score bowled to qualify for the prize.
4. The prize position.

Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.

PROPOSAL...

Add "total combined prize winnings of \$500 or more in any one tournament." after "tournament," in paragraph 2.

If adopted, Rule 319d will state:

A handicap or classified tournament may require a bowler to report any previous tournament prize winnings as a condition for entry.

In a handicap or classified tournament that does not have such a rule, anyone who has qualified for a cash and/or merchandise prize of \$600 or more in the position standings prize list in any event in a tournament, total combined prize winnings of \$500 or more in any one tournament. including all-events, special features, special prizes and donated prizes, within the last 12-month period, must give tournament management the following information prior to participation for possible average adjustment:

1. The name of each tournament in which they have been paid such a prize, or if not yet paid, in which they have qualified for the prize.
2. The amount of the prize.
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Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

USBC is concerned about individuals with a significant variance between established league averages and performance in tournament competition. USBC is proposing several changes to rule 319d (Reporting Prior Prize Winnings) to give tournament managers the ability to review the top cashing performances.

The current rule only targets those bowlers who win an individual prize of \$600 or more.

Rule 319d does not take into consideration those bowlers who may not have won an individual reporting prize, but have bowled well enough to qualify in multiple events in the tournament. For example, a consistent top 5 or top 10 casher in multiple events

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board

RULES PROPOSAL NO. TR 6

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	_____	_____

PRESENT RULE...

USBC Playing Rules Chapter 6, Tournament Rules Rule 319d, Reporting Prior Prize Winnings

A handicap or classified tournament may require a bowler to report any previous tournament prize winnings as a condition for entry.

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1. The name of each tournament in which they have been paid such a prize, or if not yet paid, in which they have qualified for the prize.
2. The amount of the prize.
3. The actual score bowled to qualify for the prize.
4. The prize position.

Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.

PROPOSAL...

Add "total combined prize winnings of \$1000 or more in all tournaments" after "tournament," in paragraph 2.

If adopted, Rule 319d will state:

A handicap or classified tournament may require a bowler to report any previous tournament prize winnings as a condition for entry.

In a handicap or classified tournament that does not have such a rule, anyone who has qualified for a cash and/or merchandise prize of \$600 or more in the position standings prize list in any event in a tournament, total combined prize winnings of \$1000 or more in all tournaments, including all-events, special features, special prizes and donated prizes, within the last 12-month period, must give tournament management the following information prior to participation for possible average adjustment:

1. The name of each tournament in which they have been paid such a prize, or if not yet paid, in which they have qualified for the prize.
2. The amount of the prize.
3. The actual score bowled to qualify for the prize.
4. The prize position.

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REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

USBC is concerned about individuals with a significant variance between established league averages and performance in tournament competition. USBC is proposing several changes to rule 319d (Reporting Prior Prize Winnings) to give tournament managers the ability to review the top cashing performances.

The current rule only targets those bowlers who win an individual prize of \$600 or more.

Rule 319d does not take into consideration those bowlers who may not have won an individual reporting prize, but have a consistent pattern of performing well in multiple tournaments over the past 12-month period. This would require those individuals to report.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board

RULES PROPOSAL NO. TR 7

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	_____	_____

PRESENT RULE...

USBC Playing Rules
Chapter 6, Tournament Rules
Rule 327, Scoring Process, New Rule

PROPOSAL...

Create new rule 327d

Add a new item to state:

"A handicap game or series shall not be capped unless otherwise stated in tournament rules. A game or series cannot be capped below the highest possible scratch score."

If adopted, Rule 327d will state:

A handicap game or series shall not be capped unless otherwise stated in tournament rules. A game or series cannot be capped below the highest possible scratch score.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

Under the current rules, bowlers with varying averages have varying maximum handicap games and series. The majority of bowlers are shutout before they bowl a game in a tournament.

Anyone competing against someone with an inferior average is not on the equitable handicap playing field. For example, under virtually any realistic handicap system, the 185 average bowler is shutout to a 180 average bowler, simply because the 180 average bowler has a higher maximum handicap game and series.

For tournament directors to have the option to cap a handicap game at 300 or series at 900, the playing field is level as opposed to it favoring one side or the other.

If tournament directors would like to continue to have handicap games over 300 and handicap series over 900, they still would be able to without changing any of their rules. This proposal provides tournament directors with the flexibility to change their rules that they cannot currently do.

Presented by: Kevin Roberts
Fort Worth, TX

Jamie Brooks
Fort Worth, TX

Terry Taylor
Bedford, TX

Dave Davis
Willingboro, NJ

Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board

RULES PROPOSAL NO. TR 8

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	_____	_____

PRESENT RULE...

USBC Playing Rules Chapter 6, Tournament Rules Rule 329, Protests and Appeals

Protests and appeals must be in writing stating the grounds for the protest or appeal.

- a. A protest involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with tournament management and:
 1. **Adult tournaments:** Within 72 hours of the infraction, or prior to tournament prizes being paid, whichever occurs first.
 2. **Youth tournaments:** Within 72 hours of the infraction.
- b. The decision of the tournament management shall be final, unless a written appeal is filed with the local association or USBC Headquarters and:
 1. **Adult tournaments:** Within 10 days of notification of tournament management's decision.
 2. **Youth tournaments:** Within 72 hours of notice of the decision.

Upon notification of a protest or appeal, tournament management must withhold all affected prizes until the protest or appeal is resolved.

The decision of the local association may also be appealed to USBC Headquarters. The decision of USBC Headquarters is final and binding on all involved parties.

PROPOSAL...

Add "Eligibility and/or average violations can be filed up to 10 days after prizes are paid out." to Item a-1.

If adopted, Rule 329 will state:

Protests and appeals must be in writing stating the grounds for the protest or appeal.

- a. A protest involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with tournament management and:
 1. **Adult tournaments:**
 - a) Eligibility and/or average violations can be filed up to 10 days after prizes are paid out.
 - b) All other violations must be within 72 hours of the infraction, or prior to tournament prizes being paid, whichever occurs first.
 2. **Youth tournaments:** Within 72 hours of the infraction.
- b. The decision of the tournament management shall be final, unless a written appeal is filed with the local association or USBC Headquarters and:
 1. **Adult tournaments:** Within 10 days of notification of tournament management's decision.
 2. **Youth tournaments:** Within 72 hours of notice of the decision.

Upon notification of a protest or appeal, tournament management must withhold all affected prizes until the protest or appeal is resolved.

The decision of the local association may also be appealed to USBC Headquarters. The decision of USBC Headquarters is final and binding on all involved parties.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

USBC will continue to strongly urge due diligence of tournament management to determine eligibility and average prior to prize payout. However, participants may not know who bowls in the tournament until the prize list is finalized. Based on the prize list participants are realizing a wrong average was used, or someone was not eligible. This will give them an avenue to protest to tournament management.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 1

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	_____	_____

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC National Bylaws

Article VI, Meetings

Section A. Annual Meeting, Item 3-a

The number of Delegates to which a local association is entitled will be based on USBC's records of the association's fiscal year membership as of July 31, the year prior to the USBC's Annual Meeting. Each local association in good standing with USBC, with the exception of affiliate associations, are entitled to Delegates to the USBC Annual Meeting. Associations with youth would base their membership on USBC Youth members bowling in USBC Leagues within the association's jurisdiction, as follows:

- 1) Less than 1,000 members - one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate;
- 2) 1,000 members or more - one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate for each 1,000 members or major fraction thereof;

PROPOSAL...

In items 1) and 2)

Change "1,000" to "500"

Change "one Delegate" to "two Delegates"

In Item 2) add:

"the first" and delete "each"

"and one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate for each additional 500"

"with a maximum of 30 delegates"

If adopted, Article VI, Section A. Item 3-a will state:

The number of Delegates to which a local association is entitled will be based on USBC's records of the association's fiscal year membership as of July 31, the year prior to the USBC's Annual Meeting. Each local association in good standing with USBC, with the exception of affiliate associations, are entitled to Delegates to the USBC Annual Meeting. Associations with youth would base their membership on USBC Youth members bowling in USBC Leagues within the association's jurisdiction, as follows:

- 1) Less than 500 members - two Delegates and one Alternate Delegate;
- 2) 500 members or more - two Delegates and one Alternate Delegate for the first 500 members and one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate for each additional 500 members or major fraction thereof with a maximum of 30 delegates;

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

The formula in use for the number of delegates each association is allowed began in 2006. Since then, our membership has dropped over 40%. The number of delegates at each Annual Meeting since then has reflected that membership loss. More delegates result in a more accurate representation of our membership.

Allowing each association a minimum of two delegates may result in decreased housing expenses, and in some cases, lower transportation costs for those delegates.

Presented by: Kandy Birmingham
New Berlin, WI

Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 2

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	_____	_____

PRESENT BYLAW...

**USBC National Bylaws
Article VI, Meetings
Section A, Annual Meeting, Item 3**

Delegate Representation.

- a. Each merged state association in good standing representing men, women and youth, may elect two Delegates and two Alternate Delegates to the USBC Annual Meeting. Each non-merged state association in good standing may elect one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate to the USBC Annual Meeting;
- b. The number of Delegates to which a local association is entitled will be based on USBC's records of the association's fiscal year membership as of July 31, the year prior to the USBC's Annual Meeting. Each local association in good standing with USBC, with the exception of affiliate associations, are entitled to Delegates to the USBC Annual Meeting. Associations with youth would base their membership on USBC Youth members bowling in USBC Leagues within the association's jurisdiction, as follows:
 - 1) Less than 1,000 members - one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate;
 - 2) 1,000 members or more - one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate for each 1,000 members or major fraction thereof;
- c. Newly-chartered local bowling associations, with no membership numbers recorded by July 31st, the year prior to the USBC's Annual Meeting, may elect one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate to the USBC Annual Meeting;
- d. A state or local association whose charter has been suspended or revoked, or an association that is delinquent in processing dues for the current bowling season, is not considered "in good standing" for purposes of Delegates or Alternate Delegates attending the USBC Annual Meeting;
- e. Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws, are eligible to serve as Delegates.
- f. For all purposes, voting power is the sum of Items a. through e.

PROPOSAL...

Add a new Item f to state:
"USBC Hall of Fame members;"

If adopted, Item 3 will state:

Delegate Representation.

- a. Each merged state association in good standing representing men, women and youth, may elect two Delegates and two Alternate Delegates to the USBC Annual Meeting. Each non-merged state association in good standing may elect one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate to the USBC Annual Meeting;
- b. The number of Delegates to which a local association is entitled will be based on USBC's records of the association's fiscal year membership as of July 31, the year prior to the USBC's Annual Meeting. Each local association in good standing with USBC, with the exception of affiliate associations, are entitled to Delegates to the USBC Annual Meeting. Associations with youth would base their membership on USBC Youth members bowling in USBC Leagues within the association's jurisdiction, as follows:
 - 1) Less than 1,000 members - one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate;
 - 2) 1,000 members or more - one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate for each 1,000 members or major fraction thereof;
- c. Newly-chartered local bowling associations, with no membership numbers recorded by July 31st, the year prior to the USBC's Annual Meeting, may elect one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate to the USBC Annual Meeting;
- d. A state or local association whose charter has been suspended or revoked, or an association that is delinquent in processing dues for the current bowling season, is not considered "in good standing" for purposes of Delegates or Alternate Delegates attending the USBC Annual Meeting;
- e. Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws, are eligible to serve as Delegates.
- f. USBC Hall of Fame members;
- g. For all purposes, voting power is the sum of items a. through f.

If adopted, Item f will be re-lettered and codified to conform.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

Hall of Fame members are an important part of USBC and its history. These individuals come to the Convention and attend the USBC Annual Meeting as guests. Due to the fact they are in the HOF they have achieved the highest USBC recognition and should be allowed to be part of our governance body.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board

The USBC Board approved a similar amendment to remove “youth” quorum and have one quorum for adults/youth, pending approval of this amendment.

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	_____	_____

ADULT BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 3

PRESENT BYLAW...

**USBC Merged State Bylaws
Article VII, Meetings
Section A, Annual Meeting
Item 7, Quorum**

The Board and Delegates determine the number.

- a. _____ **Adult Delegates representing adult members constitute a quorum.**
- b. _____ **Youth Delegates constitute a quorum for youth.**

PROPOSAL...

Delete Item a, and replace with “_____ **Delegates constitute a quorum.**”

If adopted, Item 7 will state:

The Board and Delegates determine the number.

- a. _____ **Delegates constitute a quorum.**
- b. _____ **Youth Delegates constitute a quorum for youth.**

If adopted, effective immediately.

If adopted, until the association makes a change to their own bylaws, the youth and adult quorum number will be combined.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

Currently, associations are required to meet both an adult quorum as well as a youth quorum in order to conduct business. Failure to meet both quorums would result in no action being able to be taken by the association.

A local association elects Delegates representing Adults and Youth to send to the state Annual Meeting. These Delegates, regardless if representing adults or youth, are making decisions together that affect all members. Since everyone is voting together, the quorum should also be combined, and will simplify the credentials process for the state association.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 4

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	_____	_____

PRESENT BYLAW...

USBC Merged Local Bylaws Article IV, Membership and Dues

Membership is in effect from August 1 through July 31 and is composed of:

1. **Adults** who have paid the appropriate USBC, state (if applicable) and local association dues; and
2. **Youth** who have paid the USBC Standard Youth dues and bowl in USBC Leagues in the association's jurisdiction.

Adults shall pay applicable membership dues, except as provided in Rules 100e, Traveling League and 100l, Mail-o-Graphic League.

The Board, adult members and Youth Representatives, by two-thirds vote, determine and adopt adult dues, if any.

Youth Representatives consist of:

1. USBC Youth members, at least 14 years of age, bowling in USBC Leagues within the association's jurisdiction.
2. One adult representative, who is a USBC member, from each certified youth league. (*A league is not eligible for representation if it has not submitted a league application.*)
3. One center representative, who is a USBC member, from each center having at least one certified youth league.

The annual adult standard membership dues are as follows:

Local	\$ _____
State	\$ _____ (Cannot exceed \$5)
USBC adult standard membership	\$10.00
Total	\$ _____

The annual USBC Youth Standard membership dues are \$4, state/local association dues are not allowed.

The Board may waive all or part of adult local dues for:

1. Adult members of other USBC associations having a reciprocal agreement with the association.
2. Other groups, such as seniors, etc., as determined by the Board.

The association cannot charge additional non-dues assessments.

Membership is not transferable.

PROPOSAL...

Add a new second paragraph to state:

"An individual joining a summer league after March 15 shall pay the dues/local processing fee that are known to be, or become, effective for the next current season. On payment of the dues/processing fee, the individual shall become a member for the balance of the current season and the next season."

If adopted, Article IV will state:

Adopt Membership is in effect from August 1 through July 31 and is composed of:

1. **Adults** who have paid the appropriate USBC, state (if applicable) and local association dues; and
2. **Youth** who have paid the USBC Standard Youth dues and bowl in USBC Leagues in the association's jurisdiction.

An individual joining a summer league after March 15 shall pay the dues/local processing fee that are known to be, or become, effective for the next current season. On payment of the dues/processing fee, the individual shall become a member for the balance of the current season and the next season.

Adults shall pay applicable membership dues, except as provided in Rules 100e, Traveling League and 100I, Mail-o-Graphic League.

The Board, adult members and Youth Representatives, by two-thirds vote, determine and adopt adult dues, if any.

Youth Representatives consist of:

1. USBC Youth members, at least 14 years of age, bowling in USBC Leagues within the association's jurisdiction.
2. One adult representative, who is a USBC member, from each certified youth league. (*A league is not eligible for representation if it has not submitted a league application.*)
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The Board may waive all or part of adult local dues for:

1. Adult members of other USBC associations having a reciprocal agreement with the association.
2. Other groups, such as seniors, etc., as determined by the Board.

The association cannot charge additional non-dues assessments.

Membership is not transferable.

If adopted, effective for 2017-2018 season.

If adopted, all local bylaws will be changed.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

This was changed a couple years back to what we have currently. It was thought that this would generate more income for national as well as the locals. This has not been the case as bowlers who are told that when they pay dues in the summer would have to pay again when the winter season starts. Leagues and centers have decided not to certify due to this.

Presented by: Jay Frangione
Woodbridge, NJ

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board

REASON FOR REJECTION...

This provision was removed by the Delegates and USBC developed "Adult Basic" membership for short-season leagues. This basic membership addresses not only the summer leagues, but year-round, as well. Basic membership is a league that bowls 16 sessions or less, including roll-off/playoff/special competition. In addition, anyone purchasing Adult Basic can upgrade if joining another league that same season.

Adult Basic membership has alleviated the need for additional summer months to be included in the Standard membership.

The USBC Board approved a similar amendment to remove "youth" quorum and have one quorum for adults/youth, pending approval of this amendment.

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	_____	_____

ADULT BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 5

PRESENT BYLAW...

**USBC Merged Local Bylaws
Article VII, Meetings
Section A, Annual Meeting
Item 6, Quorum**

The Board, adult members and Youth Representatives determine the number.

- a. ____ **Adult Members constitute a quorum.**
- b. ____ **Youth Representatives constitute a quorum.**

PROPOSAL...

Delete "adult" in Item a.

If adopted, Item 6 will state:

The Board, adult members and Youth Representatives determine the number.

- a. ____ **Members constitute a quorum.**
- b. ____ **Youth Representatives constitute a quorum.**

If adopted, effective immediately.

If adopted, until the association makes a change to their own bylaws, the youth and adult quorum number will be combined.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

Currently, associations are required to meet both an adult quorum as well as a youth quorum in order to conduct business. Failure to meet both quorums would result in no action being able to be taken by the association.

The members, regardless if representing adults or youth, are making decisions together that affect all members. Since everyone is voting together, the quorum should also be combined and will simplify the check-in process as it is only necessary to verify current membership in the local association.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board