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Last month, we discussed:

- Prize Lists and Adjustments

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

This month, we cover:

- Playoffs and Roll-offs
- Season-Ending Financial Statement

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



Roll-offs and Playoffs – What's the difference?

While these terms are used synonymously, there is a clear difference in how they are defined and the role each plays within USBC rules. [Rule 118a](#) defines a roll-off as a competition held for the purposes of

breaking ties while a playoff is a competition held for the purposes of determining a champion.

In general, the same rules/format the league uses for the regular competition is used in the roll-offs or playoffs unless the league has adopted a different process for either one. [Rule 118b](#) provides directions on how to conduct these competitions and format options a league can utilize to provide more excitement to the league.

In both roll-offs and playoffs, the scores count for averages and qualify for USBC awards.

Season-Ending Financial Statement

The responsibilities of the league treasurer take center stage when the season comes to an end. [Rule 104e](#) states the treasurer is responsible for a complete accounting of all receipts and disbursements. This responsibility remains with the treasurer when the league uses in-house banking. To assist your league in creating a financial statement, review the sample financial statement the Rules team has created.

[SAMPLE FINANCIAL STATEMENT](#)



2026 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting

In an effort to show you the governance side of USBC and hopefully inspire you to take an active role in local, state or national service to the bowling community, we wanted to provide information on the 2026 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting.

The governance of USBC, in many ways, lies within the hands of the USBC volunteer delegates who come from local and state associations like yours. In your local area, the local associations are made up of volunteers who have been elected and then help determine activities and programs to service your bowlers.

The elected board members help determine the tournaments that are put on and rules for those events. Most local association annual meetings are in the spring and summer. We encourage you to consider helping the sport in your community by getting involved with your local association.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)



HOT TOPICS



League Awards – Scratch and Handicap - What takes precedence?

Most leagues have prizes for the highest scores bowled during the season. Most handicap leagues award prizes for both handicap and scratch scores. Often, the question is asked...If we give out both handicap and scratch awards, which one takes precedence? **[Rule 106b](#)** provides direction on league prizes and addresses this issue in the NOTE section of the rule. It states:

“Since scratch and handicap scores are considered separate groups, a team or individual would be eligible for both scratch and handicap prizes unless the league rules state otherwise. If a league rule limits

teams or individuals to one award, the rule should also state which prize a member or team will win if a score qualifies for more than one.



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](#).



Mythbusters

Busted, plausible, or confirmed:

Myth #41: The team winning the most segments in a split-season league is the league champion.

Myth #48: A playoff and a roll-off are the same thing.

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

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