

Last month, we discussed:

- Summer Work for a Successful Fall

If you missed last month's Rules Extra, please click [here](#).

This month, we will cover:

- Elections
- League President and Vice President Duties
- League Meetings

You will receive two editions of the *Rules Extra* this month as we look at officer duties, finances and rules heading into the new season.

If you are no longer a league officer, please forward Rules Extra to newly elected officers if you have their email address so that they will be more knowledgeable in their new role.

Please forward Rules Extra via email to your fellow officers and league members.



HOT TOPICS

2025-2026 Rulebook

The 2025-2026 USBC Rulebook will be posted on BOWL.com in July. Updates include more direct links to the rules from the Table of Contents page.

The rulebook will be posted at BOWL.com/Rules.



LEAGUE RESOURCES

Elections

The election of officers shall be conducted at a meeting held prior to the distribution of the league awards unless the league's board decides the election will be held at the league's organizational meeting. If the league chooses to conduct their elections at the organizational meeting, the current officers will remain in place and continue handling league business until the election is held at the [league organizational meeting](#). Officers are elected by a majority of votes cast by the league board of directors unless the league rules allow the membership to elect officers.

Click on the links below for detailed information regarding elections.

A few things regarding eligibility for league officers:

1. Cannot be members of an immediate family. This includes fathers, mothers, daughters, sisters, wives, husbands, sons, brothers, stepsisters, stepbrothers, stepmothers, stepfathers and in-laws. Same-gender spouses are considered immediate family. [See Rule 102b](#).
2. Must be 18 years of age.
3. Must have USBC membership.
4. Must be bondable. Cannot have been convicted of a felony or found guilty of a financial matter involving mishandling league or association funds in the past.
5. If the league includes minors, all league officers 18 or older must be [Registered Volunteers](#).

Officer duties

Before accepting an office, candidates should understand their roles and responsibilities. Please review the information below regarding the responsibilities of officers.

President

1. Meet with the center regarding the league contract. Click [here](#) for negotiating tips.
2. Meeting tips:
 - a. [How to prepare an agenda](#)
 - b. [How to make a motion](#)
3. Appoint committees:
 - a. Prize committee (required)
 - b. Audit committee information (required)
 - c. Other committees as needed
4. Ensure the league account is opened in the name of the league AND that monthly statements come to you so that you may [verify the league account](#). In nearly every case where league funds are found to be missing, the league president has not verified the monthly deposit figures either due to their negligence or due in part to obstruction by the league treasurer to providing the league's financial information.
5. Read and understand the rules related to postponements, forfeitures and [protests](#).

Vice President

1. Fill in for the president when not available.
2. Review the duties of the president so that you are ready to step in if necessary.

Guide to a well-organized league organizational meeting

It is nearly time to hold the league organizational meeting. If you did not hold your elections in the spring, you will need to do so at the organizational meeting. The following links will help you plan and run an organizational meeting:

1. [Organizational meeting basics](#)
2. [How to prepare an agenda](#)
3. [Meeting basics](#)
4. [How to make a motion](#)
5. [Elections](#)
6. [Sample ballot](#)

Mythbusters

Busted, plausible or confirmed:

Myth #2: A quorum is one more than half.

Myth#12: When there are three candidates on the ballot for an office, the candidate with the most votes wins.

[Get the answers to these and other bowling myths.](#)

Want to be part of Mythbusters? Send your bowling myth to **Rules@bowl.com**.