

2025 USBC Convention Rules Quiz

1 - Can we modify our Open Championship tournament and offer optional Women's Divisions for a separate entry fee and use their Open Championship scores to determine our association Women's Champions?

1. Yes
2. No

2 – Can we allow minors who are USBC Youth members to bowl in our association adult championship tournaments in the Singles events if they sign the Consent Form?

1. Yes, because they are members of our association
2. No, because this is an Adult tournament for the Adult members of the association
3. Yes, but only if they use the USBC Consent Form
4. No, because alcohol is served during the tournament.

3 - We have had some individuals raise concerns that the league average of Sandy Bagger is not representative of his abilities. His performance in big-money handicap tournaments is truly legendary. We are considering adjusting him for our association championship tournament. What information can we use to determine the average we want to adjust him to? (Check all that apply)

1. Previous history in our association championship tournaments
2. Average information found on the bowl.com "List of bowlers with rerates/adjustments"
3. Tournament results found on social media sites
4. Unverified information supplied by members of the team who Bagger's team beat out in last year's tournament
5. All of the above

4 – Which average adjustments should be reported to USBC? (Check all that apply)

1. Adjustments done under the 10-pin rule
2. Adjustments done under Rule 319d for prize reporting
3. Adjustments done under Rule 319e for tournament averages
4. Adjustments done under Rule 319c

5 – Which average adjustments can be appealed to USBC? (Check all that apply)

1. Any private (non association championship) tournaments
2. Association Championship Tournaments
3. Any tournament run by a USBC association
4. All of the above

6 - Which averages are acceptable for use in our association championship tournament?
(Check all that apply)

1. Current season averages of 19 or more games
2. Composite averages for the past 3 years in our association
3. Averages of a minimum of 21 games established in leagues in other associations
4. Averages from non-USBC certified leagues within our jurisdiction
5. An individual's average from our previous association championship tournament of at least 18 games.

7 - Under Rule 319e when must the player provide the adjusted average information to tournament management? (Check all that apply)

1. At the time of entry
2. Before the completion of the first series
3. Before completion of the first game
4. Before the tournament pays out

8 - Which events are we required to offer in our association championship tournament?
(Check all that apply)

1. Team
2. Doubles
3. Singles
4. 2 & 3
5. All of the above
6. Any of the above

9 - Julia had an injury this season which required her to switch to the opposite hand. She asks if she can use her left-handed average for your tournament and you authorize it. As the squad hits the lanes, you remember the dynamic presentation that Mike and Gary gave

last year at the Rules Seminar and realize that you forgot to ask Julia if she had applied for average relief under Rule 4e. When asked, Julia states she knows nothing about this rule. What do you do? (Check all that apply)

1. Leave her left-handed average in and hope no one protests.
2. Tell Julia to apply for average relief on Monday and if it is granted, you will let her use that average for this tournament.
3. Tell Julia she will have to use her last season's right-handed average for this tournament.
4. Advise Julia that she is going to be disqualified for submitting an incorrect average and if she leaves quietly, security will not be called.

10 - Rickie the Foulster and his size 17's saunter into the center to bowl your tournament. His past performances have earned him this nickname. Near the end of game 2, Brooks approaches you and says he witnessed Rickie foul in the 6th frame of game #1 but the light never went off. He didn't want to say anything, but his teammate Bryson told him that "rules are rules" and he should protest this. What should you do? (Check all that apply)

1. Ask that Brooks put his protest in writing.
2. Tell Brooks it is too late to challenge this because a foul protest must be filed before the player's next delivery.
3. Go to Rickie's lanes and inform him of the challenge and direct Rickie to immediately roll a provisional frame while the matter is being investigated.
4. Have the center test the foul unit.

11- According to Rule 319d, what prize winnings must be reported to tournament management? (Check all that apply)

1. Earnings from USBC certified tournaments from the previous 12 months
2. All earnings from the prize list of a tournament including bracket winnings
3. Earnings from non-USBC certified tournaments from the previous 12 months
4. Both 1 & 3
5. 1, 2 & 3

Rules Quiz Answers

#1 – 2 – No – To take scores from one certified competition for use in another certified competition would be using a Mail-O Graphic format which is not available for use in place actual scores bowled for an association championship tournament.

#2 – 2 – As this is a championship competition for the ADULT members of the association, only adult members of the association can compete.

#3 – 5 – Tournament management can utilize information gathered from numerous sources to make determinations on average adjustments for individuals.

#4 – 4 – Only adjustments done under [Rule 319c](#) are to be reported to USBC as an average adjustment. These will then be included on the [USBC Average Adjustment/Rerate List](#).

#5 – 2 – Average adjustment actions done by the association for an Association Championship Tournament (Open, Women's or Youth) can be appealed to USBC

#6 – 1, 2, 3 & 5 – [Rule 319a](#) states that averages from non-certified leagues cannot be used for entry purposes in USBC certified competitions

#7 – 3 – [Rule 319e](#) requires the player to provide this information before the end of the first game of the tournament AND USE that average for the tournament.

#8 – 6 – Any of or any combination of the 3 events (team, doubles, or singles) can be offered for an association championship tournament

#9 – 3 – If an individual has not applied for, and been granted average relief under [Rule 4e](#), the player is to use their highest average regardless of which hand is being used during the tournament.

#10 – 1, 3 & 4 are correct. [Rule 329](#) requires protests to be filed in writing with tournament management. [Rule 10](#) requires the player to bowl a provisional ball when there are protests over potential fouls which will provide tournament management with the information needed to score the frame based on the final decision on the protest. When there are concerns over the accuracy of the foul detectors, it is always a good procedure to have the center verify that the foul lights are operating accurately.

#11 - 4 – Earnings from brackets are not included in the prize earnings for reporting purposes in [Rule 319d](#)