

## [2022-2023 Playing Rules Book](#)

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Last month, we discussed:

- Financial statements
- Audits

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

This month, we will cover:

- Prize Lists and Adjustments

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.



## LEAGUE RESOURCES

### **How to adjust the team prize list**

For details and options on how to amend the league prize list, [click here](#).

### **How to prorate prize money when needed**

When an individual or team properly withdraws ([Rule 121a](#)), they would receive a prorated share of the prize money. To prorate prize money between bowlers, divide the total team prize money by the playing strength of the league to determine the amount per bowler on the team. Then, divide the individual portion by the number of weeks the league bowls, which equals the amount of prize money per week an individual receives. Multiply the amount per week by the number of weeks each bowler paid.

**Example:** A league bowls 25 weeks, and each team has four players. The team prize money is \$400 total or \$100 per bowler. To split prize money between two bowlers, divide the individual prize money (\$100) by the number of weeks (25) to get the amount per week ( $100/25 = \$4$  per week). This amount is then multiplied by the number of weeks each bowler paid into the prize fund.

### **What takes precedence?**

We receive calls from handicap leagues asking what takes precedence when awarding scratch and handicap prizes at the end of the league season. If the league rules are silent, the league board of directors decides by a majority vote of those present and voting which takes precedence. If leagues have adopted prize lists with differing prize values for the various categories, many leagues will use the higher valued prize as taking precedent.

## HOW TO ADJUST A PRIZE LIST

## WITHDRAWALS AND RESIGNATIONS



### IN THE NEWS

#### 2023 USBC Annual Meeting & Convention



The 2023 USBC Annual Meeting & Convention will take place from April 24-27 at The South Point Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. All USBC members wishing to watch the activities can do so for free on BowITV. Check out the full schedule of events.

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## HOT TOPICS

### **We have a Protest – Prepared or Panicked?**

No league likes to have protests filed within the competition. However, when one is filed, handling the issue timely and professionally will go a long way in demonstrating your abilities as a league officer.

Protests are governed under [Rule 120](#). When a written protest is filed with a league officer, a meeting of the league's board of directors (team captains and league officers) must be convened to address the protest and render a decision.

USBC has created a guide to help you through the steps of processing a protest in your league.

## LEAGUE OFFICER PROTEST GUIDE



## DON'T FORGET!

**Don't forget...**The League Treasurer is responsible for providing a detailed financial statement to each team captain when the prizes are distributed. USBC has created an interactive financial statement for leagues to use. You can access it [here](#).

## MYTHS MYTHBUSTERS

### **Busted, Plausible or Confirmed:**

**MYTH #18:** A team cannot be forced to use an absentee score for a position round or playoff.

**MYTH #49:** A league can adopt a rule not to add roll-off, playoff and sweeper/fun-night averages into final average records.

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

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