

Answers and Explanations

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1. **False.** A bowler cannot be forced to finish a series. When a bowler decides not to complete a series, the league absentee score is used for the bowler, unless an eligible substitute is used.
2. **False.** A roll-off is conducted to break ties. A playoff is used to determine the league champion. For example if there is a tie for the third segment, the tie would be broken by a roll-off. After the third segment winner is determined a playoff could be held by all the segment winners to determine the league champion.
3. **False.** The president verification of the league account is a monthly duty of the president to determine the funds deposited and the funds collected each month balance. The league finances must be audited at least once per season, per Rule 102c. This process is in place to provide checks and balances to protect league funds. The audit committee checks league records no earlier than one month prior to the league payout to verify league income, expenditures and balances. Audit Instructions and an Audit Worksheet can be found in League Resources section of the Rules page on BOWL.com.
4. **True.** Rule 102a-3 requires all league officers to have current USBC membership.
5. **False.** A league using a challenging condition that is not certified as a Sport/Challenge lane condition, is still a Sport/challenge League. As of August 1, 2015 the Sport Bowling rules changed. The previous requirements to certify a Sport/Challenge league were removed. Leagues bowling on a challenging condition must certify as a Sport/Challenge league by checking the Sport/Challenge box in the lane condition section of the League Certification Application. If the box is not checked, the local association or USBC Headquarters may change the league designation to Sport/Challenge. If you have questions please contact USBC Headquarters.
6. **False.** Unless your request or protest is in writing an officer is not required to hold a meeting. When a meeting request is relative to an alleged rule infraction or a decision made by a league officer, a written protest must be filed as follows: 1. 15 days of the event during the regular schedule 2. 72 hours if the games challenged occurred on the last session of a segment or in the final two weeks of the season or a playoff.
7. **False.** According to Rule 7a, Pins Improperly set; it is each player's responsibility to determine if a setup is correct. The player shall insist that any pin(s) incorrectly set be respotted before delivering the ball, otherwise the setup is deemed to be acceptable. Since it is ultimately the player's responsibility for an accurate setup, restricting the player from respotting pins would be against USBC rules. However a league or tournament could adopt a rule requiring approval from an official after a bowler has respotted pins X amount of times, a number stated in the rules. If a machine is consistently setting up pins incorrectly, the bowling center should be notified so adjustments can be made to the machine to avoid situations like this.