

## **Summer Work for a Successful Fall**

By now, most fall/winter leagues have completed their seasons, and bowlers are moving on to their summer activities, which we at USBC hope includes bowling in a summer league. You, however, as a league officer, can't sit back and completely rest. There are things for you to accomplish over the break to help set the table for next season. Here are a few things to review as you prepare for next season:

- **Have the final averages from your league been submitted to your local association?**

These are due to the local association within 15 days from the end of the league.

- **Did your league have elections for officers at the conclusion of the season?**

If so, forward the names of the newly elected officers to your local association so that they can be provided with any necessary information for next season.

- **Did the league take any actions to adopt rules for next season?**

If so, update your rules now so that they are ready for the start of next season.

- **Were there any issues that the league experienced during the season that might warrant the adoption of a new rule(s)?**

If so, have some notes regarding what the issue is and some suggestions on rules that might address the issue(s).

- **Have you contacted the bowling center to discuss your 2024-2025 league agreement?**

Having lineage costs and anticipated start/end dates ahead of time helps schedule your organizational meetings to address any issues that need to be resolved for the upcoming season.

- **Has a date/time been set for your preseason organizational meeting?**

Once you have the start date information from the center, it's time to get this meeting scheduled.

- **How will the bowlers be notified of plans for next season?**

It is good practice to have the email addresses and phone numbers for all the captains so that you can advise them of the organizational meeting and any other meetings that may be needed to prepare for next season.

- **What plans/processes are in place to recruit more bowlers into your league?**

Most leagues have the inevitable last-second dropouts or teams that cannot field a full roster. Working with the center and the rest of the members of the league to solicit bowlers for the league can make those early weeks less stressful when teams have a full complement of players.

## **Association Workshops and USBC assets to help your league be successful**

Does your association offer a league officer workshop? If so, make plans to attend and invite

the other officers of your league. The information provided at these gatherings helps disseminate important information on how to improve your league's operations and to keep everybody informed about things that are new in bowling. This season's league kits will include information for you and your bowlers showing more about the value of USBC membership.

USBC also provides a host of information for our league officers to help them navigate league operations. We provide guidance on Officer Duties, Conducting Meetings, League Rules, Finances and the list goes on and on.