COMPREHENSIVE LEAGUE RULES ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE AN ORDERLY BOWLING SEASON!!!

League Secretaries must submit a copy of their league rules, league application, payment summary sheet, and individual membership applications. All must be mailed or delivered to the Greater Buffalo USBC Association, 2448 Union Road, Cheektowaga, New York, 14227, within 30 days of the first day of bowling.

THE FOLLOWING TOPICS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AND INCLUDED IN THE LEAGUE RULES:

1. **SET LEAGUE AND TEAM PLAYING STRENGTH AND SCHEDULE**

2. **DATES AND PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

3. **LISTING OF FEES TO BE PAID –** USBC membership, weekly dues, with a breakdown

4. **ARREARAGES –** see USBC Rule 110a for guidance.

5. **SALARIES OF OFFICERS**

6. **LEAGUE BANK ACCOUNT –** must be in the league's name; two signatures are required on the account; a monthly bank statement must be sent to the president; the president must verify the bank balance each month for 100% bonding.

7. **PRIZE LIST –** must be approved by the Board of Directors and posted by week 5 of your schedule; adopt rules for individual and team prizes.

8. **LEAGUE ENTERING AVERAGES –** establish league guidelines and limits (if any) for teams and individuals

9. **HANDICAPS –** establish a fair percentage and procedure for handicapping; 90%-100% of the highest anticipated average (plus at least 5 pins) is recommended.

10. **TEAM ROSTERS –** Establish the maximum number of players and the cut-off date for additional players to be added to the roster.

11. **LEGAL LINEUP –** Adopt league rule per league preference.

12. **TARDY BOWLERS –** Adopt league rule per league preference.

13. **ABSENTEE AND VACANCY SCORES –** Establish the score to be used and any special rules regarding handicapping (the absent bowler's average minus 10 pins plus full handicap is recommended for the absentee score).

14. **POSTPONEMENTS –** Set guidelines within the framework of USBC Rules 111a through 111e.

By joining USBC, you will become a part of a family of over one million members with access to the most exclusive offers, tournaments, and opportunities available to bowlers throughout the United States.

At USBC, there are many benefits to being a member:

- **YOUR CERTIFIED AVERAGE.** Your USBC average is nationally recognized and tracked. As your certified average is updated, you can track it with our **league standing sheets** or **'Find A Member'** functions on BOWL.com. The Find-A-Member function on BOWL.com is a members-only section that requires a login.

- **NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED RULES.** USBC is the national governing body for the sport of bowling as recognized by the United States Olympic Committee. Your membership ensures that you bowl under nationally recognized **rules and regulations**.

- **EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS.** As a member, the integrity of your game will never change. The USBC ensures that all bowling balls, pins, lane surfaces, oils, cleaners, and other equipment are **inspected and certified**, ensuring a fair and competitive game for all USBC members nationwide.

- **TOURNAMENTS.** Your certified average is your ticket to local, state, and national bowling tournaments! No matter your skill level, **USBC has a tournament for you!**

- **MEMBER REWARDS.** Thousands of USBC members like you are saving money on their car insurance, gym memberships, cell phones, travel, and much more with our **Member Rewards program**!

Also, your membership will help support the following:

- **TEAM USA AND THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT. Team USA** relies on your support and represents YOU as they compete internationally and continue to push for bowling to become an Olympic sport.

- **THE SUPPORT OF CHARITABLE CAUSES.** USBC and its members are proud to support several charitable outlets, including **Bowl for the Cure**, **Bowlers to Veterans Link**, and **Special Olympics**.

- **A FUTURE OF THE SPORT.** With your support, USBC provides hundreds of thousands of dollars in **scholarships** to America's youth bowlers every season.