



# 2020 Legislative Review

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**Proposer:** Doug Sass  
Walkersville, MD

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**Proposer:** Chris Cole  
Gr Calumet USBC (IN)

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**Proposer:** Stewart Tanner                      Dan Arrington  
Gainesville, GA                      Gainesville, GA  
  
Sean Masters  
Oakwood, GA

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**Proposer:** Stewart Tanner                      Dan Arrington  
Gainesville, GA                      Gainesville, GA  
  
Sean Masters  
Oakwood, GA

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Eliminates the reporting requirement of average adjustments.

**Proposer:** Stewart Tanner                      Dan Arrington  
Gainesville, GA                      Gainesville, GA  
  
Sean Masters  
Oakwood, GA

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**Proposer:** Stewart Tanner            Dan Arrington  
                  Gainesville, GA            Gainesville, GA  
  
                  Sean Masters  
                  Oakwood, GA

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**Proposer:** David McKay            Gary Forman  
                  Fountain Valley, Ca            Fountain Valley, CA  
  
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**Proposers:** Donald Kirkland  
                  Cataula, GA

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**Proposer:** USBC Board

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**Proposer:** Steve Vermillion  
                  Puyallup, WA

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**Proposer:** USBC Board

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Allows the Chair of the Nominating Committee to be appointed by the USBC President.

**Proposer:** USBC Board

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Allows the state to adopt a deadline for the submission of qualifications for nominations to be submitted at least 24 hours, but no more than seven (7) days prior to the opening of the annual meeting.

**Proposer:** Texas State USBC

**USBC State Association Bylaws**  
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Allows the state to adopt a deadline for the submission of qualifications for nominations to be submitted at least 24 hours, but no more than seven (7) days prior to the opening of the annual meeting.

**Proposer:** Texas State USBC

# RULES PROPOSAL NO. LR 1

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
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## PRESENT RULE...

### USBC Playing Rules Chapter 4, League Rules Rule 105, Absentee and Vacancy Scores

Leagues may adopt rules for absentee or vacancy scores and handicaps to decide league games, subject to the following:

- a. Absentee or vacancy scores may be used only when a legal lineup is present.
- b. Absentee or vacancy scores may not replace scores bowled by an ineligible player.
- c. In a singles league, no vacancy scores shall be used. Absentee scores will not be permitted, unless otherwise provided by league rule.
- d. A vacancy score is to be used when a team has an incomplete roster. Vacancy scores are subject to the following, unless otherwise provided by league rule:
  1. Adult leagues:
    - a) The vacancy score shall be 120.
    - b) In handicap leagues, the handicap must be based on the vacancy score used. Handicap shall not be limited.
  2. Youth leagues:
    - a) The vacancy score shall be the average of the lowest average bowler on the opposing team's roster.
    - b) If two or more vacancy scores are required, the average of the next-to-the-lowest bowler on the opposing team's roster shall be used for the second vacancy score.
    - c) In handicap leagues, the handicap must be based on the vacancy score used. Handicap shall not be limited.
    - d) The vacancy score is used until an individual bowls and establishes a current average.
- e. An absentee score is to be used when a member is absent and a substitute is not obtained. The following provisions apply unless otherwise provided by league rule:
  1. The absentee score for each game shall be the absent member's current average less 10 pins. In handicap leagues, the handicap shall be based on the absent member's current average.
  2. Teams with additional players on the roster shall use the absentee score of the absent player with the:
    - a) Most games bowled.
    - b) Lowest absentee score when the absentees have the same number of games bowled.
    - c) Next highest number of games bowled when two scores are needed.
  3. When a team has an absent member without an established average according to league rules or USBC Rule 118c, a score of 120 will be used. In handicap leagues, the handicap shall be based on the score of 120.

## PROPOSAL...

Add a new sentence to Item d to state:

"The vacancy score is used until an individual bowls and establishes a current average."

**If adopted**, Rule 105 will read:

Leagues may adopt rules for absentee or vacancy scores and handicaps to decide league games, subject to the following:

- a. Absentee or vacancy scores may be used only when a legal lineup is present.
- b. Absentee or vacancy scores may not replace scores bowled by an ineligible player.
- c. In a singles league, no vacancy scores shall be used. Absentee scores will not be permitted, unless otherwise provided by league rule.
- d. A vacancy score is to be used when a team has an incomplete roster. The vacancy score is used until an individual bowls and establishes a current average. Vacancy scores are subject to the following, unless otherwise provided by league rule:

1. Adult leagues:
    - a) The vacancy score shall be 120.
    - b) In handicap leagues, the handicap must be based on the vacancy score used. Handicap shall not be limited.
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    - a) The vacancy score shall be the average of the lowest average bowler on the opposing team's roster.
    - b) If two or more vacancy scores are required, the average of the next-to-the-lowest bowler on the opposing team's roster shall be used for the second vacancy score.
    - c) In handicap leagues, the handicap must be based on the vacancy score used. Handicap shall not be limited.
    - d) The vacancy score is used until an individual bowls and establishes a current average.
- e. An absentee score is to be used when a member is absent and a substitute is not obtained. The following provisions apply unless otherwise provided by league rule:
1. The absentee score for each game shall be the absent member's current average less 10 pins. In handicap leagues, the handicap shall be based on the absent member's current average.
  2. Teams with additional players on the roster shall use the absentee score of the absent player with the:
    - a) Most games bowled.
    - b) Lowest absentee score when the absentees have the same number of games bowled.
    - c) Next highest number of games bowled when two scores are needed.
  3. When a team has an absent member without an established average according to league rules or USBC Rule 118c, a score of 120 will be used. In handicap leagues, the handicap shall be based on the score of 120.

### **REASON FOR PROPOSAL....**

I would like there to be a change to the rule, stating that on the first night of bowling, if a complete lineup is not present, that a vacancy score must be used, not the absentee score of a roster member who is not present.

The reason behind this is that a bowler should not be designated as an official team member in a lineup until they bowl their first ball in the league. By leaving this rule the way it is, a team could "designate" a roster bowler with a very high average, which based on the league's handicap system could benefit them not to have a bowler present. The bowler could then be "replaced" on the roster, with no intent to actually have bowled.

Example: Bowler A is absent the first week, and has a 235 average. The absentee score is 10 off the average, but the league voted in handicap at 80% of 220. Even with the 10 pins off average, the 225 score benefits the team with the absent bowler. I have seen leagues where 200 was the basis for handicap, so this would allow teams to have a "legal lineup" where bowlers could sit out week 1 and give their team a significant advantage.

This should not be a rule that could be changed by a league vote.

Presented by: Doug Sass  
Walkersville, MD

### **Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors**

### **REASON FOR REJECTION....**

This proposal actually takes the option away from the league to adopt their own rule for this situation and allow for the use of an absentee score for an individual who has met the league's threshold for committing to bowl but is unable to appear the first session. In addition, by defining the spot as a vacancy, there are financial obligations that must be considered that may vary from center to center.

# RULES PROPOSAL NO. TR 1

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
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## PRESENT RULE...

### USBC Playing Rules Chapter 6, Tournament Rules Rule 309a, Cash, Bonds or Merchandise Prizes

The following requirements must be met by tournament management within 30 days after the end of the tournament:

1. Distribute all prizes except when USBC Headquarters has authorized delay in payment.
2. Submit the following to USBC Headquarters:
  - a. A prize list with the name and score of each prize winner and the prize issued.
  - b. A financial statement listing all prize receipts and disbursements.
  - c. Adult Associate membership and participation fees and USBC Youth membership fees received and a list of those paying such fees.

## PROPOSAL...

Add a new paragraph to state:

“Tournament Management must make available a copy of the final prize list and financial statement to any participant who requests it within one year of the end of the tournament.”

**If adopted**, Rule 309a will read:

The following requirements must be met by tournament management within 30 days after the end of the tournament:

1. Distribute all prizes except when USBC Headquarters has authorized delay in payment.
2. Submit the following to USBC Headquarters:
  - a. A prize list with the name and score of each prize winner and the prize issued.
  - b. A financial statement listing all prize receipts and disbursements.
  - c. Adult Associate membership and participation fees and USBC Youth membership fees received and a list of those paying such fees.

Tournament Management must make available a copy of the final prize list and financial statement to any participant who requests it within one year of the end of the tournament.

## REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

A tournament manager has an obligation to provide information about their event to the participants. This proposal clarifies that obligation and adds a reasonable time constraint to the request for such information.

Presented by: Chris Cole  
Gr Calumet USBC (IN)

**Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board of Directors**

## 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 (including date assigned).
2. The adjusted/rerated average.

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

### **PROPOSAL...**

Add ". as long as the bowler has attempted future entry for that event" to the end of the first sentence in the first paragraph.

**If adopted,** Rule 319c will read:

The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event, as long as the bowler has attempted future entry for that 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 (including date assigned).
2. The adjusted/rerated average.

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

### **REASON FOR PROPOSAL....**

The Rules Department said prior participation is irrelevant and that any bowler can be rerated by any tournament, even if that bowler did not attempt to sign up or pay for that tournament. Regardless of prior participation, a tournament should not be able to rerate a bowler who has not attempted future entry because that bowler did not agree to their rules and should not be subjected to any actions for something they did not try to have a part in. There is also no pending threat of that bowler participating in that tournament, making the actions unnecessary. Forcing lifetime reporting of a rerate to all future tournaments based on one tournament that you did not attempt to sign up for and may have never previously participated in is absurd and should not be allowed.



Presented by: Stewart Tanner  
Gainesville, GA

Dan Arrington  
Gainesville, GA

Sean Masters  
Oakwood, GA

**Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors**

***REASON FOR REJECTION....***

The tournament manager needs to retain this valuable tool in order to protect their future events from possible exploitation by entrants with questionable entering averages.

# RULES PROPOSAL NO. TR 3

Delegate Action	Vote Count	%
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<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.

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

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

## PROPOSAL....

Add "If the bowler's average is adjusted upward, the bowler can file a written appeal to USBC." after the first sentence in the first paragraph.

**If adopted**, Rule 319c will read:

The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the bowler's average is adjusted upward, the bowler can file a written appeal to USBC. 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.

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

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

## REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

When receiving an average adjustment, the bowler is given the option to appeal by USBC. This notice states: "If you believe your name should not appear on this list (319c Adjustment/Rerate List) you have until (insert date) to respond to this notification with an explanation on why your name should not be included on the list.

Other proposal has shown how a legal error was made by tournament, but that is not being considered because we are not allowed to appeal. This should be considered.

The bowler deserves the opportunity to defend themselves, to be heard, and should have the ability to appeal a right. This should not just apply to protected championships. It should apply to all.

The Legal Committee's stated policy is: Responsible for ensuring the due process for members and athletes and to maintain the integrity of the sport of bowling.

Due process is more than just the ability to participate, it is fair treatment through the system. Fairness is also a part of integrity. Bowlers should be able to compete and also compete on a fair level. Also, since Rule 319c allows tournaments to deny participation, this is a matter of due process so the bowler should be able to appeal.

Tournaments currently have the ability to abuse their power by punishing their enemies with unrealistic rerates even if they violated the rule to do so and the bowler is stuck with the lifetime reporting (essentially using) that rerate everywhere. If the USBC cannot make judgements on fairness are there even limits on what a tournament manager can do? We will elaborate in the next amendment on this but not having the ability to appeal such harsh actions is an injustice and needs to be changed.

Presented by: Stewart Tanner  
Gainesville, GA

Dan Arrington  
Gainesville, GA

Sean Masters  
Oakwood, GA

**Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors**

***REASON FOR REJECTION....***

Tournament managers have the right to adopt rules/policies that provide protections to the credibility of their events. As these decisions to rerate an individual are influenced in part by the achievements of the player(s) in the event, tournament management generally has sufficient evidence to support their actions.

## RULES PROPOSAL NO. TR 4

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

### **PRESENT RULE...**

**USBC Playing Rules  
Chapter 6, Tournament Rules  
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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 (including date assigned).
2. The adjusted/rerated average.

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

### **PROPOSAL...**

Delete the second, third and fourth paragraphs of the rule.

**If adopted**, Rule 319c would 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.

### **REASON FOR PROPOSAL....**

Each tournament is different. One tournament should not be the standard for every other tournament. The rerate is only for that tournament and we are not saying to lift or adjust that rerate, we are saying that reporting the rerate elsewhere does not need to be required. We understand that tournaments may want to protect themselves, but they should not have the ability to protect other tournaments, especially for life.

If you had a good tournament or a good game at an easy house tournament (many other bowlers are scoring well over their averages too) that should not impact you for the rest of your life at all other tournaments, especially those that are more difficult like USBC Nationals.

Presented by:	Stewart Tanner Gainesville, GA	Dan Arrington Gainesville, GA
	Sean Masters Oakwood, GA	

**Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors**

### **REASON FOR REJECTION....**

The reporting provision is a valuable tool for tournament managers to protect the credibility of their competitions. As this requirement is currently the default rule, the removal of this as a default raises the possibilities of exploitation should a competition unknowingly fail to place this requirement in their rules.

## 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 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 (including date assigned).
2. The adjusted/rerated average.

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

### **PROPOSAL...**

Add "for a period of 12 months after the assigned average adjustment/rerate" to the last sentence of the second paragraph.

**If adopted**, Rule 319c will read:

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 for a period of 12 months after the assigned average adjustment/rerate.

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 (including date assigned).
2. The adjusted/rerated average.

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

### **REASON FOR PROPOSAL....**

Each tournament is different. One tournament should not be the standard for every other tournament. The rerate is only for that tournament and we are not saying to lift or adjust that rerate, we are saying that reporting the rerate elsewhere does not need to be required. We understand that tournaments may want to protect themselves, but they should not have the ability to protect other tournaments, especially for life.

If you had a good tournament or a good game at an easy house tournament (many other bowlers are scoring well over their averages too) that should not impact you for the rest of your life at all other tournaments, especially those that are more difficult like USBC Nationals.

Presented by: Stewart Tanner  
Gainesville, GA

Dan Arrington  
Gainesville, GA

Sean Masters  
Oakwood, GA

**Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors**

***REASON FOR REJECTION....***

Tournament managers should retain the right to require the reporting of a bowler's history for as long a period as they deem necessary to protect the integrity of their competitions. Placing such a time limit on the disclosure of a bowler's history would provide an opportunity for those who seek to withhold prior successes in order to avoid a possible rerate or rejection of their entry.

## BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 1

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

### **PRESENT BYLAW...**

#### **USBC National Bylaws Article III Membership and Dues Section B, Dues**

USBC adult members are required to pay dues to USBC, to local associations, as well as to state associations that assess dues in combined amounts established by USBC.

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

Annual adult standard membership dues are:  
USBC dues not to exceed \$15.  
State dues not to exceed \$5.  
Local dues determined by their membership.

### **PROPOSAL...**

Delete “, as well as to state associations that assess dues” from the first sentence of the first paragraph.

Add a new second sentence to the first paragraph to state: “State associations may assess dues in amounts established by USBC which are optional to the member.”

Add “Optional” to the state dues description in the third paragraph.

**If adopted**, Article III, Sec B will state:

USBC adult members are required to pay dues to USBC and to local associations in combined amounts established by USBC. State associations may assess dues in amounts established by USBC which are optional to the member.

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

Annual adult standard membership dues are:  
USBC dues not to exceed \$15.  
Optional State dues not to exceed \$5.  
Local dues determined by their membership.

### **REASON FOR PROPOSAL...**

Our state is too large for our State Board to manage effectively. Our members feel as if we have taxation without representation.

What does a state board do that your local association can't? When we need to get a ruling, we ask rules directly at the national level. Nothing trickles down from National to the local associations through the state association. Everything gets rolled out at the same time.

If State dues were optional, and a member wanted to participate in the state tournament, the dues can be factored into entry fee. Our constituents would like the option to opt-out of our State Association.

Presented by: David A. McKay  
Fountain Valley, CA

Gary Forman  
Fountain Valley, CA

Brad Bylls  
Carol Stream, IL

**Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors**

***REASON FOR REJECTION....***

The decision on the amount (if any) of dues necessary to fund the operations of the state associations are best left to the individual states. If the state can fund operations without additional dues, they have the ability to waive any or all of the state dues for designated groups.



## BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 2

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

### **PRESENT BYLAW...**

#### **USBC National Bylaws Article III, Membership and Dues Section B. Dues**

USBC adult members are required to pay dues to USBC, to local associations, as well as to state associations that assess dues in combined amounts established by USBC.

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

Annual adult standard membership dues are:  
USBC dues not to exceed \$15.  
State dues not to exceed \$5.  
Local dues determined by their membership.

### **PROPOSAL...**

Add a new fourth paragraph to state: "All annual dues shall be waived for those who have reached the age of 80 prior to August 1 of the current bowling season."

**If adopted**, Article III, Sec B will state:

USBC adult members are required to pay dues to USBC, to local associations, as well as to state associations that assess dues in combined amounts established by USBC.

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

Annual adult standard membership dues are:  
USBC dues not to exceed \$15.  
State dues not to exceed \$5.  
Local dues determined by their membership.

All annual dues shall be waived for those who have reached the age of 80 prior to August 1 of the current bowling season.

### **REASON FOR PROPOSAL...**

The purpose of this proposal is not to fix the perception of the USBC but in one small way improve its image of caring and abiding by its promise to ensure bowling's future. And to recognize those folks who have been in the sport of bowling for many years with a small token of appreciation by eliminating their membership fee and converting it to a tangible benefit.

Presented by: Steve Vermillion  
Puyallup, WA

**Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors**

### **REASON FOR REJECTION....**

While the effect on the national dues can be defined, the decision to waive dues, and the potential results of any such decision to waive dues for any defined group, is best left to those locally.

## BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 3

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

### **PRESENT BYLAW...**

#### **USBC National Bylaws Article III, Membership and Dues Section B. Dues**

USBC adult members are required to pay dues to USBC, to local associations, as well as to state associations that assess dues in combined amounts established by USBC.

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

Annual adult standard membership dues are:  
USBC dues not to exceed \$15.  
State dues not to exceed \$5.  
Local dues determined by their membership.

### **PROPOSAL...**

Add a new fourth paragraph to state:

“Adults joining a summer league after March 15 shall pay the dues that are known to be or, become effective for the next current season. On payment of the dues, the individual shall become a member for the balance of the current season and the next full season.”

**If adopted**, Article III, Sec B will state:

USBC adult members are required to pay dues to USBC, to local associations, as well as to state associations that assess dues in combined amounts established by USBC.

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

Annual adult standard membership dues are:  
USBC dues not to exceed \$15.  
State dues not to exceed \$5.  
Local dues determined by their membership.

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

### **REASON FOR PROPOSAL...**

I don't think it is fair to have a person to pay \$12 for every league they joined in the summer. USBC should change it back to a yearly fee. If you joined in the summer, you pay a yearly fee and it would be good until the next summer, or if you joined a league in the fall it would be good until the next fall.

Presented by: Donald Kirkland  
Cataula, GA

**This proposal was defeated at the 2019 Annual Meeting by a vote of 333-510.**

**Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors**

### **REASON FOR REJECTION....**

Adoption of this would be reverting to a system that was proven to be ineffective before in building membership. The Basic Membership product deserves our support for it to grow.

This proposal was adopted by the USBC Board of Directors effective June 22, 2019. In accordance with Article IV, Section E, Item 14 of the USBC National Bylaws, this proposal has been adopted by the USBC Board of Directors and is being presented to the delegates for their approval.

## BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 4

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

### **PRESENT BYLAW...**

**USBC National Bylaws**  
**Article IV, Board of Directors**  
**Section A. Eligibility**

Individuals elected to the Board of Directors must be members of USBC upon election and must be at least 18 years old. Prior to election or appointment and throughout their term, an individual must be approved through the Registered Volunteer Program. Directors must remain USBC members and maintain any other qualifications required for Board election throughout their term of office. The number of directors shall be no more than twenty (20).

The Board consists of:

1. Delegate Directors. Nine (9) Directors in total who are elected at a USBC Annual Meeting(s) by the "Delegates," as defined in these Bylaws; these Delegate Directors must meet eligibility criteria established by the Board;
2. Proprietor Directors. Two (2) Directors who are Proprietors, as defined in Article XII of these Bylaws, and who are elected by Bowling Proprietors' Association of America ("BPAA"), and approved by the board are subject to the following provisions:
  - a. The maximum number of Directors who meet the definition of Proprietor who may be permitted to serve as a Director of USBC at any time shall be limited to two Directors.
  - b. No more than one additional Delegate Director may serve on the Board who meets the definition of "Proprietor" and is among the 9 Delegate Directors elected by the Delegates;
  - c. Any number of Directors who meet the definition of "Proprietor" may serve on the Board if each is a Team USA Athlete, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B, Item 1), and is elected to the Board by Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B) or those board members selected by the Youth Committee;
3. Youth Directors. Two (2) Directors who are elected by IBC Youth Bowling, Inc. who are subject to approval of the Board;
4. Team USA Directors. Four (4) Directors who are Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws, and who are elected by Team USA Athletes, or a greater number, if necessary, to assure that at least 20% of the Board consists of Team USA Athletes;
5. Other Directors. Directors who are representatives of organizations that conduct National amateur bowling programs or competition as determined by the Board based upon receipt and evaluation of written petitions from other amateur bowling organizations for representation on the USBC Board, with the Board having exclusive authority to grant or deny the petition, and with these Directors elected or appointed by their respective bowling organizations;
6. At-Large Director. Up to two (2) Directors-at-Large who may be appointed by the President and who are approved by the Board;
7. Youth Ambassador Director. At the discretion and option of the USBC Board of Directors from time to time, there may be one (1) Youth Ambassador Director who is recommended by the Youth Committee and who is approved by the Board.

### **PROPOSAL...**

Delete "election" in the second sentence and replace with "submitting the required documentation seeking an elected position".

Delete "approved through the Registered Volunteer Program." from the second sentence and replace with new items 1 and 2 to state:

1. "A member of USBC
2. Approved through the Registered Volunteer Program"

**If adopted**, Article IV, Sec A will state:

Individuals elected to the Board of Directors must be at least 18 years old. Prior to submitting the required documentation seeking an elected position or appointment, and throughout their term, an individual must be:

1. A member of USBC
2. Approved through the Registered Volunteer Program

Directors must remain USBC members and maintain any other qualifications required for Board election throughout their term of office. The number of directors shall be no more than twenty (20).

The Board consists of:

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  - a. The maximum number of Directors who meet the definition of Proprietor who may be permitted to serve as a Director of USBC at any time shall be limited to two Directors.
  - b. No more than one additional Delegate Director may serve on the Board who meets the definition of "Proprietor" and is among the 9 Delegate Directors elected by the Delegates;
  - c. Any number of Directors who meet the definition of "Proprietor" may serve on the Board if each is a Team USA Athlete, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B, Item 1), and is elected to the Board by Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B) or those board members selected by the Youth Committee;
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4. Team USA Directors. Four (4) Directors who are Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws, and who are elected by Team USA Athletes, or a greater number, if necessary, to assure that at least 20% of the Board consists of Team USA Athletes;
5. Other Directors. Directors who are representatives of organizations that conduct National amateur bowling programs or competition as determined by the Board based upon receipt and evaluation of written petitions from other amateur bowling organizations for representation on the USBC Board, with the Board having exclusive authority to grant or deny the petition, and with these Directors elected or appointed by their respective bowling organizations;
6. At-Large Director. Up to two (2) Directors-at-Large who may be appointed by the President and who are approved by the Board;
7. Youth Ambassador Director. At the discretion and option of the USBC Board of Directors from time to time, there may be one (1) Youth Ambassador Director who is recommended by the Youth Committee and who is approved by the Board.

**If adopted**, effective immediately.

### **REASON FOR PROPOSAL...**

Eligibility requirements for election to the USBC Board should be met by an interested individual prior to nomination. Placing such requirements as prerequisites for nomination, rather than a post-nomination requirement for election will further demonstrate the candidates' interest to serve and dedication to the standards and mission of USBC.

Presented by: USBC Board

This proposal was adopted by the USBC Board of Directors effective June 22, 2019. In accordance with Article IV, Section E, Item 14 of the USBC National Bylaws, this proposal has been adopted by the USBC Board of Directors and is being presented to the delegates for their approval.

## BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 5

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

### **PRESENT BYLAW...**

**USBC National Bylaws**  
**Article IV, Board of Directors**  
**Section A. Eligibility, Item 6**

Individuals elected to the Board of Directors must be members of USBC upon election and must be at least 18 years old. Prior to election or appointment and throughout their term, an individual must be approved through the Registered Volunteer Program. Directors must remain USBC members and maintain any other qualifications required for Board election throughout their term of office. The number of directors shall be no more than twenty (20).

The Board consists of:

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2. Proprietor Directors. Two (2) Directors who are Proprietors, as defined in Article XII of these Bylaws, and who are elected by Bowling Proprietors' Association of America ("BPAA"), and approved by the board are subject to the following provisions:
  - a. The maximum number of Directors who meet the definition of Proprietor who may be permitted to serve as a Director of USBC at any time shall be limited to two Directors.
  - b. No more than one additional Delegate Director may serve on the Board who meets the definition of "Proprietor" and is among the 9 Delegate Directors elected by the Delegates;
  - c. Any number of Directors who meet the definition of "Proprietor" may serve on the Board if each is a Team USA Athlete, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B, Item 1), and is elected to the Board by Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B) or those board members selected by the Youth Committee;
3. Youth Directors. Two (2) Directors who are elected by IBC Youth Bowling, Inc. who are subject to approval of the Board;
4. Team USA Directors. Four (4) Directors who are Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws, and who are elected by Team USA Athletes, or a greater number, if necessary, to assure that at least 20% of the Board consists of Team USA Athletes;
5. Other Directors. Directors who are representatives of organizations that conduct National amateur bowling programs or competition as determined by the Board based upon receipt and evaluation of written petitions from other amateur bowling organizations for representation on the USBC Board, with the Board having exclusive authority to grant or deny the petition, and with these Directors elected or appointed by their respective bowling organizations;
6. At-Large Director. Up to two (2) Directors-at-Large who may be appointed by the President and who are approved by the Board;
7. Youth Ambassador Director. At the discretion and option of the USBC Board of Directors from time to time, there may be one (1) Youth Ambassador Director who is recommended by the Youth Committee and who is approved by the Board.

### **PROPOSAL...**

In Item 6, delete "two (2)" and replace with "three (3)" and add ", two (2) of which are independent," after Directors-at-Large.

**If adopted**, Article IV Section A will state:

Individuals elected to the Board of Directors must be members of USBC upon election and must be at least 18 years old. Prior to election or appointment and throughout their term, an individual must be approved through the Registered Volunteer Program. Directors must remain USBC members and maintain any other qualifications required for Board election throughout their term of office. The number of directors shall be no more than twenty (20).

The Board consists of:

1. Delegate Directors. Nine (9) Directors in total who are elected at a USBC Annual Meeting(s) by the "Delegates," as defined in these Bylaws; these Delegate Directors must meet eligibility criteria established by the Board;
2. Proprietor Directors. Two (2) Directors who are Proprietors, as defined in Article XII of these Bylaws, and who are elected by Bowling Proprietors' Association of America ("BPAA"), and approved by the board are subject to the following provisions:
  - a. The maximum number of Directors who meet the definition of Proprietor who may be permitted to serve as a Director of USBC at any time shall be limited to two Directors.
  - b. No more than one additional Delegate Director may serve on the Board who meets the definition of "Proprietor" and is among the 9 Delegate Directors elected by the Delegates;
  - c. Any number of Directors who meet the definition of "Proprietor" may serve on the Board if each is a Team USA Athlete, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B, Item 1), and is elected to the Board by Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B) or those board members selected by the Youth Committee;
3. Youth Directors. Two (2) Directors who are elected by IBC Youth Bowling, Inc. who are subject to approval of the Board;
4. Team USA Directors. Four (4) Directors who are Team USA Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws, and who are elected by Team USA Athletes, or a greater number, if necessary, to assure that at least 20% of the Board consists of Team USA Athletes;
5. Other Directors. Directors who are representatives of organizations that conduct National amateur bowling programs or competition as determined by the Board based upon receipt and evaluation of written petitions from other amateur bowling organizations for representation on the USBC Board, with the Board having exclusive authority to grant or deny the petition, and with these Directors elected or appointed by their respective bowling organizations;
6. At-Large Director. Up to three (3) Directors-at-Large, two (2) of which are independent, who may be appointed by the President and who are approved by the Board;
7. Youth Ambassador Director. At the discretion and option of the USBC Board of Directors from time to time, there may be one (1) Youth Ambassador Director who is recommended by the Youth Committee and who is approved by the Board.

**If adopted**, effective immediately.

### **REASON FOR PROPOSAL...**

Upcoming USOC compliance requirements regarding Board of Directors makeup will require a larger presence of board members who are not directly affiliated with the organization.

Presented by: USBC Board

This proposal was adopted by the USBC Board of Directors effective June 22, 2019. In accordance with Article IV, Section E, Item 14 of the USBC National Bylaws, this proposal has been adopted by the USBC Board of Directors and is being presented to the delegates for their approval.

## BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 6

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

### PRESENT BYLAW...

**USBC National Bylaws  
Article VII, Committees  
Section A. Standing Committees, Item 1**

1. Nominating Committee.
  - a. The Nominating Committee may establish additional eligibility criteria subject to approval by the Board of Directors, for Delegate Directors whose positions are subject to election by the Delegates at the USBC Annual Meeting. The Committee develops a slate of candidates for all positions. The Committee establishes election policies and procedures subject to approval by the Board.
  - b. Committee members are elected by the Board; the Chair is elected by the Committee. Directors who are eligible for re-election or re-appointment to the Board do not serve on the Nominating Committee.

### PROPOSAL...

Delete “elected by the Committee” in the second sentence of Item b and replace with “appointed by the president and is approved by the USBC Board”

**If adopted**, Article VII, Sec A, Item 1 will state:

1. Nominating Committee.
  - a. The Nominating Committee may establish additional eligibility criteria subject to approval by the Board of Directors, for Delegate Directors whose positions are subject to election by the Delegates at the USBC Annual Meeting. The Committee develops a slate of candidates for all positions. The Committee establishes election policies and procedures subject to approval by the Board.
  - b. Committee members are elected by the Board; the Chair is appointed by the president and is approved by the USBC Board. Directors who are eligible for re-election or re-appointment to the Board do not serve on the Nominating Committee.

**If adopted**, effective immediately.

**If adopted**, Article V, Section D, Item 1 will be codified to conform.

**If adopted, the National Policy Manual** will be codified to conform.

### REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

This change will allow the Nominating Committee to improve productivity by eliminating valuable meeting time which is currently being spent on organizational and Chair election tasks. By expediting the naming of the committee Chair, the Chair will now be able to develop an agenda prior to the initial meeting of the Committee, allowing them to begin working on important issues immediately.

Also, this change will make the Chair determination process of this Committee consistent with all other committee/chair appointments.

Presented by: USBC Board

## BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 7

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

### **PRESENT BYLAW...**

#### **USBC State Association Bylaws Article V, Board of Directors – Management Section C. Election of Directors**

Directors are elected by a majority vote, unless plurality vote is adopted, by the board and delegates. Directors are elected by (majority/plurality) vote from:

1. A slate.
2. Nominations from the floor.

At least 20% of the total number of board members must be directors representing youth. Directors representing youth and directors are elected by the board and delegates.

Qualifications must be submitted, in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the opening of the annual meeting.

Voting will be by ballot if there is more than one nominee for each position.

### **PROPOSAL...**

Add “. or up to seven (7) days as determined by the delegates.” after “24 hours” in the second paragraph.

**If adopted,** Article V, Section C will read:

Directors are elected by a majority vote, unless plurality vote is adopted, by the board and delegates. Directors are elected by (majority/plurality) vote from:

1. A slate.
2. Nominations from the floor.

At least 20% of the total number of board members must be directors representing youth. Directors representing youth and directors are elected by the board and delegates.

Qualifications must be submitted, in writing, at least 24 hours, or up to seven (7) days as determined by the delegates, prior to the opening of the annual meeting.

Voting will be by ballot if there is more than one nominee for each position.

### **REASON FOR PROPOSAL...**

It is important an association have sufficient time to verify the credentials of all nominees. This proposal allows the delegates to increase the time, up to seven days, for the submission of these credentials without placing an excessive burden on the potential nominee.

Presented by: Texas State USBC

**Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board of Directors**



## BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 8

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

### **PRESENT BYLAW...**

#### **USBC State Association Bylaws**

#### **Article VI, Officers**

#### **Section B. Election**

The board and delegates determine the election process. **(Choose One)**

1. Officers are elected by a majority vote on the board from among the current directors, unless state laws mandate otherwise; or
2. Officers are elected by a majority vote of the delegates representing adult members, youth delegates and board, present and voting from:
  - a. A Slate
  - b. Nomination from the floor

Qualifications must be submitted, in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the opening of the annual meeting.

Voting will be held by ballot if there is more than one nominee for each position.

### **PROPOSAL...**

Add “. or up to seven (7) days as determined by the delegates.” after “24 hours” in the second paragraph.

**If adopted**, Article VI, Sec B will read:

The board and delegates determine the election process. **(Choose One)**

1. Officers are elected by a majority vote on the board from among the current directors, unless state laws mandate otherwise; or
2. Officers are elected by a majority vote of the delegates representing adult members, youth delegates and board, present and voting from:
  - a. A Slate
  - b. Nomination from the floor

Qualifications must be submitted, in writing, at least 24 hours, or up to seven (7) days as determined by the delegates. prior to the opening of the annual meeting.

Voting will be held by ballot if there is more than one nominee for each position.

### **REASON FOR PROPOSAL...**

It is important an association have sufficient time to verify the credentials of all nominees. This proposal allows the delegates to increase the time, up to seven days, for the submission of these credentials without placing an excessive burden on the potential nominee.

Presented by: Texas State USBC

**Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board of Directors**