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Chapter I
Introduction

Membership& Dues

Membership in CTF is composed of adults and youth who have paid the appropriate CTF, provincial and local association dues. Valid membership entitles the bowler to participate in all CTF competition for which they are otherwise qualified.

Upon obtaining membership in CTF, each member agrees to be bound by CTF's final decisions involving the interpretation, application, and/or enforcement of the CTF Bylaws, CTF Playing Rules, and comply with the Government of Canada's Safe Sport Program and all matters concerning bowling as governed by CTF, and each member further agrees that such final decisions of CTF shall be conclusive.

How Obtained

CTF Adult membership may be obtained through a league, tournament, and chartered local association or via ctf@tenpincanada.com.

CTF Youth membership may be obtained through a league, tournament, and chartered local association or by contacting ctf@tenpincanad.com

When Paid

Annual CTF membership dues, currently known, shall be paid before:

a. Adult: Completion of the bowler's second series in league competition.
b. Youth: The bowler's third session of league competition.
c. Participation in a tournament. (See Effective Date below and Rule 300c.)

Effective Date

Upon receipt of a membership application and the appropriate dues, membership will be valid:

a. For the season starting August 1 through July 31.
b. Through October 1 of the following season for summer leagues and tournaments. Youth who turn 22 during the season are not granted the October 1 extension for tournament play; youth membership expires July 31 of the season in which they turn 22 years old. If a youth member bowling in a summer league turns 22 during the season and the league continues beyond July 31, the bowler may complete the league as a youth bowler.

For membership to be effective as of the date purchased in a league, the league secretary must forward the league membership dues, application cards and league application to the local association within 30 days. Otherwise, membership benefits are not effective until the date received at the local association office

Types of Membership

Youth

Youth membership is available to individuals who have not reached their 22nd birthday prior to August 1 of the current bowling season.

Youth members are required to pay $25 dues annually. Provincial and local associations may charge a fee in addition to the membership for those bowling in a CTF youth league.

Adult

Adult members are required to pay $25 dues annually. Provincial and local associations may charge a fee in addition to the membership for those bowling in a CTF adult league.

Membership dues paid annually are $25.00 CTF National dues plus Provincial associations up to a maximum of $3.00 and Local dues as determined by the local membership at the local association annual meeting with a maximum of $7.00.

An adult bowler must pay dues in each local association in which he/she applies for membership and/or bowls, except as provided in Rule 100c, Traveling leagues, or Rule 100j, Mail-o-Graphic leagues, or if the associations have a reciprocal agreement to waive dues. When a bowler joins a local association, he/she shall join the applicable provincial association. Regardless of the number of provincial and local associations in which an individual holds membership, he/she shall pay current CTF national membership dues only one time.

An adult bowler applying for an affiliate membership directly from CTF is required to pay $50 dues annually. An affiliate membership allows the bowler to participate in any CTF-sanctioned league or tournament.

Spring Leagues - Adult/Youth
Adult/Youth participating in a Spring League, who are not currently CTF members for the current season are required to pay $15 CTF National dues, and Provincial and Local Associations may charge additional fees.

Special Olympics - Adult/Youth
Special Olympics membership is available for youth and adults with intellectual disabilities. Membership dues paid annually are $10.00. Associations may charge a service fee in addition to the membership for those bowling in a CTF Youth League. The bowler must pay local and provincial membership when bowling in an adult league.
For more information on how to start a Special Olympics League or Tournament, contact the CTF National Office at ctf@tenpincanada.com

Definition of Members (Registered Participants):
Members are individuals who are engaged in activities that are provided, sponsored, supported or sanctioned by an Association Member and may include, but are not limited to including, recreational and competitive athletes, members of national teams, coaches, officials, event organizers, administrators of provincial/territorial and local associations, and volunteers who serve on club executives, committees and boards of directors (CTF Bylaws Article IV Section A)

Responsibilities of Members:
An individual bowling in CTF leagues and tournaments is responsible for, but not limited to :

1. ensuring they have the correct CTF registration to participate
2. abiding by CTF rules
3. abiding by league or tournament rules
4. ensuring their average is correct, prior to participation
5. reporting any tournament average adjustment/rerate in accordance with Rule #319c
6. reporting prize winnings as state in the tournament rules and/or Rule 319d
7. using a national average rerate

This is Rule 16a in the Playing Rules.

REMEMBER - CTF's website is www.tenpincanada.com and you can reach National Office at ctf@tenpincanada.com.

Chapter II
CTF General Playing Rules

The Playing Rules and regulations of the Canadian Tenpin Federation have generally been adopted from the parent bodies of the sport in the United States (USBC) with input from rules used by the World Tenpin Bowling Federation of which the CTF is a member.
It should also be noted that rule numbers which are followed by an * (asterisk) cannot be amended by CTF without jeopardizing the reciprocal average recognition agreement that the CTF has with the governing bodies of the sport in the United States (USBC).
All CTF rules and specifications shall be followed for all CTF adult and CTF Youth competitions (leagues and tournaments) unless specific reference is made to a CTF Youth rule or specification. In the event a specific Youth rule or specification is included, it will take precedence for all CTF Youth competitions.

Leagues and Tournaments
Rule 1*. Leagues and tournaments must be organized and bowled in accordance with the CTF Constitution, rules and regulations. These events must be scheduled on lanes that are currently CTF certified and only USBC approved equipment may be used.

Game - Definition
Rule 2a*. A game of tenpins consists of ten frames. A player delivers two balls in each of the first nine frames unless a strike is scored. In the tenth frame, a player delivers three balls if a strike or spare is scored. Every frame must be completed by each player bowling in regular order.

Baker System Team Game
Rule 2b. The Baker System is a modified format consisting of teams of two or more bowlers. (See Rule 100a.)
1. All team members follow each other in order, each bowling a complete frame, until a complete game is bowled.
2. Ten frames are combined to calculate a team game.

NOTE: Refer to Chapter XII for further information on the Baker Format.

Game - How Scored
Rule 3a*. Except when a strike is scored, the number of pins knocked down by the player's first delivery is to be marked next to the small square in the upper right-hand corner of that frame, and the number of pins knocked down by the player's second delivery is to be marked inside the small square. If none of the standing pins are knocked down by the second delivery in a frame, the score sheet shall be marked with a (-). The count for the two deliveries in the frame shall be recorded immediately.

Strike
Rule 3b*. A strike is made when the full setup of 10 pins is knocked down with the first delivery in a frame. It is marked by an (X) in the small square in the upper right-hand corner of the frame where it was made. The count for one strike is 10 plus the number of pins knocked down on the player's next two deliveries.

Double
Rule 3c*. Two consecutive strikes is a double. The count for the first strike is 20 plus the number of pins knocked down with the first delivery following the second strike.

Triple or Turkey
Rule 3d*. Three successive strikes is a triple or turkey. The count for the first strike is 30. To bowl the maximum score of 300, the player must bowl 12 strikes in succession in a single game.

Spare
Rule 3e*. A spare is scored when pins left standing after the first delivery are knocked down with the second delivery in that frame. It is marked by a (/) in the small square in the upper right-hand corner of the frame. The count for a spare is 10 plus the number of pins knocked down by the player's next delivery.

Open
Rule 3f*. An open is recorded when a player fails to knock down all ten pins after two deliveries in a frame.

Split
Rule 3g*. A split is a setup of pins left standing after the first delivery, provided the head pin is down and:
1. At least one pin is down between two or more standing pins; i.e., 7-9 or 3-10.2. At least one pin is down immediately ahead of two or more standing pins; i.e., 5-6.

A split is usually designated by a circle or a circle around the count received on the first ball but any other symbol may be used.

Legal Delivery
Rule 4a*. A delivery is made when the ball leaves the player's possession and crosses the foul line into playing territory. Every delivery counts unless a dead ball is declared. (See Rule 8). A delivery must be made entirely by manual means. No device may be incorporated in or affixed to the ball that detaches on delivery or is a moving part during delivery except as provided in Rule 4b and 4c.

Special Equipment to Grip the Ball
Rule 4b*. A player may use special equipment to aid in grasping and delivering the ball if it is in place of a hand or major portion thereof lost by amputation or otherwise.

Mechanical Aids to Grip the Ball - Alternating Delivery
Rule 4c*. A player may, if granted permission by the CTF and each league or tournament in which the player participates, alternate right/left-handed delivery and/or use special equipment to aid in the grasping and delivering the ball. The aid cannot incorporate a mechanical device with moving parts that would impart force or impetus to the ball.

Permission may be granted by CTF if the following is submitted:
1. A doctor's certificate is furnished to CTF, describing the disability and the reason to alternate right/left handed delivery and/or recommending the aid.
2. A description, drawing or model of the aid (only for mechanical aid).

When authorization is given, CTF will provide the player with a special card stating that alternating right/left handed delivery and/or the use of the specified mechanical aid has been approved by USBC. If permission is not granted, the player has the right of appeal to the CTF Regulatory Unit. Permission may be withdrawn for cause.

Special Considerations to Deliver the Ball
Rule 4d*. A player unable to execute a delivery in accordance with any of the foregoing procedures may bowl in CTF competition provided:
1. The league's board of directors or tournament management authorizes such participation.
2. The league's board of directors or tournament management establishes specific provisions to govern such participation.

The average established by the player is not acceptable in another league or tournament unless allowed by the rules of that league or tournament. The bowler is eligible for all CTF awards.

Downward Average Adjustments
Rule 4e. Relief of an average, due to injury or disability, for entry into a tournament must be approved by CTF National Office in accordance with the following:
1. A player who has become injured or disabled may request relief of his/her CTF average by providing the following information to CTF National Office:
    (a) A doctor's certificate describing the:
        (i) disability or injury;
        (ii) length of disability or injury;
        (iii) reason for the downward average adjustment.
    (b) A copy of the current league standing sheet(s). Standing sheets must be submitted from each CTF sanctioned league in which the player participates.
2. If authorization is granted, CTF will notify the player:
    (a) The minimum average a tournament may assign the player.

(b) The time limit for the relief.

3. Tournament Management may, prior to participation:
   (a) Accept the bowler's highest current CTF sanctioned league average, provided it meets or exceeds the minimum established by CTF.
   (b) Assign the bowler an average that meets or exceeds the minimum established by CTF.
   (c) Deny the relief and require the bowler to use the average as stated in tournament rules.

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 4e.

4e/1 **Last year I averaged 190 right-handed, but due to an injury I am bowling left-handed and have a 127 average. I want to participate in tournaments bowling left-handed. Can I apply for tournament average relief? If so, how?**
Yes. Prior to bowling in any tournament, you must submit documentation to USBC Headquarters. (See Rule 4e for details.) Tournament Management cannot give average relief without USBC first making the decision to grant relief.

4e/2 **If USBC grants average relief does the tournament manager have to accept the relief?** If authorization is granted by USBC Headquarters, the player will be notified in writing of the minimum average a tournament may assign and the time limit for the relief. The bowler then must request tournament management's permission to use the assigned average.
However, tournament management still has the authority to deny the relief and require the bowler to use the average as stated in tournament rules or assign the bowler an average that meets or exceeds the minimum established by USBC.

Permission may be withdrawn for cause

Definition of a Foul

Rule 5a*. A foul occurs when a part of the player's body encroaches on or goes beyond the foul line and touches any part of the lane, equipment or building during or after a delivery. A ball is in play after a delivery until the same or another player is on the approach in position to make a succeeding delivery.

The certification and inspection committee of a local association can require that the foul line be plainly marked on the walls, posts, division boards or any other structure in a bowling centre on a line with the regular foul line.

When a foul is recorded the delivery counts, but the player is not credited with any pins knocked down by that delivery (see Rule 6b.)

Note: The foul line is of infinite length including walls, flooring, posts and ball returns. Footwear and clothing are considered part of the body. A foul is not committed when foreign objects such as pens, jewelry, coins, cigarettes etc. drop from a bowler's pocket or fall from a person's body or clothing. A player should request permission to cross the foul line to retrieve any items that have fallen beyond the foul line.

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 5a.

5a/1 **What happens when there is a dispute over a foul call?**
According to Rule 10, a provisional ball should be thrown when there is a controversy. A provisional ball or frame shall be bowled when a protest involving a foul cannot be resolved by the two team captains.

When a dispute over a foul occurs, the player shall complete the frame and then bowl one provisional ball. The score sheet or printout and a record of both scores for the frame in which the provisional delivery is made shall be kept. The protest must be referred to the league board of directors for a decision.

5a/2 A player goes over the foul line while retaining possession of the ball. Is this considered a foul?
No. A legal delivery must be executed for a foul to be committed. A legal delivery is made when the ball leaves the player's possession and crosses the foul line into playing territory.

Deliberate Foul

Rule 5b*. When a player deliberately fouls to benefit by the calling of a foul, the player shall be credited with zero pinfall for that delivery and not allowed further deliveries in that frame. If questions arise, Rule 10, Provisional Ball, should be followed.

5a/3 A member of a team crosses onto an adjacent approach when making a delivery. Is this considered a foul?
A foul is not called when a bowler crosses onto an adjoining approach area. However, if the bowler steps over the foul line on that lane, it is considered a foul.

5a/4 Is a foul called when the ball rolls over the foul line during delivery and the foul detector is activated?
The bowling ball is not considered a part of the bowler's body. If the bowler did not step on or go beyond the foul line, a foul is not recorded.

5a/5 If a wheelchair, walker or other mechanical aide goes over the foul line during or after delivery is it considered a foul?
Yes, if the wheelchair crosses the foul line and touches any part of the lane, equipment or building during or after delivery. Likewise, a bowler holding onto a walker or another mechanical aide while delivering the ball must keep these items from crossing the foul line and touching any surface beyond the foul line.

Foul Detection

Rule 5c*. An USBC approved automatic foul detecting device must be used if available. When not available, a foul judge must be stationed in a position to have an unobstructed view of the foul line. Should a foul detecting device become temporarily inoperative, the following procedures shall be used to call fouls:

1. In tournament play, management shall assign a foul judge or have the official scorers call fouls.
2. In league play, the opposing team captains shall call fouls or designate a foul judge.

Failure to provide for the calling of fouls as specified shall disqualify scores bowled for CTF high score award consideration.

Commonly Asked Question – Rule 5c.

5c/1 What happens if our foul lights are not available?
If not available, members of the league should be advised the captains are responsible for the calling of fouls or someone can be designated to act as a foul judge.

Apparent Foul

Rule 5d*. A foul will be declared and recorded if the automatic foul detecting device or foul judge fails to call a foul that is apparent to:

1. both captains or one or more members of each of the opposing teams.
2. the official scorer, or
3. a tournament official.

If there is a dispute, refer to Rule 10, Provisional Ball.

Legal Pin Fall

Rule 6a*. Pins to be credited to a player following a legal delivery shall include:

1. Pins knocked down or off the pin deck by the ball or another pin.
2. Pins knocked down or off the pin deck by a pin rebounding from a side partition or rear cushion.
3. Pins knocked down or off the pin deck by a pin rebounding from the sweep bar when it is at rest on the pin deck before sweeping dead wood from the pin deck.
4. Pins that lean and touch the kickback or side partition.

All such pins are termed dead wood and must be removed before the next delivery. No pins may be conceded and only pins actually knocked down or moved entirely off the playing surface of the lane because of a legal delivery may be counted.

Illegal Pin Fall

Rule 6b*. When any of the following occur the delivery counts but the resulting pinfall does not:

1. A ball leaves the lane before reaching the pins.
2. A ball rebounds from the rear cushion.
3. A pin rebounds after coming in contact with the body, arms or legs of a human pinsetter.
4. A pin is touched by mechanical pin setting equipment.

5. Any pin knocked down when dead wood is being removed.
6. Any pin knocked down by a human pinsetter.
7. The player commits a foul.
8. A delivery is made with dead wood on the lane or in the gutter and the ball contacts such dead wood before leaving the lane surface.

If illegal pinfall occurs and the player is entitled to additional deliveries in the frame, the pin(s) illegally knocked down must be re-spotted where they originally stood before delivery of the ball.

Pins - Improperly Set

Rule 7a*. It is each player's responsibility to determine if a setup is correct. The player shall insist that any pin(s) incorrectly set be re-spotted before delivering the ball, otherwise the setup is deemed acceptable.

When bowling at a full setup or to make a spare, if it is discovered immediately after the delivery that one or more pins are set improperly, but not missing, the delivery and resulting pinfall count.

No change can be made in the position of any pins left standing after a delivery, unless:

1. The pinsetter moved or misplaced any pin after the first delivery; or
2. Any standing pin(s) is/are outside the range of the sweep bar.

Any such pin(s) will be respotted where it/they originally stood before the delivery.

Pins - Rebounding

Rule 7b*. Pins that rebound and stand on the lane must be counted as standing pins.

Pins - Replacement

Rule 7c*. Should a pin be broken or otherwise badly damaged during the game, it shall be replaced at once by another as nearly uniform in weight and condition with the set in use. The league or tournament officials shall determine whether pins shall be replaced. A broken pin does not change the score made by the bowler. The pins knocked down are counted, after which the broken pin is replaced.

Dead Ball

Rule 8*. When a dead ball is called, the delivery does not count and the correct pins must be re-spotted. The player is allowed to re-bowl that delivery.

A ball shall be declared dead if any of the following occur:

(a) After a delivery, attention is immediately called to the fact that one or more pins were missing from the setup.

(b) A human pinsetter interferes with any standing pin before the ball reaches the pins.

(c) A human pinsetter removes or interferes with any downed pin before it stops rolling.

(d) A player bowls on the wrong lane or out of turn. Or one player from each team on the pair of lanes bowls on the wrong lane.

(e) A player is interfered with by the pinsetter, another player, spectator, or moving object as the ball is being delivered and before delivery is completed. In such case, the player has the option to accept the resulting pinfall or have a dead ball called.

(f) Any pin is moved or knocked down as a player delivers the ball but before the ball reaches the pins.

(g) A delivered ball comes in contact with a foreign obstacle.

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 8.

8/1 **If an individual bowls out of turn does the delivery count?**
No, according to Rule 8, Item d, a dead ball would be declared and the correct bowler is then required to continue play.

8/2 **A player made the first delivery when the pin setting machine was set on the second cycle. Seven pins were knocked down and the remaining pins were swept away as the machine reverted to cycle one. Should a dead ball be declared and the pins reset?**
Since the bowler made a legal delivery and the pins were properly set, there would be no basis for declaring the first delivery a dead ball. The three pins left standing would be reset for a second delivery in accordance with Rule 6b.

8/3 **On the second delivery, the sweep bar comes down and deflects the ball before it can make contact with the remaining pins. When this happens, what should we do?** According to Rule 8, Item g, a dead ball is declared when a player's ball comes in contact with any foreign obstacle. The sweep bar is considered a foreign obstacle, and the player is required to have the pin(s) remaining respotted and rebowl the second ball.

Bowling on Wrong Lane

Rule 9*. In normal league or tournament play, a dead ball shall be called and the player or players required to re-bowl on the correct lane when:

(a) One player bowls on the wrong lane.

(b) One player from each team on the pair of lanes bowls on the wrong lane.

1. If more than one player on the same team bowls on the wrong lane in turn, all deliveries stand as bowled. Upon discovery, the bowlers shall complete subsequent frames on the correct lanes.

2. If a player bowls on the wrong lane in a singles tournament where a change of lanes is made, a tournament may be rule require the delivery to stand and the player to finish the frame on the incorrect lane when a strike is not recorded. When a strike is made, a dead ball shall be called and the player required to re-bowl on the correct lane.

3. In singles match play competition, where a player normally bowls two frames each time it is the player's turn to bowl, and the player bowls on the wrong lanes, a dead ball shall be called and the player required to re-bowl on the correct lanes, providing the error was discovered before the opposing player has made a delivery. Otherwise, the score stands as bowled, with all subsequent frames in the game bowled on the correct lanes.

Provisional Ball

Rule 10*. A provisional ball or frame shall be bowled when a protest involving a foul, legal pinfall or a dead ball is made and cannot be resolved by the two team captains or a tournament official.

The following procedures apply when a dispute occurs:

(a) For the first ball of any frame, or after the second ball in the tenth frame if the first ball was a strike:

1. Foul: The player shall complete the frame and then bowl one provisional ball at a full setup of pins.

2. Illegal Pin fall: The player shall complete the frame and then bowl one provisional ball at the same setup, which would have remained standing, had the disputed pin(s) not have fallen.

3. Dead Ball: The player shall complete the frame and then bowl a complete provisional frame.

(b) On a spare attempt or the third ball of the tenth frame:

1. Foul and Illegal Pin fall: No provisional ball is necessary.

2. Dead Ball: A provisional ball shall be bowled at the same setup, which was standing when the disputed ball was bowled.

The score sheet and a record of both scores for the frame that the provisional delivery was made shall be kept. The protest must be referred to the league board of directors or tournament managing committee for a decision. If they are unable to make a decision, the local association or CTF can be asked for a decision on submission of the facts relating to the protest.

Forfeit - Delay of Game

Rule 11*. No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game is permitted. If a player or team in a league or tournament refuses to proceed with a game after being directed to do so by a league or tournament official, the game or series shall be declared forfeited.

Approaches Must Not Be Defaced

Rule 12*. The application of any foreign substance on any part of the approach that detracts from the possibility of other players having normal conditions is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, such substances as talcum powder, pumice and resin on shoes; also soft rubber soles or heels that rub off on the approach.

Parental Consent

Rule 13*. Grade and high school students under the age of 18 must have written consent of a parent or guardian before participating in any CTF league or tournament where merchandise valued over $500, or any cash and/or bonds are offered.

Such consent must be on file with the league or tournament secretary at least one week before participation, unless the student is accompanied by a parent or guardian. In that case, the consent

form may be filed prior to the start of bowling. Failure to file the consent form will cause the player to be ineligible and subject games bowled to forfeiture or disqualification.
The consent shall be given using the following form, or the combined Prize Waiver / Parental Consent form which is available on the CTF website:

Parental Consent Form

I,_____, am the parent or legal guardian of _____, a grade or high school student under the age of 18. I understand that by signing this form I am authorizing him/her to bowl, substitute, or pace in CTF sanctioned competition.

By signing this form, I verify that I have read and reviewed the CTF rules regarding youth eligibility.

I agree and understand that when my child competes in CTF competition where merchandise valued over $500 or any cash and/or bonds are awarded to any participant, my child is able to maintain his/her youth eligibility by registering and competing in a CTF-sanctioned youth league otherwise his/her CTF youth eligibility may be in jeopardy. I am aware that rejection of any prizes does not prevent the possibility of losing his/her youth eligibility.

I recognize that by bowling, substitution or pacing in competition where merchandise valued over $500, or where any cash and/or bonds are awarded to any participant, his/her amateur status may be jeopardized. I understand that to ensure compliance with high school and collegiate rules, I should check with a compliance officer and/or academic counselor at his/her school.

I also understand that by bowling in such competition (where any amount of cash/bonds or merchandise are awarded), he/she may not be eligible to bowl in any USBC sanctioned youth events, any Division I or II Universities or Colleges in the United States and any enhanced/enriched Canadian University or College programs.

This form must be submitted to the league secretary or tournament manager prior to participation, unless the youth is accompanied by his/her parent or guardian. This form must be submitted to EACH league or tournament the youth enters.

Parental Signature:_____Date:_____

Supplemental Fees

Rule 14. No CTF registered participant shall participate or be involved in the operation of a scheme or arrangement requiring a supplemental fee of any type or character for the purpose of having any part or all of a player's score in CTF league or tournament play qualify for a prize where competing entrants bowl in different bowling centres, except as follows:
Scores bowled in CTF league play may be used to determine prize winners in a supplementary contest when the following conditions are observed:

(a) A minimum of two-thirds of the gross collected as entry fees must be donated to a recognized charitable organization.
(b) Entry is made available to all bowlers in a single local association and its metropolitan area.
(c) The maximum entry fee shall not exceed $2 per entry.
(d) Operating costs shall not exceed 10% of entry fee.

Penalty: Registration may be suspended or denied to anyone who is a participant or involved in a violation of this rule.

Gambling

Rule 15. A CTF registered participant, while bowling in CTF competition, shall not participate or be involved in the operation of any gambling scheme which is in violation of any applicable law, where all or part of a score bowled in CTF play determines the winner.
Contests or schemes that threaten the integrity of the game and/or entice a player to bowl beneath their ability are strictly prohibited. Registration may be suspended or denied to anyone who is a participant or involved in the violation of this rule.

NOTE: Programs in leagues/tournaments where the participating bowlers pay a fee, optional or otherwise, and receive prizes for high game and/or series, with or without handicap, do not violate the rule because these involve merit pinfall based solely on the skill of the participant.

Registered Participant Responsibility

Rule 16a*. An individual bowling in CTF leagues and tournaments is responsible for, but not limited to:

1. Ensuring they have the correct CTF registration to participate.
2. Abiding by CTF rules.

3. Abiding by league or tournament rules.
4. Ensuring their average is correct, prior to participation.
5. Reporting any tournament average adjustment/rerate in accordance with Rule 319c.
6. Reporting prize winnings as stated in the tournament rules and/or Rule 319d.
7. Using a national average rerate.

> ***NOTE: Average adjustment/rerate is the average a tournament manager may give a bowler to use in their tournament. This average must be reported to any future tournaments, for all handicapped or classified competition, unless the tournament rules state otherwise.***
> ***National average rerate is issued. The bowler must report and use the rerated average or established higher average, for all handicapped or classified competition.***

Penalty: Forfeiture of games in which the player was used and all found to be involved are subject to suspension.

Suspended Bowler Ineligible

Rule 16b*. A suspended bowler or a bowler who has been denied CTF registration is ineligible to bowl, pace or hold office in any CTF league or tournament until reinstated. The CTF will also recognize as being suspended from CTF competition any bowler while under suspension from competition by the United States Bowling Congress.
Penalty: When a team knowingly uses a suspended bowler, it shall forfeit all games in which the suspended player was used and all involved are subject to suspension.

Unfair Tactics

Rule 17a. An individual can be charged with attempting to gain an unfair advantage in league or tournament play for the following reasons:
1. Directly or indirectly tampering with lanes, pins or bowling balls so they no longer meet CTF specifications.
2. Misrepresenting an average to gain a greater handicap, or qualify for a lower classification in an event.
3. Establishing an average below the player's ability to gain an unfair advantage in handicap or classified competition.
Penalty: Loss of games, prize winnings (or Scholarships – CTF Youth) and subject to suspension from or denial of CTF registration.
Rule 17b. An individual can also be charged with the following violations:
1. Engaging in improper tactics or conduct in connection with the game of bowling, including, but not limited to, physical and verbal abuse toward other persons.
2. Failing to distribute prize money to team members consistent with verbal or written agreements.
3. Failing to pay fees due for participation in a CTF league or tournament.
4. Misusing any funds held in trust by an officer of a CTF league, an adult supervisor or coach of a CTF Youth league, or a board member of a certified CTF local or provincial association.
Penalty: CTF registration may be suspended or denied to anyone who is involved in a violation of this rule.

CTF Youth - **Rule 17c.** Conduct derogatory to the best interest of youth bowling, including but not limited to, the following while competing in league or tournament play:
(a) Playing coin-operated amusement devices.
(b) Using tobacco products or alcoholic beverages.
(c) Using foul language or gestures.
(d) Wearing clothing depicting foul language or gestures.
Penalty: Limited removal (see Rule 801), disqualification and/or CTF registration may be suspended or denied.

Bowling Ball - Altering Surface

Rule 18*. Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives while bowling in CTF competition is prohibited. All bowling balls so altered must be removed from the competition. (See Chapter VI, CTF Equipment Specifications on Bowling Ball - Weight, Size, Markings and Holes, for additional information.)

> ***NOTE: If it is shown the bowler had prior knowledge their actions were in violation of Rule 18, the game(s) in which the violation occurred is subject to forfeiture. In addition, the bowler is subject to dismissal from the league and suspension of CTF registration.***
> ***"Competition" is defined as the remainder of the current game and remaining game(s) in the series being bowled unless otherwise defined in league or tournament rules. The use of approved cleaning agents such as isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol and polishing machines is permissible.***

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 18.

18/1 When may I alter the surface of my bowling ball?
You are permitted to sand, polish, or clean the surface of your bowling ball prior to the start of competition. However, once tournament or league play begins, altering the surface of a bowling ball is strictly prohibited. This includes balls that have not yet been introduced into play.

18/2 A tournament consist of doubles and singles events. The singles event is bowled first immediately followed by the doubles. Can I "alter the surface of" my bowling ball between events?
No. Rule 18 does not allow the outer surface of any bowling ball to be altered after the start of competition. Since the tournament is conducting singles and doubles concurrently, you cannot alter the surface of the bowling ball between events.

18/3 Can a bowler use an abrasive, cleaner or polish on just the track or only just a portion of the track of the ball?
No. USBC specifications require that the entire surface of the ball be prepared in a uniform manner. Preparing the surface of a ball in any other manner would be a violation of Rule 17a, Item 1. The penalty for a violation of this rule can include disqualification, forfeiture, removal from the league, and/or suspension of USBC membership.

CTF Youth Eligibility

CTF Youth Division
Rule 19. No current rule.

CTF Youth Special Eligibility Rule
Rule 20*. No current rule.

CTF Youth Introductory Registration
Rule 21*. A CTF Youth Introductory Registration may be issued at no charge to new bowlers joining a CTF Youth introductory league. This registration is valid for 30 days only in introductory league play. After that time, bowlers must apply for a CTF Youth registration. Introductory registered participants must have the date their registration expires written on their registration card.

> ***NOTE: Over the years, there have been a number of changes made to CTF rules that are related to CTF Youth eligibility. USBC has also made changes to their rules over time. Currently, there are differences in CTF's and USBC's rules in this regard. All of these changes and differences have caused there to be some confusion, uncertainty, and questions with respect to youth eligibility. Please refer to a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document about this topic on the CTF website (in the Youth section) that is intended to help clarify most aspects of CTF and USBC Youth Eligibility.***

Chapter III
CTF Awards

Eligibility

Rule 50. CTF will issue awards listed in this chapter for scores and special accomplishments bowled by CTF registered participants taking part in CTF leagues and tournaments. **CTF Youth Achievement Awards will be issued for accomplishments during youth league or tournament play. CTF Adult Achievement Awards will be issued for accomplishments during adult league or tournament play.**

To qualify for recognition all provisions of the CTF Bylaws, specifications and rules must have been complied with at the time the score was bowled. (See Rule 100a and 300b). Scores are determined on a scratch basis.

> ***NOTE: Unopposed prebowled or postbowled scores are not recognized for CTF Honour Score awards.***
> ***NOTE: In this rule, "unopposed" means a person or a team who prebowled or postbowled by themselves, without his/her/their regularly scheduled opponent(s).***

CTF Youth: To qualify for CTF awards, all CTF Bylaws, rules and specifications must be complied with at the time the score was bowled. A suspended bowler will be eligible for any award won on merit prior to suspension. Individuals using a CTF Youth Introductory Registration Card in an introductory league program (see Rule 21) may apply for CTF Youth awards qualified for during such activity upon application for CTF Youth registration and payment of full fees within the same season.

Individual Special Achievement Awards

Rule 51. A registered participant is eligible for one award in each of the following categories during a CTF fiscal year (August 1-July 31. Individuals can indicate that they do not wish to receive any Special Achievement Awards (except for Honour Scores) by checking the appropriate box on their Registered Participant Application. Note: This is an individual decision - not one to be made by the League.). Special Achievement awards which are given out on a once-per-season basis, may also be optionally purchased for any repeat achievements that the bowler might accomplish during the season:

1. Single game score of 300*;
2. Single game score of 299*;
3. Single game score of 298*;
4. Eleven (11) strikes in a row, starting in frame one, when the score is 297 or less*;
5. Eleven (11) strikes in a row, starting in frame two*;
6. Single game score 100 pins over game average; (To qualify, see Rule 55c.)
7. Single game score over 200, if average is 160 or less; (To qualify, see Rule 55c.) ✝
8. Single game score over 225, if average is 180 or less; (To qualify, see Rule 55c.) ✝
9. Single game score over 250, if average is 200 or less; (To qualify, see Rule 55c.) ✝
10. Three game series 125 pins over series average; (To qualify, see Rule 55c.)
11. Three game series totaling 400 to 499, if average is 120 or less; (To qualify, see Rule 55c.) ✝
12. Three game series totaling 500 to 599, if average is 150 or less; (To qualify, see Rule 55c.) ✝
13. Three game series totaling 600 to 699, if average is 185 or less; (To qualify, see Rule 55c.) ✝
14. Three game series totaling 700 to 749, if average is 209 or less;
15. Three game series totaling 750 to 799;
16. Three game series totaling 800 to 899*;
17. Three game series totaling 900*;
18. Conversion of the 7-10 split.
19. Conversion of the 4-6-7-10 split.
20. All Spare game;
21. Dutch 200 game;
22. Triplicate (three consecutive games of the same score in a series);
23. Clean Game, if average is 190 or less; and
24. Clean Series.

25. Single game score 50 pins over game average, if average is 120 or less; (To qualify see Rule 55c) **
26. Single game score over 145, if average is 100 or less; (To qualify see Rule 55c) **
27. Single game score over 180, if average is 140 or less; (To qualify see Rule 55c) **
28. Three game series totaling 450 or more, if average is 120 or less; (To qualify see Rule 55c) **
29. Three game series totaling 550 or more, if average is 145 or less;

* indicates an Honour Score Award

** indicates a seniors' award only (senior registered participant must be 50 years or older)

✝ Where a single game or series qualifies for more than one average-based award listed above, only the highest eligible achievement will be awarded. If the individual already has received that award during the season, then the next-highest eligible achievement that the bowler has not already received during the season will be awarded.

Where a choice of awards is available in any category the registered participant is entitled to a choice of an award for the first score recorded. Any additional score in the same category that fiscal year will be officially recognized by CTF, but will not qualify for an award.

CTF Youth:

A registered participant shall be recognized for accomplishments in each of the following categories during each season (August 1-July 31). Individuals can indicate that they do not wish to receive any Special Achievement Awards (except for Honour Scores) by checking the appropriate box on their Registered Participant Application. Note: This is an individual decision – not one to be made by the League. Special Achievement awards which are given out on a once-per-season basis, may also be optionally purchased for any repeat achievements that the bowler might accomplish during the season:

1. Single game score of 300*;
2. Single game score of 299*;
3. Single game score of 298*;
4. Eleven (11) strikes in a row, when the score is 297 or less*;
5. Eleven (11) strikes in a row, starting in frame two*;
6. Three game series totaling 700-799;*
7. Three games series totaling 800-899*;
8. Three games series totaling 900*;
9. Conversion of the 7-10 split;
10. Conversion of the 4-6-7-10 split;
11. All spare game;
12. Dutch 200 game;
13. Three consecutive games of the same score in a series;
14. Single game score 100 pins over game average;
15. Three game series 125 pins over series average
16. High game;
17. High series;
18. Clean Game , if average is 190 or less;
19. Clean Series.

* indicates an honour score award

A registered participant may earn game and series awards as follows: ✝

Bowler's average up to and including:	Their first qualifying award will be:	
	Game	Series
30	50	200
50	80	200
70	100	225
90	120	275
100	140	325
115		375
125	160	400
140	180	450

160	200	500
170	200	550
180	220	600
200	240	650
220	260	700
240	280	750

✝ Where a single game or series qualifies for more than one average-based award listed above, only the highest eligible achievement will be awarded. If the individual already has received that award during the season, then the next-highest eligible achievement that the bowler has not already received during the season will be awarded.

Where a choice of awards is available in any category the individual is entitled to a choice of an award for the first score recorded. Any additional score in the same category that fiscal year will be officially recognized by CTF but will not qualify for an award.

Series Awards

Rule 52. When more than three, but less than six, games are bowled in a series only the first three games count for three game series awards. If six or more games are bowled in a series each succeeding set of three games, following the first three games, shall qualify as a separate series. To qualify for the three-game series award, the series of games can be bowled consecutively against one or more opponents on the same scheduled date in a league or a squad in a tournament.
CTF Youth: In addition to the above, if two games are bowled, use the two-game series from the first session/block plus the first game of the following session/block. The first game of the next scheduled session/block is used again as the first game for the next series or triplicate award.

Fiscal Year Awards

Rule 53. During each fiscal year, ending July 31, the following recognition awards will be made by CTF:
To the sponsors of two, three, four, and five-man and mixed teams that bowl one of the three highest scores in the nation in each of the following classifications:

a) Three game series total;
b) Single team game score;

to a registered participant who bowls one of the three highest scores in a three-game series.
No individual or sponsor is entitled to receive more than one fiscal year award in each category. An individual or sponsor qualifying more than once during a fiscal year will receive recognition only for the highest award in that category.

Inspection and Reporting Procedures

Rule 54. When any of the following scores are bowled, 300, 299, 298 games or an 800 or better by an individual in a three-game series, a Baker team game of 300 or single game and three game series team scores above the following figures:

	MEN		WOMEN		MIXED	
	Game	Series	Game	Series	Game	Series
5-player	1325	3700	1175	3425	1250	3600
4-player	1050	2900	950	2750	1000	2800
3-player	825	2250	725	2075	750	2200
2-player	550	1550	500	1350	525	1500

The following procedures apply:

(a) The league or tournament secretary shall notify the local association manager or authorized representative within 48 hours and submit a completed high score award application within 20 days.

(b) The association manager or authorized representative shall submit a completed high score application to CTF as soon as possible but not more than 30 days after the score was bowled.

Failure to comply with any of the foregoing shall be grounds for denial of CTF high score recognition. If an award cannot be approved administratively, the applicant will be notified in writing, setting forth the reasons for denial. If within 15 days of receipt of the written notice the applicant files a written

appeal, the claim will be submitted for final decision to the CTF High Score and Awards Review Committee.
NOTE: The above procedures are in effect until such time as a fourth decision of non-compliance occurs. At that time CTF will notify centre management, league and tournament officials that when any of the above scores are bowled, the lanes must be inspected for compliance in keeping with the procedures outlined in Section 6 of the CTF Certification chapter of the CTF Playing Rules.

Award of Merit
Rule 55a. An award of merit will be issued to the bowlers in each local association who bowl the highest average, single game and three game totals in CTF league or tournament play under the following conditions:
1. The average, game or series was bowled by a registered participant of the association in an establishment within the jurisdiction of the association. The average must be based on a minimum of 66 games, and the winner of the award is decided on the percentage of a full pin.
2. The final average sheet, or the average sheet as of a date set by the association, is filed with the local association manager.
3. The score was bowled between August 1 and July 31, except associations that publish an average book may adopt a specific date for determining award winners. Scores bowled after that date will be counted toward the next season's competition.
4. Duplicate awards shall be presented in case of ties.
5. Should the same registered participant bowl the highest average, single game and three game totals, the bowler will receive one award appropriately engraved.
6. The single game Award of Merit will not be issued in an association when a registered participant, during the same season or within the dates set by the association, has bowled a 300, 299 or 298 that has or will be recognized by CTF.
7. No claim will be considered if submitted more than 30 days after the close of the bowling season in which the score was bowled.

Special Awards
Rule 55b. No rule exists

Average Determination
Rule 55c. When determining averages for award qualifications, the following shall apply:
1. League Play
   (a) If 21 games or more have been bowled in the league in the current season, use the current average.
   (b) If less than 21 games in the current season, use last season's final average for 21 games or more from the same league.
   (c) For a new bowler in the league with less than 21 games, use last season's highest average for 21 games or more in any sanctioned league.
   (d) A bowler who does not have an acceptable CTF average for comparison is not eligible for average-related awards
2. Tournament Play
   (a) In handicap or classified tournaments, the average used in the tournament.
   (b) In scratch tournaments, the bowler's current highest CTF average (minimum of 21 games).
   (c) If no current average of 21 or more games, the highest previous season's average (minimum of 21 games).
   (d) A bowler who does not have an acceptable CTF average for comparison is not eligible for average-related awards.

CTF Youth: To determine averages for award qualifications in the league's current season, use current average.
1. If less than three sessions have been bowled, use last season's final CTF average of three sessions or more, including summer leagues.
2. For a new bowler who has not bowled three sessions, use the average established after three sessions to determine eligibility for the first three sessions bowled.

Procedures for Recognition

Rule 55d. Awards will be provided when:

1. A completed application is submitted by the league secretary or tournament manager to the local association or CTF, and
2. It is determined that the provisions for the awards have been met.

Baker 300 Game Award

Rule 55e. All Baker System (see Baker System section for definitions) teams that bowl a game of 300 are eligible to receive a sponsor's award. Each team is eligible for one award during a CTF fiscal year (Aug. 1-July 31).

League Awards

Note: For Mixed Adult Leagues, in each of the following categories, there shall be two awards – one for the Men and one for the Women. The awards may or may not be gender-specific.

Most Improved Bowler Award

Rule 56. A CTF Achievement Award is issued annually to each league to provide recognition for the member who shows the greatest improvement in average in the league during its season.

Each league has the option of adopting its own rules to decide the award winner. However, in the absence of rules adopted by a league the following rules apply:

(a) To qualify for the award, a member must bowl at least two thirds of the games scheduled during the league's current season.

(b) A bowler's increase in average is determined by comparing the bowler's final average for the current season with that bowler's final or book average of at least 21 games for the preceding season in the same league.

(c) For a new member with an established average, compare the bowler's final average for the current season with that bowler's highest final or book average, based on at least 21 games, for the preceding season.

(d) For a bowler with no average for the preceding season, compare the bowler's final average for the current season with that bowler's average for the first 21 games during the current season. In leagues bowling 30 games or less, compare the player's final average with the average of the first 12 games.

When two or more members have the same full pin increase, the winner of the award is decided based on the percentage of a full pin.

EXAMPLE:	**Starting Ave.**	**Current Season**			
	(Use full pins only)	# of Games	Total Pins	Final Ave.	Increase
JONES	170	90	15,810	175.666	5.666
SMITH	162	105	17,600	167.619	5.619

High Series, High Game, High Average Awards

Rule 57. The high series, high game and high average awards are furnished by CTF to each CTF league to provide recognition for the CTF registered participant who bowls the highest series during the season. The award is to be given to the bowler who is eligible, regardless of how many league awards the bowler is qualified to receive.

In order to qualify for these awards, the following provisions apply, unless otherwise provided by league rule:

(a) The CTF registered participant must have bowled at least two-thirds of the games scheduled during the league's current season as a CTF registered participant. If a substitute later becomes a regular member of the league, the games bowled by him/her as a substitute shall be included in the required number of games. However, the scores bowled as a substitute shall not qualify for this award.

(b) Actual scores are to count in scratch leagues and for leagues using the team method of handicapping.

(c) Handicap scores are to count in leagues using the individual method of handicapping.

(d) In the event of a tie, extra pins must be carried out to a fraction of a pin to determine the highest average. Each bowler's total pinfall for the season should be divided by the number of games

bowled and should be carried over several decimal places. In the event a tie still exists after carrying the decimal points, the tied bowlers will receive an award.

Senior Awards

Rule 58. CTF senior league members are divided into four age brackets or classes. Unless the league/tournament rules state otherwise, prior to the start of the schedule, the age brackets or classes are:

Class A. . . . . Age 70 or over Class B . . . . . .Age 65 to 69
Class C. . . . . Age 60 to 64 Class D . . . . . Age 50 to 59

The CTF registered participant with the highest average in each class (based on a minimum number of games designated by the league) is the high average award winner. Award winners are determined in all classes that are included in a particular league. Additional awards will be provided upon request. The awards do not have class designations.)

Chapter IV
CTF League Rules

League - Qualifications

Rule 100a*. All leagues participating in the game of tenpins, must meet the following requirements:

1. Apply for sanctioning through the local association in whose jurisdiction it bowls.
2. Consist of four or more teams with the playing strength of one or more players per team as determined by league rule.
3. Bowl in accordance with a prearranged schedule.
4. Adopt rules and prize list (if any).
5. All players seeking CTF registration must be qualified under the bylaws of CTF, (See CTF Bylaws).
6. Provide for the designation of a team champion by the games bowled in scheduled competition.
7. Govern themselves by CTF rules. Other rules may be added, but must in no way conflict.

Three consecutive games are to be bowled by each team every time the league is scheduled to bowl, unless another number of games have been established by league rule. To be considered official in league play, all games must be bowled and conducted in strict compliance with the playing rules.

A league is temporarily sanctioned at the start of its current schedule for 30 days counting the first day of competition.

The league will be eligible for all registered participant services while temporarily sanctioned provided the lanes on which it bowls are certified, and its league application and registration fees are submitted on or before the end of the grace period.

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 100a.

100a/1 Is the bowling center required to provide an open lane(s) on either side of a league during league play?

CTF does not have a rule requiring open lanes be provided on either side of a league during league play. Whenever leagues have concerns regarding this issue, it is recommended the league officers, or a committee appointed by the league president, address the matter with center management.

100a/2 Can a 16-year-old bowl in a CTF adult league?

A 16-year-old may bowl in an adult league as long as they meet the eligibility requirements set by the league and the league accepts the youth. A Parental Consent Form (Rule 13) must be filed with the league secretary prior to bowling. This bowler is giving up their CTF Youth eligibility and may jeopardize the student's ability to participate in high school and/or college sports and/or scholarship eligibility.

Youth may participate in an adult singles league without jeopardizing CTF Youth eligibility provided the CTF Singles Competition Waiver Form is completed prior to participating in the league. The waiver replaces the Parental Consent Form and is also an agreement between the league and the youth bowler that cash prizes will be deposited with SAFE or waived.

The Parental Consent Form and CTF Singles Competition Waiver Form do not guarantee eligibility in high school or college sports. The high school athletic director and/or compliance officer should be consulted prior to allowing student athletes to participate in leagues that pay out cash prizes.

100a/3 Can a league limit participation to men only or women only?

Leagues determine their own eligibility requirements. There are leagues that are male only, female only, exclusive to postal workers, firefighters, police, union, church, etc. Any league intending to limit participation to specific individuals should specify this requirement in the rules and in the title.

100a/4 How is the length of the league schedule determined?

The length of the schedule and other commercial aspects of the game (such as price of bowling, time, number of teams, etc.) are matters to be negotiated by the league and the proprietor. Because a proprietor has specific rights as an independent business person, CTF has no jurisdiction over these commercial aspects, but does have a vital concern on how leagues are conducted. CTF rules enable a league to decide on the length of the league schedule based on any agreement with the proprietor. It is important to come to an agreement on these matters before the season begins.

When there is no written contract between the league and the proprietor, verbal commitments are just as binding. We urge all CTF leagues to honor their contracts, whether verbal or written. If questions arise about commercial matters, the president, secretary or committee appointed by the president should meet with the proprietor to discuss the matter.

100a/5 May a league adopt a rule prohibiting league members from coming early to practice on the lanes they are scheduled to bowl on in league play?

CTF does not have a rule prohibiting practice games before league play. Because the league has no jurisdiction until play has commenced, this type of rule may be an infringement on the proprietor's rights as an independent business person. Therefore, if the league wanted to adopt a rule, the proprietor would have to be consulted first and agree to this type of restriction.

Mixed Leagues

Rule 100b. A mixed league is one in which both women and men participate and identifies it as mixed. Teams may be composed of all women, all men or both women and men.

Traveling Leagues

Rule 100c*. A league scheduled to bowl in more than one bowling centre is a traveling league. In traveling leagues bowling in more than one association, the league application shall be filed through the association decided upon by majority vote of the team captains.

Players in a traveling league are required to join the association through which the league is affiliated if they have not already applied for a current season's registration through another association. Final averages shall be submitted to the association through which the league is affiliated.

A traveling league that includes international competition and bowls a portion of its schedule in certified centres as well as centres outside the jurisdiction of CTF shall be eligible to apply for sanctioning. In such leagues, all CTF general playing and league rules must apply. CTF high score award and average recognition shall be provided for scores bowled by CTF registered participants in CTF certified centres. Only players whose home lanes are within CTF jurisdiction would be required to obtain CTF registration.

Closed Leagues

Rule 100d. A closed league is one in which membership is drawn exclusively from religious, fraternal, civic, employment, military or similar local organizations having a common interest. An interchange of membership is allowed within the league. All questions of eligibility shall be decided by the CTF

Bowlers from a closed CTF league bowling in other CTF leagues must hold individual CTF registrations.

Handicap Leagues

Rule 100e. Handicapping is a means of placing bowlers and teams with varying degrees of skill on as equitable a basis as possible for scheduled competition. CTF league rules shall apply to all CTF handicap leagues, in addition to the following:

1. The percentage shall be 100% unless otherwise provided by league rule.
2. When the rules are adopted, each handicap league shall decide whether the individual or team method of handicapping will be used.
3. Handicap shall be figured from the average of each bowler as provided by league rule. In the absence of a league rule, handicap shall be figured on 120 until a current average has been established. Handicap shall not be limited, unless otherwise provided by league rule.
4. The combined current average of each of the players bowling on a team shall be the team average.
5. When figuring handicap or averages, fractions are to be dropped.
6. A handicap game or series shall not be capped unless provided by league rule. If a league adopts such a rule, a game or series cannot be capped below the highest possible scratch score.

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 100g.

100g/1 What is a good handicap percentage for a league with members who have a wide range of averages?

One hundred percent of the difference between a bowler's average and a base higher than any average within the league is a good percentage to balance the disparity in averages.

One hundred percent handicap basically makes the competition a "pins over average" competition, because if the two teams bowl average they will be tied.

CTF Youth: The following rules shall apply in place of items 1 to 5

(a) The percentage shall be 100% unless otherwise provided by league rule and shall not be limited.

(b) For the first session a bowler participates in at the start of a league season their handicap shall be figured after their current average has been established. All other sessions will be figured on their current average.

Senior Leagues

Rule 100f. A senior league is composed of participants who are 50 years of age or over. Senior league bowlers are eligible for all CTF awards and services, and they are also entitled to any special senior awards provided by CTF

A senior league may, by rule, allow members' spouses under the age of 50 to compete in the league, but such bowlers will not qualify for CTF senior league individual awards.

Summer Leagues

Rule 100g. A league that starts after March 15 and before August 1 is a summer league. Registered participants who paid their fees previously in a regular league are eligible to bowl in CTF summer leagues.

If the league schedule extends beyond October 1, every member of the league must be in possession of or provide proof of payment of the current season's CTF registration fees in keeping with the provisions of Rule 101a.

Modified Format Leagues

Rule 100h*. CTF may sanction league competition in which a modified game of tenpins is played.

All WB equipment specifications shall apply to such competition, and the rules for leagues shall apply insofar as practical. Games bowled using the modified format shall not be included in averages established in league play for entry in standard tenpin competition.

Only awards scores bowled using the standard tenpin scoring system as described in Rule 3a qualify for CTF Awards. Members are not eligible for any award based on their average.

> ***NOTE: For types and descriptions of modified formats, see the CTF League Officers' Manual, which is posted on tenpincanada.com.***

Match Point System

Rule 100i. Leagues that decide team position standings by awarding individual match points and points for team scores must follow these rules unless the league has adopted a different procedure:

1. The team scheduled on the odd lane enters its lineup first.
2. No change may be made in the order of players in the lineup during a series. A substitute must take the replaced bowler's position in the lineup. In CTF Youth Leagues lineups may be rotated if league rules permit to allow bowlers to compete against each bowler on the other team.
3. When bowling against an absentee or vacancy, to earn the individual points the bowler must bowl at least their average less ten (10) pins, unless the league rules have stated another number.
4. If each team has the same number of absentees and/or vacancies, the players present must be placed in opposition to each other for individual matches and the winning team credited with the points for the absentees/vacancies.

If one of two teams has an absentee or vacancy and a player on the opposing team is unable to complete the series, any game in progress shall be completed with no change in the competing team's lineup. However, the lineup of the team that lost its player must be changed if necessary, to comply with the provision of Item 4 above for any subsequent game(s) in the series.

Mail-o-graphic League

Rule 100j. A mail-o-graphic league is one in which scores are submitted from separate or the same competition, bowling establishment or association and is compared to qualify for prizes in one common prize list. All scores are submitted to the league secretary who enters the scores and determines team and/or individual standings. All scores used must be from sanctioned competition.

CTF will sanction such leagues provided:

1. All WB equipment specifications apply.
2. All rules for CTF leagues shall apply insofar as applicable.
3. Application must designate league as a mail-o-graphic league.
4. Individuals are not required to join the association through which the league is sanctioned if already a registered participant through another association.

As the scores used in mail-o-graphic competition are already recognized in the sanctioned competition in which they are actually bowled, they are not eligible for CTF national awards or average recognition.

Youth Leagues

Rule 100k. Youth leagues may not offer as prizes cash or bonds of any amount or merchandise valued at over $500.00.

> ***NOTE: There are no limits on scholarship amounts or entry fees that must be paid directly to the tournament director/manager, and reimbursement of actual travel expenses into the next higher level of competition of any tournament or event. (Receipts must be provided upon request).***

Registration Fee Payment Requirements

Rule 101a. All bowlers participating in CTF leagues must complete an individual CTF registration application and pay or have paid CTF fees and the required association registration fees (national, provincial and local) in effect for the current season.
Those paying fees in another league that starts its schedule after the first night of competition in the league in which the application is being submitted shall so indicate on the individual registration application form and provide proof of payment of fees through the other league.
See General Playing Rule 13 for parental consent requirement for grade or high school students under the age of 18.

NOTE: This rule also applies to substitute players entering a CTF league.

Team Player not a CTF Registered Participant
Rule 101b. Any team using a player who has not satisfied CTF registration eligibility before completion of the next scheduled league session shall subject the games in which the bowler participated to forfeiture.
CTF Youth: Leagues shall be comprised of males and females, unless otherwise provided by league rule. Leagues are organized by age division or ability as stated in the league rules. Where the league has authorized mentally challenged members to participate, the upper age limit shall be waived for those members. CTF Youth leagues may not offer as prizes cash or bonds of any amount or merchandise valued at over $500.00.

NOTE: CTF Youth Leagues and tournaments may adopt rules prohibiting the promotion of alcohol and tobacco products.

SUGGESTED GUIDELINE FOR ORGANIZING LEAGUES BASED ON AGE *
(As of **August 1** of the current season)
Divisions may be combined

Bantams.	8 years of age and under
Preps	9 through 11 years of age
Juniors	12 through 14 years of age
Intermediate	15 through 17 years of age
Seniors	18 through 21 years of age

*** LEAGUES MAY ALSO BE ORGANIZED BY ABILITY.**

Adult-Youth Leagues
Rule 101c. CTF Youth registered participants bowling with adults in leagues where no cash or bonds are offered, and awards to both adult and youth bowlers conform to awards permitted under the CTF Youth Eligibility Rule (Rule 100k) may also be sanctioned by CTF.

NOTE: Any form of gambling by adult members may jeopardize CTF Youth registration, eligibility and/or amateur standing. (See Rule 100k.)

CTF Youth Moral Support Leagues
Rule 101d.

Scholastic League
A Scholastic League is comprised of CTF Youth registered participants and non-registered participants that belong to a specific scholastic group. Scholastic league status will be issued provided:
1. Entry is limited to those affiliated with the organization conducting the league.
2. A group has an athletic association restriction. (When there is no restriction, then the league cannot be a scholastic league.)
3. Anyone under suspension from, or who has been refused registration in CTF, USBC, ABC, WIBC, or YABA will not be allowed to participate.

Fraternal League
A Fraternal League is comprised of CTF Youth registered participants and non-registered participants who belong to a specific national youth organization. Fraternal league status will be issued provided:
1. Entry is limited to those affiliated with the organization conducting the league.
2. The national youth organization has a non-profit status.

3. Anyone under suspension from, or who has been refused registration in CTF, ABC, WIBC or YABA, will not be allowed to participate.

Permission

Once permission has been granted for these leagues, the following must be forwarded to CTF National.

1. Moral Support League form, which can be obtained by contacting CTF National.
2. For Scholastic Leagues, a copy of the athletic association rules stating the restriction that their members are prohibited from being mandated to obtain other registrations.
3. For Fraternal Leagues, a copy of their non-profit approval.

CTF Youth registered participants may bowl in moral support leagues with award recognition automatically extended. Prior to participation, eligible non-registered participants may qualify for CTF Youth award recognition by purchasing a CTF Youth registration and paying the applicable CTF fees.

CTF Youth Scholarship Leagues

Rule 101e. A league may offer scholarships as awards. The following procedures must be completed within 30 days following completion of a scholarship league schedule:

1. A record of all scholarship funds collected and deposited in a separate scholarship account requiring two (2) signatures for withdrawals and forwarded to CTF National.
2. Provide to the Local Association Manager the scholarship awards list, winners list, information on how the scholarship will be managed and the name of and how to contact the administrator.
3. Provide the winners with information in writing on how to apply for funds.

Officers

Rule 102a. Each league shall elect the following officers:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

A sergeant-at-arms may be elected, and only the offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined. Two members of an immediate family cannot serve as president, treasurer or secretary/treasurer; or vice president and treasurer or secretary-treasurer of the same league or co-sign for withdrawals from a league account.

Either league members or non-league members may hold league office. When the league requires an officer to be a league member, the board of directors shall decide whether the officer will be allowed to complete the term of office if no longer a league member. All league officers must be registered participants of CTF.

Failure to perform any of the officer duties is cause for removal from office and/or suspension of CTF registration.

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 102a.

102a/1 I was at our league's organizational meeting and the league elected the treasurer's husband as their president. Is this legal?
No, two immediate family members cannot hold the offices of president or vice-president and secretary-treasurer or treasurer in the same league. Therefore, one of these officers must resign and the league board (officers and team captains) proceeds in voting in a new officer.

102a/2 How should a league handle complaints regarding problems occurring within the bowling center?
When the league has concerns regarding lanes, equipment, loud music, etc., the league officers, or a committee appointed by the league president, may discuss the problem with center management in an effort to resolve the matter.

102a/3 Who is considered immediate family? What if they are no longer in the same household?
Members of an immediate family include mothers, daughters, sisters, wives, husbands, sons, brothers, fathers, stepsisters, stepbrothers, stepmothers, stepfathers and in-laws. Same gender spouses are considered immediate family.

Two members of an immediate family cannot serve as president or vice-president and secretary-treasurer or treasurer of the same league or co-sign for withdrawals from a league account, even if they do not reside in the same household.

Vacancies in Office

Rule 102b. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by the board of directors.

Duties of the President

Rule 102c. The president shall perform the following duties:

1. Preside at all league meetings.
2. Enforce all rules and regulations of the league.
3. Arrange to have an account set up in a recognized banking institution in the name of the league with the signatures of at least two officers required for all withdrawals.
4. Appoint a prize committee and an auditing committee, as well as any other committees needed during the season.
5. Arrange to have the prize committee submit one or more prize lists for consideration, by the fifth week. (See Rule 117a.)
6. Personally, verify the league bank balance monthly.

NOTE: "Verify" means the president must not only determine the amount on deposit, but also do the arithmetic necessary to determine how much should be on deposit. If the account is found to be short, the president must report the shortage immediately to bowling headquarters for possible action under the bonding insurance policy.

Audit Committee responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

RECEIPTS: Verify the amount and date of deposits. DISBURSEMENTS: Review canceled cheques and supporting documents to determine that expenditures are proper.

All cheques must bear the signatures of two authorized co-signers. Cheques should not be made out to cash. The chequebook should be reviewed to verify entries made and to reconcile the appropriate bank statements. Review the financial statement prepared by the treasurer to insure it is a fair representation of the league's finances.

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 102c.

102c/1 Our league president and treasurer are best friends. Due to their relationship, is the president still required to verify the league's bank balance on a monthly basis?

Yes, the friendship or relationship does not excuse the president from his/her responsibility of personally verifying the league account each month. Failure to verify this information monthly could affect the league's bonding coverage.

102c/2 As president, I receive our league account bank statement each month and verify the league's bank balance. Do I have to do anything else?

Yes, you must also look at the treasurer's records to determine if all funds paid are accounted for. For example, some individuals may be behind in fees, while others may have paid for the entire season. The amount on deposit must be the amount received by the league. Also, you need to appoint an audit committee. The audit committee should check the treasurer's records at specified times during the season to verify that incomes, expenditures, balances and records have been accurately kept.

102c/3 Who has the right to request an audit?

Any member of the league has the right to request an audit. The request should be done in writing to the league president along with information to support or justify the audit.

102c/4 Can a league conduct more than one audit?

Yes, the minimum requirement for audits is one audit must be completed no earlier than one month prior to the league payout. A league may conduct an earlier audit(s) but still must have the end of season audit within one month of the league payout.

Duties of the Vice President

Rule 102d. In the absence of the president, the vice president shall perform the duties of the president.

Duties of the Secretary

Rule 102e. In addition to the duties specified by the board of directors, the secretary shall:

(1) Have every participant complete a CTF registration card application and collect appropriate registration fees.

(2) Forward the annual registration fees with completed league application and registration card applications to the Local Association Manager within 30 days after the league begins to bowl. Registration card applications and applicable fees for additional members shall also be forwarded to the Local Association Manager within 30 days of receipt.

(3) Keep minutes of all league meetings, handle all correspondence for the league, and notify the members or team captains of all league meetings.

(4) Have a current standing sheet available for the members to see at each league session. The standing sheet shall also contain the averages for each member, and any scores eligible for special prizes the league awards.
(5) Be responsible for a record of the scores bowled by all team members and substitutes, and report scores that are eligible for CTF national, provincial or local association awards. Submit a completed award application within 20 days. Notify the Local Association Manager or authorized representative within 48 hours of scores that are eligible for CTF honor score recognition.
(6) Give each member of the board a copy of the league rules and prize list and see that the league schedule is either posted in the bowling centre or given to each team captain.
(7) Give a copy of the final standing sheet to the league treasurer so the awards can be distributed.
(8) Turn over to the newly elected officer all league records, such as minutes of meetings, copies of rules and prize lists, league property, etc.
(9) At the end of the league's season (including playoffs), provide a list of individual averages to the Local Association Manager. The list must show the full names and CTF ID numbers of all bowlers who competed in the league, the number of games bowled, total pinfall and average for each bowler. The Local Association may request this list prior to the end of the league season, but they may not request it any earlier than May 31st.
(10) On request of the local association or CTF, provide a list of names and addresses of the league officers; and the names of captains and members in the league.

NOTE: In leagues using a computer and/or average service, the elected secretary remains responsible for all the duties specified in Rule 102e.

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 102e.

102e/1 Who has the right to see the league records?
Although the secretary and treasurer are responsible for maintaining an accurate and complete account of scores and finances, the records are league property. Therefore, all league members have the right to see the records. However, so as not to disrupt bowling, arrangements should be made to view the records either before or after bowling, or at some other time agreeable to the officer(s).

102e/2 Can a proprietor require our league to use and pay for the secretarial services provided by the center?
Yes. This and other proprietor provided services are issues negotiated between the league and the center. Although a proprietor can provide the service, it is up to the board of directors to determine if the league will utilize it. However, whether the league uses the service or not, the proprietor may still require payment. In cases where the league utilizes a secretarial service provided by the bowling center, the league is still required to elect a secretary and treasurer. These officials are required to ensure that all duties as specified in Rule 102e and Rule 102f are fulfilled.

102e/3 Our bowling league utilizes the center's secretarial service. Do we still need to elect a league secretary?
Yes, Rule 102a requires each league to elect a secretary. Since the league utilizes the center's secretarial service, the league secretary should work together with the bowling center and is responsible for ensuring that all duties listed under Rule 102e are being properly fulfilled.

102e/4 How long must league records be maintained?
CTF does not have any rule regarding how long the secretary's records (i.e., minutes, prize lists, copies of recaps and standings sheets, league rules, etc.) should be kept. This is an issue to be determined by each league. Recap sheets can be destroyed after the season has been completed and all records have been finalized. However, Rule 102e, Item 8, requires this information to be turned over to the newly elected officer when there is a change in league officers.

As to the treasurer's records, Rule 102f, Item 7, requires all financial records, whether in the possession of the former officer or newly elected officer, be retained for at least one year following the completion of the schedule.

Duties of Treasurer

Rule 102f. The treasurer shall perform the following duties:
1. Establish a bank account in the name of the league with the signatures of at least two officers needed for withdrawals.
2. Arrange to have all league funds deposited within one week of receipt.
3. Be responsible for a complete accounting of all receipts and disbursements. On the request of the president or board, furnish a current financial statement to each team captain.
4. Distribute all prizes within 21 days after the end of the league schedule unless:
5. The board has set another time for distributing prizes, or
6. CTF has authorized holding up payment pending settlement of a claim or protest affecting prize distribution.
7. When the prizes are distributed, give each team captain and/or member a detailed financial statement, showing all income received on behalf of the league and an accounting of all money

disbursed. The financial statement must also show the prizes distributed and list to whom they were awarded.
8. Turn over all financial records to the newly-elected officer upon election.
9. All financial records, whether in possession of the former officer or newly-elected officer, shall be retained for at least 120 days following completion of the league schedule.

Duties of Sergeant-at-Arms
Rule 102g. The sergeant-at-arms shall perform such duties as may be required by the president or the board of directors.

CTF Youth Officers/Duties
Rule 102h. Each CTF Youth league, where a majority of the participants is comprised of youths 14 years or older, is required to hold an election of officers from the league participants prior to the start of the league schedule:
1. President - Presides at all meetings of the league and shall appoint, with assistance of the league official and/or supervisor, such committees as necessary. President also assists the league supervisor with their duties.
2. Vice president - In the absence of the president, performs the duties of that office.
3. Secretary – Keeps minutes during all meetings and assists the league official with their duties.
4. Treasurer – Assists with the financial duties of the league official as allowable by bonding requirements.

The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. This rule will be waived for high school conference leagues if it conflicts with their Provincial High School Athletic Association rules. The league participants elect the youth officers by majority vote.

NOTE: Only youth who are old enough to enter a contract by law can be bonded.

CTF Youth League Supervision
Rule 102i. The league shall be under the supervision of an adult league official/supervisor who shall operate the youth league in cooperation with the bowling centre management and a league board of directors, if applicable. (See Rule 103c.)

CTF League Supervisor/Duties
Rule 102j. The league supervisor is designated by the organizer of the league (bowling centre or other organizer), and is responsible to:
1. Enforce all rules and regulations of the league.
2. Set up an account with a recognized banking institution in the name of the league with at least two signatures required for withdrawals as defined by bonding requirements.
3. Co-sign for withdrawal of funds from the league's account(s).
4. Verify the account(s) monthly.
5. Grant pre-bowls and postponements, unless the authority is given to an appointed committee or the league official.

NOTE: The league supervisor and league official cannot be immediate family members.

CTF Youth League Official/Duties
Rule 102k. The league official is selected by the organizer of the league and is responsible to:
1. Have every member complete an Individual Registration Card and collect the appropriate registration fees.
2. Forward the league application, Individual Registration Cards and the appropriate registration fees within 30 days of the start of the schedule to the Local Association Manager.
3. Forward additional Individual Registration Cards and the appropriate registration fees within 30 days of receipt to the Local Association Manager.
4. Enforce all league rules and regulations.
5. File a written report of all rule violations to the local association for possible disciplinary action. (See Rule 800)
6. Keep minutes of all meetings, unless a secretary is elected.

7. Unless the league has a board of directors, work with the league supervisor to adopt rules prior to the start of the schedule. Post or provide a copy of the league rules to each team.
8. Collect all league fees.
9. Arrange to have all league funds deposited within seven (7) days of receipt.
10. Maintain a complete accounting of all receipts, disbursements and an end of the season financial statement. On request of the league supervisor and/or board, furnish a current financial statement.
11. Co-sign for withdrawal of funds from the league's account(s).
12. Keep an accurate record of all individual and team scores, and have available current averages and team standings or positions.
13. Adopt an awards list stating how awards fees collected will be disbursed within the first five weeks of league play, unless the league has a board of directors. (See Rule 121).
14. Report all scores qualified for national, provincial or local awards. Award applications must be forwarded within 10 days of the date the score is bowled, to the Local Association Manager or to CTF
15. Present all awards within 21 days of completion of the league schedule, unless CTF has authorized holding distribution pending settlement of a claim or protest affecting award distribution.
16. Keep all records of the league and turn them over to the new league official.

> ***NOTE: The records of the league are league property. Members, parents/guardians have the right to see the records. Official award forms or acceptable printouts should be used when applying for awards.***

Board of Directors/Management

Rule 103a. The board of directors shall be the governing body of the league and shall consist of the officers and team captains.

A captain may name another team member to act as the team representative at board of directors meetings. Each member of the board is entitled to one vote whether an officer of the league, a team representative or both. A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, unless otherwise stated in the league rules.

Board of Directors/Duties

Rule 103b. The board of directors shall be responsible for:

1. Making decisions on all matters arising in the league, and
2. Deciding all protests involving CTF or league rules.

The decision of the league board is final unless an appeal is made under the provisions of Rule 119.

> ***NOTE: When a team and/or individual is found to be ineligible under league or CTF rules, the game shall be forfeited unless there is a decision to declare the game null and void. In the latter case a decision shall also be made as to whether the game shall be re-bowled.***

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 103b.

103b/1 When games bowled are protested, what decisions may the board make?

The board should first determine if the protest was filed within the time limits prescribed in Rule 119. If the protest is timely, the board can by majority vote declare game(s)

a. **Forfeited:** If a rule was violated.
b. **Null and void and rebowled:** If a rule was violated, but was not complied with due to misinformation or mitigating circumstances. If games are declared null and void, the board should make another decision as to whether the games should be rebowled.
c. **Stand as bowled:** If it is found there is no cause for action.

103b/2 The board decides to null and void the games of two teams involved in a protest.

What happens to the original games bowled?

Both team and individual records are eliminated. This includes wins and losses, averages, prize consideration, etc. In other words, a null and void game no longer exists, except for CTF award recognition. (See the note below.) The series scores are deleted from the bowlers' average records as of the date of the decision.

For example, if an individual bowled a 498 series December 3 and the board ruled the match null and void January 7, the 498 series is subtracted from the total pins in the average record and total number of games as of January 7. A new average is computed. The same holds true for all other bowlers with games declared null and void. When the match is rescheduled, the current average is used for handicapping purposes and lineup changes may be made.

103b/3 What if fees are never paid and the prize fund is short? What course of action can the league follow?

This would be a matter for referral to the board under Rule 103b. Generally, when a shortage occurs because a team member did not pay fees, the shortage is deducted from the individual's share of the team prize money at the end of the season. If the shorted amount is excessive and not covered by the individual's prize money, the loss could be prorated and a small amount would be taken from the prize money of each team in the league. The league has the option to file charges against the member under Rule 115b.

103b/4 At the organizational meeting there was discussion and a vote taken regarding an adoption of a rule, but the rule did not appear in the printed rules. What can be done to correct this?

It is not unusual for a league to adopt a rule and then have the rule inadvertently omitted when the rules are prepared for distribution. Under these circumstances, it is permissible for the board to meet to review the organizational meeting minutes in accordance with Rule 103b. The board members can also be asked to ratify what happened at the organizational meeting by majority vote.

If a majority of the board determines the rule was actually discussed and voted on at the organizational meeting, and it was inadvertently omitted when the rules were typed, the rule is binding and added to the existing rules. In this situation, the league is not adding, deleting or changing the existing rules, only clarifying what is adopted, so written consent from every team captain is not needed.

CTF Youth

Rule 103c. Each CTF Youth league where a majority of participants is comprised of youths 14 years or older, is required to have a youth board of directors comprised of the league officers, team captains or their designated representative, and the league supervisor and/or official. The board is responsible to:

1. Adopt league rules at an organizational meeting before the league begins.
2. Adopt an awards list within 5 weeks of the start of the league schedule.
3. Decide all protests involving league and CTF rules. (See Rule 119).

To conduct business, a quorum or a majority of the board must be present along with the league supervisor or official.

NOTE: When the board of directors is comprised of league members, adults other than the league official and supervisor are considered advisors.

Team Captain's Authority

Rule 104a, A team captain is a member of the league authorized to organize and enter a team in league play. The captain is the team representative and shall perform the following duties:

1. Determine the members of the roster and be responsible for the eligibility of the team and its members under the rules of the league and CTF
2. Collect CTF, national, local and provincial dues, where applicable, from each member of the team and remit such fees to the league secretary.
3. Be responsible for the conduct and attendance of the team in league play. It is within the captain's authority to permanently remove any player from the team. If requested, good and sufficient reason for the removal must be furnished to the board.

4. Enter the lineup in the computer and/or on the recap sheet before the start of each scheduled series.
5. Sign the recap score sheets and have the scores verified by the opposing captain, (See Rule 116a regarding obvious errors.)
6. Be responsible for the collection of league fees from each member of the team for remittance to the league treasurer.
7. Pay each member of the team within 15 days after receiving prize money in accordance with verbal or written agreements. The league board shall decide a dispute over prize money distribution.

CTF Youth- Team Captain's Authority
Each team elects its own captain, who is a member of the league's board of directors in a league where a majority of participants is comprised of youth, 14 years or older. The captain collects bowling fees and gives them to the league official, unless the league uses another method for payment of league fees. The captain signs the recap sheet verifying the accuracy of the scores.

Team Franchise and Roster
Rule 104b. A team franchise (team spot) in the league shall be held by the team captain as long as the captain is acceptable to the majority of the league board of directors. A franchise cannot be recalled during the season without sufficient cause.
The rosters of all teams shall automatically disband at the end of the season and the league secretary must be notified of the captain's intention to retain the franchise on or before a date set by the league. Failure to do so will result in the franchise returning to the control of the board of directors.

Legal Lineup
Rule 105a. A legal lineup in league play is:
1. Three or more eligible players in five-player team leagues.
2. Two or more eligible players in either three or four-player team leagues.
3. One eligible player in two-player team leagues.

A league may include in its rules the number of players from a team's roster who must be present to count toward a legal lineup. Substitutes count to determine a legal lineup unless otherwise provided by league rule.
A five-player team league may adopt a rule that two or more eligible players are required for a legal lineup. A three or four-player team league may adopt a rule that only one eligible player is required for a legal lineup.

Absentee and Vacancy Scores
Rule 105b. Leagues may adopt rules for absentee or vacancy scores and handicaps to decide league games, subject to the following:
1. Absentee or vacancy scores may be used only when a legal lineup is present.
2. Absentee or vacancy scores may not replace scores bowled by an ineligible player.
3. In a singles league, no vacancy scores shall be used. Absentee scores will not be permitted, unless otherwise provided by league rule.
4. A vacancy score is to be used when a team has an incomplete roster. The vacancy score shall be 120 (CTF Youth leagues will use the average of the lowest average bowler on the opposing team's roster) unless the league rules state another number. In handicap leagues, the handicap must be based on the vacancy score used.
5. An absentee score is to be used when a member is absent and a substitute is not obtained.

The following provisions apply unless otherwise provided by league rule:

(a) The absentee score for each game shall be the absent member's current average less 10 pins. In handicap leagues, the handicap shall be based on the absent member's current average.

(b) Teams with additional players on the roster shall use the absentee score of the absent player with the:

i) Most games bowled.
ii) Lowest absentee score when the absentees have the same number of games bowled.
iii) Next highest number of games bowled when two scores are needed.

(c) When a team has an absent member without an established average, a score of 120 will be used. In handicap leagues, the handicap shall be based on the score of 120.

League Series - How Bowled

Rule 106a*. Two lanes immediately adjoining each other shall be used in each game of league play. The first game of a series shall start on the lane where the team is scheduled with each succeeding game starting on the lane where the team finished its previous game. At the option of the league, each game may be bowled on a different pair of lanes, but a full game must be bowled on each pair.

Order of Bowling

Rule 106b*. Members of competing teams shall successively and in regular order bowl one frame on one lane, and for the next frame alternate and use the other lane until five frames are bowled on each lane of the pair.

No changes can be made in the order of players after the start of a game.

When a team bowls against another team or alone, the next frame may be started prior to completion of the previous frame, unless the league rules state otherwise.

Interrupted Game

Rule 106c*. If equipment failure on a pair of lanes would delay the progress of a series, league officers can:

1. Authorize the game and series to be completed on another pair of certified lanes; or
2. Authorize the game and/or series to be bowled on one lane when another pair of certified lanes is not available. However, when the original pair or another pair of certified lanes becomes available, the team(s) may resume play on a pair of lanes.

An interrupted game and series shall be resumed from the point of interruption. A league official may authorize participants on the pair to practice prior to resuming the game/series.

When authorized, the requirements of Rules 106a and 106b do not apply.

> ***NOTE: Scores bowled while using one lane or when practice is given shall qualify for CTF award recognition.***

Tardy Players

Rule 106d*. Unless otherwise provided by league rule, a player who arrives late may be permitted to bowl after a game has started under these conditions:

1. The player shall begin play with the score to count beginning with the frame then being bowled by the team.
2. The player shall receive one-tenth of the absentee score for each frame not bowled.
3. Partial games shall not be used in determining a bowler's average unless league rules require the secretary to maintain averages based on the actual frames bowled by each player.

Bowling Out

Rule 106e. A bowler may finish any one game of a series before teammates or opponents, unless league rules do not permit bowling out except in cases of an emergency or being prearranged based on a good cause.

> ***NOTE: A player bowling out should do so while the others continue to bowl. The player should bowl on each lane immediately after the previous bowler completes the frame, so that the progress of the game is not delayed.***

Competition Limited to One Team

Rule 107a*. Under no conditions may a player bowl on more than one team in the same scheduled game. In addition, a player may not compete on more than one team in the same league for each of the regularly scheduled games in a series, unless otherwise provided by league rule.

> ***NOTE: Once a player records scores, whether pre-bowled, post bowled or at the regularly scheduled time, the player's eligibility for that series has been exhausted. The posted scores must be utilized in figuring team and individual standings, unless declared null and void by the league's board of directors.***

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 107a.

109a/1 Can "declared scores" be used by a bowler more than once?

Scores cannot be declared for a second or more times by a bowler to be used at another time or another sanctioned league. This includes league bowling and pre-bowling scores.

Transferring between Teams

Rule 107b. A bowler listed on a team's roster and whose scores have counted, may transfer to another team in the league during the season provided two-thirds (2/3) of the league's team captains agree to the transfer.

This provision does not apply to CTF closed leagues, or to any league that adopts its own rule to govern transfers.

Substitutes and/or Replacements

Rule 107c*. A substitute is a bowler who replaces another who is scheduled to participate in a CTF league, or bowls for a team with an incomplete roster. Scores bowled by a substitute shall count for the games bowled. A substitute must be a CTF registered participant, a provincial and a local association, where required.

The following shall apply to substitutes and/or replacements:

1. A substitute may bowl with any team in the league, but may not compete on more than one team in the same league for any regularly scheduled games each week, unless otherwise provided by league rule. (See Rule 107a.)
2. The average of a substitute shall be kept. Should a substitute later be added to a team's roster, her/his average shall be continued.
3. Scores bowled through the efforts of more than one individual player shall not qualify for league, CTF individual awards. (See Rule 118b for average information.)
4. In mixed leagues, a substitute or replacement may be of either gender, unless otherwise provided by league rules.
5. A player removed from a game cannot return to bowl in the same game.
6. Substitutes are not required to pay league fees, unless otherwise provided by league rule.
7. Substitutes are not entitled to attend league meetings.
8. When a substitution is made during a game, as provided in Item 10, the game score counts only for team score, unless otherwise provided by league rule.
9. A team must be allowed to add a replacement when its roster is less than the playing strength of the league.
10. A captain may replace any player at any time during a game with another eligible player, unless the league adopted a rule denying this privilege.
11. A team using a substitute is eligible for all high team prizes.
12. In CTF Youth Leagues any CTF Youth registered participant not scheduled to bowl with their own team may substitute on any other team in the league. In addition substitutes present and not needed on a team may bowl for average and CTF Youth awards.

NOTE: When a substitution is made during a game in a handicap league, each player receives 1/10 of her/his single game handicap for each frame bowled. For example, an original player with a single game handicap of 19 pins completes six frames and a substitute with a single game handicap of 22 pins completes the remaining four frames:
Original player 1/10 of 19 = 1.9 pins x 6 frames = 11.4 or 11 pins.
Substitute player 1/10 of 22 = 2.2 pins x 4 frames = 8.8 pins or 8 pins.
The fraction is dropped from each individual's handicap not from each frame.
In leagues using the team method of handicapping, the same procedure is used. Determine the team handicap with the original player and with the substitute in the lineup. Then apply the handicap based on the number of frames completed by each player.

Pacers
Rule 107d*. A pacer is a bowler who fills in to balance the rotation of the teams, but whose scores do not count. Scores bowled as a pacer shall not be included in the average records. Pacers are allowed unless otherwise provided by league rule. If a pacer is a CTF registered participant, they shall be eligible for all CTF individual awards.

Failure to Complete Game
Rule 108a. When a player is unable to complete a game because of disability, injury or emergency, and another eligible player is not available, the team shall count the actual score for the frames bowled plus one-tenth of the league's absentee score for each remaining frame in the game. (See Rule 118b for average information.) A player who leaves a game cannot return to bowl in the same game.

> ***NOTE: For computing score: Take actual score for frames bowled; credit 10 pins for a strike or spare in last frame bowled. Add 1/10 of league's absentee score for each of the remaining frames. For example, if absentee score is bowler's average less 10: Absentee score, 145; 1/10 of 145 = 14.5 X 3 frames = 43.5. Drop fraction and add 43 to actual score for 7 frames bowled. The fraction is dropped after the total amount is figured, and not from each frame.***

Failure to Complete Game Without Cause
108b. When a player does not complete a game for reasons other than disability, injury or emergency, the player's team shall count zero for each remaining frame in the game. (See Rule 118b for average information.)
If there is any doubt of a player's reason for not being able to continue a game, the league board of directors shall decide. A player who leaves a game cannot return to bowl in the same game.

Missed Frames
Rule 108c. A player who starts a game and then misses frames due to an emergency may return to bowl before completion of the same game and make up the frames missed, unless the league rules:
1. Require a player to enter the game at the frame being bowled by the team.
2. Do not allow a player to return to bowl.

Rule 108a must be applied for missed frames that are not made up in the same game.

Forfeit - Lack of Legal Lineup
Rule 109a. When less than a minimum legal lineup is present to complete the first frame of any game of a series, the game shall be forfeited unless a league has a rule to allow the required number of players for a minimum legal lineup to enter the game by a designated frame. A frame shall be considered completed when all bowlers present on each team have made their last deliveries in that frame.

> **Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 109a.**
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> **109a/1 If a league does not adopt a rule designating the number of regular members for a legal lineup, is it acceptable to have just one regular member plus substitutes?**
> Substitutes are considered eligible players for a minimum legal lineup unless the league adopts a rule requiring a specific number of regular members to be present. If such a rule is not adopted, any number of substitutes could count toward a legal lineup.
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> **109a/2 Can a league adopt a rule stating a legal lineup must be present at the start of a game or at a designated time?**
> A team has until the completion of the first frame, or a select frame other than the first, to field a legal lineup. Therefore, it is not permissible to require a team to have a legal lineup present at the start of a game or at a designated time.

Forfeit - Failure to Appear
Rule 109b. When one of two teams scheduled against each other fails to present a minimum legal lineup and postponement was not requested, the game(s) are forfeited unless there was an emergency that could not be controlled by the team. The postponement committee or board of directors shall decide whether an emergency existed and, if so, the match shall be rescheduled under

the postponement rules. Decisions made by the postponement committee can be appealed to the league's board of directors.

Forfeit - Lack of Legal Lineup on Both Teams
Rule 109c. If two teams scheduled to bowl each other do not have legal lineups and were not granted a postponement, both teams shall forfeit these games unless an emergency existed or the board directs that the match be re-bowled.

Forfeit - League Fee Arrearages
Rule 109d. A league can adopt a rule to declare games forfeited if participants in a team's lineup are not current in league fee payments.
A league that does not adopt a rule is responsible for any loss incurred by such arrearages.

> ***NOTE: A team cannot be required to forfeit if fees are not paid for an absent member or a vacancy.***

Forfeit - Procedure for Bowling
Rule 109e*. When a team is bowling in a known forfeit situation, the following procedures shall apply:
1. The forfeiting team is not to receive any point(s).
2. To earn the point(s), an individual must bowl at least their average less ten (10) pins, and/or teams must bowl at least the team average less ten (10) pins per player unless the league rules have stated another number. Points not won by the individual and/or team for failing to bowl the prescribed score should be recorded on the standing sheet as "unearned" points.
3. Players on the forfeiting team who are present may bowl, but the scores shall not be included in the team's total pins.

Scores bowled in accordance with this procedure shall be counted toward averages and qualify for league prizes unless the league rules state otherwise. In addition, such scores shall qualify for CTF awards.

> ***NOTE: When leagues include series totals in points won and a team forfeits one or more games in a series, that team shall receive a zero for the games it forfeits in deciding the winner of the series point. When a league determines position standings on a percentage basis, the percentage is calculated by dividing the number of points available to the team. (The total number of points available includes points won, lost and unearned through forfeit situations.)***

Forfeit - Refusal to Bowl
Rule 109f. A team that refuses to bowl with less than a full lineup forfeits any games it declines to bowl.

Pre-bowl - Postponements
Rule 110a. Games must be bowled as scheduled, unless a request is made and approval is granted.

Types of Pre-bowl - Postponements
Rule 110b. Types of pre-bowling and postponing:
1. Bowling in direct opposition.
2. Team unopposed bowling - permitted, unless the league adopts a rule prohibiting this type of competition.
3. Individual unopposed bowling - prohibited, unless the league adopts a rule permitting this type of competition.

Reason for Pre-bowl - Postponements
Rule 110c. A league cannot adopt a rule that would have the effect of not permitting any pre-bowling/postponements. The league must grant a pre-bowl/postponement when the team is unable to field a legal lineup for the following reasons:
1. Some of its bowlers are participating in the CTF Championships, provincial or local association tournament or attending an annual meeting.
2. There is sufficient cause.
3. An emergency situation.

Request for Pre-bowl - Postponements

Rule 110d. A request for pre-bowling or a postponement must be made at least 48 hours before the scheduled time, except for emergencies.

Granting of Pre-bowl - Postponements

Rule 110e. The pre-bowl/postponement committee or executive (CTF Youth - League supervisor, unless authority is granted to an appointed committee or the league official) shall review requests and make a decision. Decisions made may be appealed to the board of directors under the provisions of Rule 119. (See Rule 119 for further appeal procedures.)

Procedure for Pre-bowl - Postponements

Rule 110f. Following is the procedure to be used for pre or post bowling:

1. When teams are bowling in direct opposition, the captains of the teams involved shall agree to a date for bowling the pre-bowl/postponed match. If within one week from the date originally scheduled, the captains cannot agree on a date, the league secretary shall set a date and notify both team captains of the date and time. This notification is to be given at least three days prior to the date.
2. The league secretary or designated representative shall notify the bowling centre of the change in schedule and arrange to have a pair of lanes available.
3. Games must be bowled under the same regulations and rules governing league play.
4. Handicap is figured as of the date/time the games are bowled for. All games bowled prior to the pre-bowled or postponed match shall be included in determining handicap.
5. Games can be made up on any certified pair of lanes.
6. Scores qualify for league awards, unless otherwise provided by league rule.
7. Scores qualify for CTF awards; however, unopposed prebowled or postbowled scores are not eligible for CTF Honour Score awards, as set out in CTF Rule 50.

Time Limit for Bowling Pre-bowl - Postponed Games

Rule 110g. Pre-bowled/postponed games must be bowled as follows:

1. Prior to the date of scheduled competition for final team standings for the season or each segment of a split season; or,
2. Within seven days when the postponement is granted for the last day of a segment (split season leagues); or,
3. Within seven days when the postponement is granted for the last day of the schedule.

When individual and/or team unopposed bowling is allowed the above items apply, unless otherwise provided by league rule.

The foregoing does not apply when a protest or appeal is pending finalization under Rule 119.

Rule 111. No present rule.

Tie Game

Rule 112. When a tie occurs, each of the teams shall be credited with one-half the value of the point(s) normally awarded. There shall be no playoff of such ties.

Playoffs

Rule 113a. A playoff is necessary under the following conditions:

1. To determine the champion when a tie exists for first place at the end of the league schedule;
2. To determine a champion when the league bowls a split season;
3. To determine first place when a tie occurs in any segment of a split season;
4. When the league decides to break a tie for any other position.

A league may establish special playoff rules but under no conditions may the playoff consist of less than one frame.

In the absence of a league rule, the playoff shall consist of the same number of games and be conducted under the same conditions and rules governing league play during the regular season.

When more than two teams are involved in a playoff, total pins from the playoff shall decide the winner unless otherwise provided in the league rules.

If a tie still exists at the end of the playoff, each team will bowl an additional frame. This frame to be bowled by each team on the lane where it bowled the final frame of the last game and it shall be scored

like a tenth frame. If the tie is still unbroken, the teams involved will alternate lanes for each additional complete frame needed to break the tie.

Playoff games count toward individual averages.

Playoff games do not count for special league prizes unless otherwise provided by the league rules. When a playoff is necessary, the league secretary shall arrange to have lanes available.

> ***NOTE: Leagues may not adopt rules to allow total pins for the season or team average to break position standing ties at the conclusion of the season, or at the end of any segment of a split season schedule. When an extra frame must be bowled, one-tenth of the handicap for one game shall be given for the extra frame.***

Special Contests

Rule 113b. A special contest is competition scheduled by the league where the scores do not count towards regular league standings, such as a tournament. Participation must be limited to league members or substitutes, and all must be allowed to compete.

When a league conducts special contests for its own members, and such contests comply with the rules that govern CTF league or tournament play, CTF award eligibility and high score recognition will be extended automatically. This also applies to playoffs between the champions of divisions in a league made up of two or more divisions that bowl separate schedules.

Withdrawals/Resignations

Rule 114a. If a team or individual must withdraw from a league during the season, two weeks' notice must be given along with sufficient cause for resigning. The resigning member(s) must pay league fees for two weeks if the vacancy is not filled within that period.

1. A team shall give notice to the league secretary.
2. A member resigning from a team shall give notice to the captain and the league secretary.

If proper notice and sufficient cause is not given, all franchise, prize and any other money for which the team or individual may have been eligible will be forfeited, unless the league board determines otherwise. In addition, the member(s) shall be subject to suspension of CTF registration.

A bowler who has resigned may become a member of any team in the same league later that season provided the written consent of two-thirds of the team captains is obtained. The average of any bowler permitted to return to the league shall be continued.

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 114a.

114a/1 Can the league adopt a rule requiring a league member's resignation to be in writing?
No, Rule 114a does not require written resignation, so a league requirement would not be enforced by CTF. If the captain was aware a bowler did not plan to return and the secretary was notified, then the notification requirement would be fulfilled, even though the league rule has not been complied with. When a resignation is challenged, the question to be answered is whether those involved were aware the individual had actually resigned.

114a/2 If management has banned a league member from the center, do they qualify for prize money through the league?
When a league member has been banned from the center, it is considered a forced action. The member removed qualifies for a portion of the team prize money prorated on the number of weeks the individual contributed to the prize fund.

114a/3 When a league member has been banned from the center, is the member required to provide a two-week notice?
No. A member banned from the center is considered a forced action. Therefore, the individual is not required to provide a two-week notice.

Replacements

Rule 114b. When a team is replaced, the new team shall assume the position standings of the replaced team, unless the league ruled otherwise. A new team must be advised of the financial status of the team or individual they replaced.

Uneven Number of Teams/Bye

Rule 114c. When a league starts the season with an uneven number of teams or a team is dismissed or withdraws and is not replaced, the team scheduled against the nonexistent team cannot be credited with the points by forfeit.

The teams and/or individuals scheduled against the nonexistent team must earn the points for the games, unless the league board of directors, by majority vote, decides to use the bye or draw system.

TO EARN THE POINTS: An individual must bowl at least her/his average less ten (10) pins and/or teams must bowl at least the team average less ten (10) pins per player, unless the league board states another number.
Points not won by the team for failing to bowl the prescribed score should be recorded on the standing sheet as “unearned” points.
BYE SYSTEM: If the league board decides to use the bye system, position standings shall be determined on a percentage basis.
DRAW SYSTEM: If the league board decides to use the draw system, teams bowling the vacant team will draw a team or be scheduled against another team from the league to earn points. The scores bowled will be used as if bowling in direct competition with the drawn/scheduled team.
In all cases, the games bowled by the team that withdrew or was dismissed must stand. If a question arises on when the team withdrew, the league board shall determine when the bye takes effect.

Dismissal - League Officer or Player

Rule 115a. A player may be dismissed from the league or an officer removed from league office only for any of the following reasons:

1. Conduct derogatory to the best interest of the league.
2. Any deliberate action that can be proven to be detrimental to the best interest of the team.
3. Violation of any CTF or league rule.

A player who continues to pay the league fees cannot be dismissed or replaced because of absence from league play unless one of the foregoing reasons is applicable.
If a league member files a written charge asking for removal of a league officer or dismissal of a player, these procedures must be followed:

(a) Within one week after receipt of the written complaint, the league president should schedule a meeting of the league board of directors, and members of the board shall be notified. The meeting should be held at the earliest possible date.

(b) Written notice and a copy of the complaint shall be provided to the individual(s) charged. Such notice should be sent by first class mail or be hand delivered, and shall notify the individual of the date, time and place of the meeting, as well as their right to attend and offer a defense.

(c) A roster shall be prepared listing those present and absent. A quorum of the board of directors must be present at the meeting.

(d) Minutes of the meeting and all documents and material relating to the charges must be maintained.

(e) A two-thirds vote of board members present and voting shall be required for dismissal and/or removal from office.

(f) The individual(s) involved shall be notified in writing of the board’s decision and of the right to appeal that decision to the respective CTF local association, or to CTF National. An appeal under this rule must be filed in accordance with Rule 119.

A player dismissed from the league forfeits all franchise, prize and any other money for which they may have been eligible, unless the league board determines otherwise.

A player dismissed from the league may rejoin the league with the written consent of two-thirds of the league board. If permitted to rejoin, the average shall be continued.

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 115a.

115a/1 A player or team in the league continually uses foul language during league play. What can be done?
The league officers should privately discuss the problem with the player(s) in question and the team captain informing them that foul language is not acceptable in the league. If the player(s) continue(s), a written complaint may be filed with a league officer asking for dismissal from the league. The procedures outlined in Rule 115a must be followed.

115a/2 When a league receives a written complaint asking for removal of an officer or dismissal of another player or a team, what must be done?
The procedure outlined in Rule 115a must be followed. The president should schedule a meeting of the board of directors within one week of receiving a written complaint. A written notice stating the date, time and place of the meeting and a copy of the complaint must be provided to each individual charged. The board allows each person involved to be heard and ask questions before making a decision. To dismiss a player or remove an officer, a two-thirds vote of the board members present is required. In the case of an entire team, the board must vote on each team member separately. After the meeting, a written notice of the board's decision and the right to appeal must be given to the individuals involved.

115a/3 Can the league simplify things and adopt a rule to require automatic dismissal when a bowler misses two weeks in a row without an explanation?
No. A member cannot be dismissed without following Rule 115a or Rule 115b. The rule could state that a bowler who owes league fees will be subject to dismissal, but not automatically. Written charges should be filed with the board, and the member must be notified of the meeting and be given the opportunity to defend themselves.

Dismissal - Nonpayment of Fees and/or Improper Withdrawal

Rule 115b. When a league member is accused of failing to pay league fees and/or withdrawing without sufficient cause, the league must try to resolve the matter. A complaint shall be submitted, in writing, to a league officer, and the league shall proceed as follows:

1. Within one week after receipt of the written complaint, the president should schedule a meeting of the league board of directors, and the board shall be notified. The meeting should be held at the earliest possible date.
2. Written notice and a copy of the complaint shall be provided to the member(s) charged. Such notice should be sent by first class mail to the last known address or be hand delivered, and shall notify the member of the date, time and place of the meeting, as well as their right to attend and offer a defense.
3. A roster shall be prepared listing those present and absent. A quorum of the board of directors must be present at the meeting.
4. Minutes of the meeting and all documents relating to the charges must be maintained. An accounting must be made of any arrearage, including dates and amounts, whether the accused was present or absent when the arrearage occurred, and the date of replacement. The bowler may not be charged for more than six (6) sessions.
5. A two-thirds vote of the board members present and voting shall be required to determine if the accused is guilty. If found not guilty the charges must be dismissed. If found guilty, the local association is to be furnished with a copy of Items a-e indicated below. The file should be submitted within 30 days after the league meeting.
   (a) The meeting notices.
   (b) The meeting minutes.
   (c) The league rules.
   (d) A record of the accounting developed at the meeting, and all supporting documents and materials. (See Rule 115b4.)
   (e) The vote count for the recommendation of the league board.

Upon receipt of the file, the Local Association Manager shall verify that complete information was provided and submit a copy of the file to CTF

CTF will notify the member charged that they have 30 days to either pay the money or request a hearing on the charge by submitting a written request to CTF When a hearing is requested, CTF will direct the local association to handle the complaint in accordance with the suspension and reinstatement procedures outlined in the CTF Constitution. One or more of the league officers who attended the meeting of the league board is to appear at the local association hearing. If the member does not request a hearing, the file will be submitted to the regulatory unit for a final decision.

CTF Youth: If the league does not have a board of directors, the league supervisor or league official is responsible for notifying principal(s) and parent/guardian of the meeting and submitting information required within 30 days of the meeting.

Scoring

Rule 116a*. In league play, scores must be recorded on a score sheet in plain view of opposing players. Every frame bowled by each player shall be recorded. Each team shall also record the scores of each game in a scorebook kept by the team captain or someone appointed by the captain for this purpose.

The score sheet is the official record, and the team scorebooks must agree with the score sheet at the end of each game. After the scorebooks are verified and signed by the opposing team captains, these are the league's official record for the season.

Errors in scoring or calculation must be corrected by a league official immediately upon discovery. Any questionable errors in scoring or calculation shall be decided by the league board.

Scores - Lost

Rule 116b*. A league game(s) or frame(s) within a game that is irretrievably lost in the scoring process is null and void.

The game(s) or frame(s) must be re-bowled unless one of the following conditions is met:

1. Scores of any players that have been lost can be documented.
2. The team captains can completely agree on one or more scores lost.
3. The league board of directors rules the game(s) or frame(s) are not to be re-bowled.

If scores on a pair of lanes can be documented or agreed upon, the game shall be continued from the point of interruption. If some but not all of the scores can be documented or agreed upon, those bowlers whose scores cannot be substantiated, shall re-bowl the game to the point of interruption, at which time the game shall be continued in regular order.

Prize List

Rule 117a. The prize committee shall submit one or more prize lists for consideration within five weeks after the start of the season. The prize list must take into consideration any rules that have been adopted to govern the eligibility of teams and individuals for prizes.

The board of directors shall approve the prize list, unless the league rules provide for its adoption by the league participants. After approval, the prize list may be changed only with the written consent of every team captain or designated representative.

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 117a.

117a/1 What voting procedures are used when the prize committee submits multiple prize lists?

The league prize list must be adopted by a majority of those present and voting. Therefore, if three or more prize lists are considered and none of the prize lists submitted receives a majority vote, the league board of directors should approve one of the following options:

a. The prize list receiving the lowest vote total is dropped and the remaining prize lists are voted upon. Until one prize list receives a majority vote, the prize list receiving the lowest vote would continue to be dropped.
b. All prize lists with the exception of the two receiving the most votes are dropped and another vote is taken. The prize list adopted is decided by a majority vote.

117a/2 How is prize money paid out under a split season format?

Many leagues bowling a split season find it more satisfactory to approve a prize list for each segment. The payments are based on team position standings in each segment, although the prize money is not usually paid out at the end of each segment.

117a/3 What happens if the league did not adopt a prize list by the fifth week of the season?

According to CTF Rule 102c, Item 5 the league president arranges to have the prize committee submit one or more prize lists for consideration by the fifth week after the start of the season. If a prize committee was not appointed, the president should appoint one immediately and one or more prize lists should be submitted to the league board for approval as soon as possible.

Prize Qualification

Rule 117b. TEAM - Team prizes shall be distributed according to verbal or written agreements. If there is a dispute on the division of team prizes, it shall be decided by the board of directors. No team can win more than one prize in any group of prizes, unless otherwise provided by league rule.

INDIVIDUAL - In order to qualify for individual league prizes, a player must actually bowl the required number of games. The following provisions also apply, unless otherwise provided by league rule.

1. A member shall have bowled at least two-thirds of the games of the league's schedule.

2. If a substitute later becomes a regular member, the games bowled as a substitute shall be included in the required number of games. (Item 2 does not apply to the league high average award.)
3. Scores bowled as a substitute shall not qualify for individual league prizes.
4. No individual can win more than one prize in any group of prizes.

If a bowler has competed in two-thirds of the league schedule or the number of required games, and cannot be a member at the end of the season because of physical disability or other reasons beyond their control, the board of directors shall decide their eligibility for individual prizes.

A member who withdraws during the season without proper notice and sufficient cause, is dismissed or suspended, shall forfeit any money paid into the league.

HANDICAP LEAGUES: All special prizes for team and/or individual high series or high game shall be awarded on a handicap basis, unless otherwise provided by league rule.

> ***NOTE: The following are considered groups of prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd high individual scratch game; 1st, 2nd, 3rd high individual handicap game; 1st, 2nd, 3rd high individual scratch series; and 1st, 2nd, 3rd high individual handicap series. The same groups apply to team awards.***
> ***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 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.***

Average - How Determined

Rule 118a*. A bowling average is determined by dividing the total number of pins credited to a bowler in one CTF league by the number of games bowled in that league in a season. Extra pins or fractions must be disregarded in using averages for handicapping or classification purposes.

Extra pins or fractions shall be reduced to a percentage of a pin only for the purpose of deciding individual position standings in a league.

HIGHEST AVERAGE - The highest average in one of several CTF leagues in which a player competes in one season.

COMPOSITE AVERAGE - The average of a bowler who bowls in two or more CTF leagues in a season. The average is determined by adding the total pins for all of the leagues and dividing the result by the total number of games bowled in those leagues.

Average - How Established

Rule 118b*. Each league shall adopt a rule to determine the number of games required to establish an average in that league.

When establishing an average a right-handed bowler must always bowl right-handed. Similarly, a left-handed bowler must always bowl left-handed. Penalty: Forfeiture of game. No combination of scores bowled both right and left-handed can be used to compute an average, except as stipulated in Rule 4c.

Partial games and games bowled through the efforts of more than one player cannot be used in determining a bowler's average, unless league rules require the secretary to maintain averages based on the actual frames bowled by each player.

The league board of directors may, by majority vote, adjust a player's average before the player bowls in the league; or during the season if due to injury or disability. Separate averages must be maintained.

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 118b.

118b/1 If a bowler uses his/her opposite hand to make a delivery during a game, what happens?
If an individual does not have permission from the league board of directors, a league officer or the league board would then have the following options within the timelines as stated in Rule 119.

Option 1: Declare the individual's game forfeited: The bowler would receive zero for the game.

NOTE: Scores bowled by the other team members not in violation stand as bowled.

Option 2: Declare the team's game forfeited: The team would receive zero for the game.

NOTE: The individual in violation would receive zero. However, scores bowled by the other team members count toward their individual averages and league awards unless the league rules state otherwise.

118b/2 A bowler decides to throw at a spare by delivering their bowling ball between their legs. Would this be considered a change in delivery and a violation of Rule 118b?
The bowler has changed or deviated from their normal delivery which is a violation of Rule 118b. This rule provides a penalty of forfeiture of the individual's/team's game in which this action occurred.

118b/3 A bowler is using the two-handed approach. The bowler's dominant hand is the right hand. Can the bowler use the right hand for spares?
Yes, since both deliveries are with the same dominate hand; the bowler did not change delivery and, therefore, is not in violation of any CTF rules.

118b/4 A player started league bowling right-handed, but later decided to use a two-handed approach. Is this a change of delivery and in violation of Rule 118b?
No, as long as all deliveries are made with the right hand, this would not be a violation of Rule 118b.

118b/5 What are the requirements of a delivery for a two-handed approach?
A two-handed bowler is required to use the same dominant hand during their delivery on both their first and second shots (this refers to the hand in which the bowling ball rests). They also have the option of utilizing a thumb hole or not—both are acceptable. However, only one set of gripping holes is allowed.

CTF Youth: Bowlers will establish a current average in their first league session, unless the league rules state otherwise. A bowler using a two-hand delivery will establish an average with two hands. When the bowler changes to a one-hand delivery, they must establish a new average using that hand.

League Entering Average Cap

Rule 118c. When a league institutes a team/individual cap, the league will use the entering averages to determine the cap. The following shall also apply:

1. The team shall not have a combined entering average that exceeds the league cap rule unless otherwise provided by league rule.
2. If a member on a team is replaced or a substitute is used, the combined entering average of those players will constitute the team average for the purposes of meeting the league cap.

Changing Delivery

Rule 118d*. If because of injury or disability a bowler finds it necessary to change delivery from right to left-handed or vice versa, the league's board of directors, by majority vote, may permit the bowler to change delivery. If approval is obtained, the bowler must establish a new average. A bowler may also obtain permission to alternate delivery, due to injury or disability, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 4c.

Protest/Appeal Procedures

Rule 119. The league board of directors must first decide on all protests as stated in Rule 103b.Written protests are filed with a league officer and must be filed within:

1. 15 days of the series being bowled during the regular season.
2. 48 hours of:
   (a) The end of a segment, when the league bowls a split season.
   (b) The final date of the league schedule for competition during the final two weeks of the league schedule.
   (c) A playoff.

Unless a protest is confirmed in writing, the series or decision stands.
Decisions regarding league protests must first be decided by the league's board of directors as stated in Rule 103b. In the case of CTF Youth Leagues with no Board of Directors the decision is made by the league official/supervisor. The board's (or league official/supervisor's) decision shall stand unless a timely written appeal is filed with the local association or CTF

NOTE: League protests received by local associations or CTF that have not initially been decided by the league's board of directors (or league official/supervisor) will be returned to the league for a decision.

An appeal from a decision made on a league protest by the league board of directors or the local association must be filed in writing with the local association or CTF within:

1. 15 days of notification during the regular schedule.
2. 48 hours when notification occurs:
   (a) As a result of a decision regarding the end of a segment when a league bowls a split season.
   (b) In the final two weeks of the league schedule or after the league schedule has ended.
   (c) As a result of playoff competition.

Prizes for positions involved cannot be distributed until the protest or appeal is resolved.

NOTE: A copy of the appeal should be filed with a league officer.

Position Matches

Rule 120. A rule may be adopted to include position matches in the schedule. Teams shall be paired according to their league position standings and games bowled count as won and lost. Ties for position pairings shall be determined by total pinfall without handicap, unless otherwise provided by league rule.

NOTE: When teams have bowled the wrong opponents, the game(s) stands as bowled.

League Fees

Rule 121. League fees consist of the total paid for bowling, the prize fund and any other amount voted by the league. All league fees, including any entry or sponsor fee, shall be decided by the league. (See Rule 115b, Nonpayment of League Fees.).

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 121.

121/1 Who is responsible for the league fees when a team is unable to find a bowler to fill a vacancy?
When there is a vacancy on a team for a prolonged period, and the team has made a serious effort to obtain a member but is not successful, it becomes a league problem and not just a team problem. In this situation, the board should agree to absorb the shortage caused by the vacancy. All league members should be encouraged to help recruit bowlers to fill vacancies.

121/2 I have been told my son must pay league fees each week even if he is absent. Is this permitted in a youth league?
The league may have this requirement; however, if a league wishes to do this we recommend the league's rules clearly indicate the specific amount of fees that must be paid on a weekly basis. If a league member is behind in paying league fees, the league has the authority to prohibit them from bowling in the league until the arrearage is paid.

CTF Youth: When an awards fee is collected as part of the league fees, it must be returned 100% to the league members in the form of trophies or other acceptable awards (see Rule 100k).

Meetings

Rule 122. Rules shall be adopted at a meeting prior to the start of the league schedule by the board of directors, unless the league elects to have its rules adopted by the league participants. After the league schedule begins, a change in the league rules and approved prize list can be made only with the written consent of every team captain or designated representative.

All league officers shall be elected each season by the board of directors, unless the league rules vest this authority in the general league participants. The elections shall be conducted at a meeting held before the distribution of league awards, unless the league board of directors decides that they are to be held prior to the start of the league schedule.

The secretary shall notify the members or team captains of all league meetings. A quorum must be in attendance. Absentee and proxy votes are not acceptable, and only members present are eligible to vote.

Handicap Procedures

Handicapping is a means of placing bowlers and teams with varying degrees of skill on as equitable a basis as possible for their competition against each other. CTF recommends that higher handicap percentages be used for more equalized matches.

Example, with handicap based on 80% of 200: (All fractions are dropped when figuring handicap.)

	Team A		**Team B**
Jill	160 + 32 = 192	Scott	124 + 60 = 184
Barbara	155 + 36 = 191	Pam	122 + 62 = 184
Paul	140 + 48 = 188	Eric	132 + 54 = 186
Juanita	146 + 43 = 189	Jennifer	141 + 47 = 188
Adam	167 + 26 = 193	Mike	160 + 32 = 192
	768 + 185 = 953		679 + 255 = 934

With 80% handicap, Team A has a 19-pin advantage over Team B. By basing handicap on 80% of 200, it would be difficult for Team B to win the game. If the members of Team A were to bowl their average, it would be necessary for the members of Team B to exceed their own team average by at least 19 pins in order to win the game.

Example, with handicap based on 100% of 200:

	Team A		**Team B**
Jill	160 + 40 = 200	Scott	124 + 76 = 200
Barbara	155 + 45 = 200	Pam	122 + 78 = 200
Paul	140 + 60 = 200	Eric	132 + 68 = 200
Juanita	146 + 54 = 200	Jennifer	141 + 59 = 200
Adam	167 + 33 = 200	Mike	160 + 40 = 200
	768 + 232 =1000		679 + 321 = 1000

If the handicap is based on 100% of 200, the chances of Team B winning the game would be more realistic. The game becomes a most pins over average contest.

Since CTF rules state games with handicap included are to be eligible for league prizes, unless the league rules otherwise, problems can arise when handicap is based on the difference of the averages of the two competing teams. CTF recommends handicap leagues use the individual or the team method of handicapping, so both teams in a match have the benefit of handicap. See Rules 100e and 607 for the rules which govern handicap leagues.

Individual Method of Handicapping

Set a scratch figure higher than the entering average of any bowler in the league and decide on the percentage to be used for computing handicap. The individual handicaps of the bowlers are added together for the team handicap. In the following example, 100% of 200 is used.

	Actual Average	**Handicap 100% of 200**	
Kathy.....	130	70	
Linda.....	140	60	(200 minus average
Ashley.....	125	75	X 100% equals
Keith.....….	135	65	bowler's handicap.)
Ed.....	170	30	
		300	Handicap for Team

Team Method of Handicapping

Set a scratch figure higher than the entering average of any team in the league and decide on the percentage to be used in computing the handicap. The actual averages of the bowlers are added together in determining the team average. In the following example, 100% of 800 is used.

Team C		**Team D**	
Kathy.....	130	Justin.....	137
Linda.....	140	Theresa.....	130
Ashley.....	125	Sara.....	131
Keith.....	135	Todd.....	120
Ed.....	170	Frank.....	167
	700		685
Handicap	100	Handicap	115

Handicap for Team C: 800 scratch - 700 team average is 100 X 100% = 100 pins handicap for each game.
Handicap for Team D: 800 scratch - 685 team average is 115 X 100% = 115.

Entering Averages

The league decides by rule the number of games required to establish an average. When bowlers have had previous league experience, the league may use these averages as entering averages for computing handicap on the first night of competition, or until they have established an average based on the league rule.

For new bowlers who have no previous league experience or average, the league may:

1. Handicap them from a set figure, for example 100, until they have established an average based on league rule, or

2. Use a "retroactive" handicap, computed after the bowler's first three games, to be applied to that series and the next series in which the bowler competes.

Computing Averages

Individual averages for all bowlers in the league must be based on actual pinfall. Any extra pins over and above the individual's full pin average must be disregarded. (See Rule 118a.) The individual average record cannot include absentee scores or handicap.

A team average is the combined current average of each bowler on the team.

Computer Average Service

Even though a league uses a computerized secretarial service, a secretary would have to be elected to serve on the league board of directors and to comply with the duties outlined in Rule 102e. Maintaining the averages is only one of the secretary's duties detailed in the rule.

It is not necessary for the league secretary to maintain a separate set of average records for each league member. The secretarial service provides the required information on the averages in compliance with the rules. The secretary should retain a copy of the weekly standing sheet for the league records, which would provide up-to-date data on each bowler's average.

The weekly standing sheet printout should be accepted as a valid league average record and averages could be verified from it. If a bowler has a question about their average, the recap sheets could be checked with the weekly standing sheet to determine whether the proper series and games were entered.

Substitutions During Game

If a bowler becomes disabled or an emergency occurs during a game, a substitution may be made in accordance with Rule 108a. The combined score would count for the team's game, but would not be credited to either player's average, unless otherwise provided by league rule.

In a handicap league, the handicap would have to be adjusted. Each bowler receives 1/10 of their single game handicap for each frame bowled. For example, if the original player bowled seven frames, the handicap is 7/10 of their single game handicap and 3/10 of the substitute's handicap. In leagues using the team method of handicap, the same procedure is used. The team handicap is figured with the original player and then with the substitute in the lineup, and the handicap used is based on the number of frames completed by each player.

When a substitute is not available, 1/10 of the regular member's absentee score is to be used and the handicap would remain the same.

If the player who was unable to complete the game was a substitute, the absentee score of the regular member is used.

Chapter V
Lane Condition Designation

Introduction

Leagues and tournaments will be required to certify/sanction using one lane condition designation based on the definition of each condition as stated in Rule 200a.

Types

Rule 200a. Each competition must choose one of the following designations when certifying/sanctioning the competition:

1. Sport
   (a) Lane condition ratio is generally 4:1 or less; or
   (b) Averages established in a league are generally 20 pins or lower than those bowled on a standard/house condition.
2. Challenge
   (a) Lane condition ratio is generally between sport and standard/house conditions; or
   (b) Competition chooses to utilize a condition other than the centre's standard/house condition; or
   (c) Competition utilizes both a sport and the centre's standard/house condition during the season; or
   (d) Averages established in a league or generally 10 pins or lower than those bowled on a standard/house condition.
   (e) Standard/House – Condition applied by centre which promotes high scores and averages.

Commonly Asked Question – Rule 200a.

200a/1 Our league will be using the center's house condition during the first half of the season and a Sport condition for the second half. Do I certify the league with both standard/house and Sport?

A league may only be certified as one lane condition. A full season league using both standard/house and/or Sport or Challenge conditions must choose Challenge on the league certification application. Bowlers in this league will have a Challenge average, which must be converted using the Conversion Chart on BOWL.com when entering events requiring a standard average.

However, a league using standard/house condition for one half of the league and a Sport or Challenge condition for the other half may certify as two separate leagues. Should a league choose this option two separate league applications must be filed and the corresponding lane condition for each half checked. The bowlers will have both a standard and a Sport or Challenge average when this option is chosen.

League Designation

Rule 200b.

1. CTF reserves the right to change a designation when data received reflects the competition was incorrectly designated.
2. The League President and Secretary will be informed of the change in designation in writing. A league officer may appeal the change in designation within 15 days of the date of notice by submitting a written appeal to the CTF National Office to the attention of the Rules Department.

Average Conversion

Rule 201a. A competition may convert averages when a bowler does not have an established average on the lane condition required by competition rule. When converting averages, the competition cannot adjust it lower than the corresponding conversion chart.

Nothing in Rule 201 supersedes the competition's authority to raise the bowler's converted average prior to bowling.

Commonly Asked Question – Rule 201a.

201a/1 Can the conversion charts be used to convert averages from standard to Sport or standard to Challenge or are they only accurate when converting averages to standard?

Yes, the charts can be used to convert averages up to standard or down to Sport or Challenge. CTF has done immense research to determine if the conversion charts are accurate converting both ways and the data shows the charts can be used to convert up or down.

Standard/House Averages

Rule 201b. A bowler with an average established in a standard/house condition bowling in a competition which requires:

1. A standard/house average, no conversion by the bowler is required.
2. A sport average, the competition may convert the bowler's average downward prior to participation using the conversion chart.

Sport and Challenge Averages

Rule 201c.

1. In competition requiring a standard/house average:
   (a) A bowler with only averages established on a sport/challenge condition must convert their sport and/or challenge average to a standard average using the appropriate conversion chart and enter with the highest converted average.
   (b) A bowler with averages established on a standard/house condition and on sport and/or challenge conditions, no conversion of averages is required and the bowler would enter with the highest average.
2. In competitions requiring sport averages, a bowler must enter with their highest sport or challenge average.

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 201c.

201c/1 If a bowler only bowls in a league which utilizes a Sport or Challenge compliant condition, how does he/she convert the average for standard league or tournament competition?
In an effort to equalize competition, average conversion charts have been formulated for bowlers who ONLY have an average established on Sport or Challenge compliant condition.
These charts can be found on BOWL.com. To convert the average, the bowler locates the average bowled in the Sport or Challenge league on the corresponding chart to determine the equivalent standard average. This is the average that is to be submitted for standard competitions.

201c/2 If a bowler has two averages, one bowled in a league utilizing Sport compliant conditions and one utilizing Challenge compliant conditions and wants to bowl in a competition that requires a standard average, what average does the bowler use? The bowler is required to convert his/her average bowled on Sport conditions to a standard condition utilizing the Sport to standard conversion chart. The bowler must also convert the average bowled on a Challenge condition utilizing the Challenge to standard conversion chart. Once both averages have been converted, the bowler would choose the higher of the two converted averages and enter the competition with that average.

201c/3 If I have both a Sport or Challenge average and a standard average, do I need to convert the average to standard to determine which average I should use?
No, to determine what average is used, you take the highest of the two averages without converting the Sport or Challenge average. When a bowler has a standard average, there is no need to convert a Sport or Challenge average.

Sport or Challenge Averages Adjusted to Standard

The Sport and Challenge Conversion Chart is used to convert a bowler's Sport or Challenge average to a Standard average, and vice versa, for leagues and tournaments. The conversion chart is not considered a "re-rate" of the bowler. Its purpose is to allow for a fair adjustment so the bowler's entering average is what would be expected of the bowler on the lane conditions of the league or tournament.

Sport	Challenge	Standard
110	110	110
111	111	112
112	113	114
113	114	116
114	115	117
115	116	119
116	118	121
117	119	122
118	120	124
119	122	126
120	123	127
121	124	129
122	125	130
123	126	132
124	128	134
125	129	135
126	130	137
127	131	138
128	133	140
129	134	141
130	135	143
131	136	144
132	138	146
133	138	147
134	140	149
135	141	150
136	142	152
137	143	153
138	145	155
139	146	156
140	147	158
141	148	159
142	150	161
143	151	162
144	152	164
145	153	165
146	154	166
147	156	168
148	157	169
149	158	**170**
150	159	172

Sport	Challenge	Standard
151	160	173
152	162	175
153	163	176
154	164	177
155	165	178
155	165	179
156	167	180
157	167	181
158	168	182
159	170	184
160	171	185
161	172	186
162	173	187
163	175	189
164	176	190
165	177	191
166	178	192
167	180	194
168	181	195
169	181	196
170	182	197
171	183	198
172	184	199
173	186	201
174	187	202
175	188	203
176	189	204
177	190	205
178	191	206
179	192	207
180	193	208
181	195	210
182	196	211
183	197	212
184	199	213
185	200	214
186	201	215
187	202	216
188	203	217
189	204	218
190	205	**219**

Sport	Challenge	Standard
191	206	220
192	207	221
193	208	222
194	209	223
195	210	224
196	211	225
197	212	226
198	214	227
199	214	227
200	215	228
201	216	229
202	217	230
203	218	231
204	219	232
205	220	233
206	221	234
207	223	235
208	223	235
209	224	236
210	225	237
211	226	238
212	227	239
213	227	239
214	229	240
215	230	241
216	231	242
217	232	243
218	232	243
219	233	244
220	234	245
221	235	246
222	235	246
223	236	247
224	237	248
225	237	248
226	238	249
227	239	250
228	239	250
229	240	251
230	+11 pins	+22 pins

Note: If converting Standard to Challenge average, and your averages is not listed, move up one (1) pin and convert. For example, a 174 Challenge average converts to 163 Sport average and 189 Standard average. If the average is listed twice, convert to the higher of the Sport and Challenge averages. For example, a 214 Challenge average converts to a 199 Sport average and 227 Standard average.

Chapter VI
CTF Tournaments

Definition

Rule 300a. A tournament is a competition, other than a league, in which the game of tenpins is played. Competition can include one or more events. When two or more events are held, an all-events champion may be determined based on the total pins scored in these events. Total pins will decide the champions and other prize winners in each of the events unless another system, based on merit pinfall, is stated in the tournament rules.

Tournament Qualifications

Rule 300b. On application to CTF, a tournament certificate will be issued provided:

1. A copy of the entry form, tournament rules and advertising material is submitted with the tournament application prior to the start of the tournament, CTF will determine the amount of coverage, if any, for tournament applications received after the tournament begins.

> ***NOTE: CTF suggests these items be submitted in draft form in advance for review by CTF***

2. The tournament consists of two or more teams or a singles tournament of two or more individual entrants.
3. The lanes used are CTF certified for the current season.
4. Competition among entrants in an event, except all events, is held in the same establishment. When an event is divided in two or more divisions, competition in each division is held in the same establishment.

Notification that a tournament is sanctioned, along with the starting and ending dates, will be sent to the local associations involved. A certificate will not be issued to a tournament when scores bowled in different bowling establishments are compared to qualify for prizes in a common prize list.

A tournament certificate may be refused if the tournament does not comply with the CTF rules, and/or the value of the prizes offered or guaranteed, or the number of prizes offered are misrepresented.

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 300b.

300b/1 My tournament starts tomorrow. Can I still certify my tournament with CTF?
Yes. You may apply for certification until the starting date of the tournament on tenpincanada.com.

300b/2 Is there a cost to certify a tournament with CTF?
No, there is no fee charged to certify your tournament with CTF.

300b/3 I want to hold a tournament each month; do I have to certify each tournament separately?
You may certify each tournament separately or you can apply for a comprehensive tournament certification to cover the entire tournament. To apply for a comprehensive certification, all dates and centers are entered.

Tournament Eligibility

Rule 300c. All entrants in a tournament must qualify under the rules of the tournament. All tournaments except moral support tournaments (Rule 301) shall require all participants to be CTF registered participants or they may establish eligibility by purchasing an Affiliate Registration.***NOTE: See Rule 13 for parental consent requirement for grade or high school students under the age of 18.***

CTF Youth Tournament Eligibility

Rule 300d. The tournament management can establish eligibility for CTF Youth tournaments under one of the following conditions and the eligibility rules must be carried on the entry forms:

1. Limit entry to CTF Youth registered participants only.
2. Accept an individual who applies for CTF Youth affiliate registration by paying affiliated dues as outlined in the CTF National Policy Manual.
3. **A youth bowler who bowls in a youth league or who bowls in a youth league and an adult league must have a minimum of 21 games in youth league either during the previous or current season to bowl in a CTF youth tournament.**

Moral Support Tournament

Rule 301. A tournament conducted by a single civic, fraternal, benevolent, military service, union or religious organization may be issued a moral support certificate provided:

1. It meets all of the requirements of Rule 300b.
2. Entry is limited to those affiliated with the organization conducting the tournament.
3. Anyone under suspension from, or who has been refused registration in, CTF or USBC will not be allowed to participate.

At the discretion of CTF, a tournament may be granted moral support status when:

1. Participation is restricted to specified individuals or groups; or,
2. International competition is provided for the bowlers not served by CTF, as long as the equipment conforms to USBC equipment specifications.

CTF registered participants may bowl in a moral support CTF tournament with award recognition automatically extended. Eligible non-registered participants may qualify for CTF award recognition by purchasing a CTF affiliate registration card before participation.

Commonly Asked Question – Rule 301a.

301a/1 I am conducting a house tournament for bowlers who only participate in leagues at our center. Would this qualify for a moral support certification?

No, a moral support tournament is one in which the tournament is conducted by a single civic, fraternal, benevolent, military service, union or religious organization. This would include groups such as firefighters, Elks, Eagles, Lions, Moose and military. Guests cannot participate; all participants must be affiliated with the organization.

Commonly Asked Question – Rule 301b.

301b/1 I plan on conducting a youth tournament and want to award scholarship prizes. Is this okay?

Yes, all youth tournaments that pay out scholarship prizes must use the SMART (Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins) program for all scholarship awards.

All scholarship funds must be forwarded to SMART at CTF Headquarters within 30 days of the completion of the tournament with a list of scholarship winners.

Modified Formats

Rule 302a. CTF may sanction tournament competition in which a modified game of tenpins is played. All CTF equipment specifications shall apply to such competition, and the rules for CTF tournaments shall apply insofar as practical.

CTF may permit modifications or variations in team play formats for the purposes of exhibitions events, television bowling or playoff matches resulting from CTF tournament competition in the qualifying rounds. The results of such events should be included in the tournament's prize or awards programs. Only awards scores bowled using the standard Tenpin scoring system as described in Rule 3a qualify for CTF awards, Registered participants are not eligible for any award based on their average.

NOTE: For types and descriptions of modified formats, see CTF Tournament Managers' Manual.

Mail-o-graphic Tournament

Rule 302b. A mail-o-graphic tournament is one in which scores are submitted from separate or the same competition, bowling establishment or association and are compared to qualify for prizes in one common prize list. All scores are submitted to the tournament manager who enters the scores and determines team and/or individual standings. All scores used must be from sanctioned competition.

CTF will sanction such tournaments provided:

1. All CTF equipment specifications apply.
2. All rules for CTF tournaments shall apply insofar as applicable.
3. Application must designate tournament as a mail-o-graphic tournament.

As the scores used in mail-o-graphic competition are already recognized in the sanctioned competition in which they are actually bowled, they are not eligible for CTF national awards or average recognition.

CTF Youth Scholarship Tournaments

Rule 302c. All scholarship tournaments must deposit their scholarship prize awards in the CTF SAFE (Scholarship Awards for Education) Program, unless otherwise authorized by CTF **and there are no exceptions to this rule.**

All CTF Youth tournament applications must contain the following:

1. List of scholarship prizes being awarded.
2. Tournament rules and entry forms.
3. Name of the scholarship administrator.
4. How the scholarships will be managed.

Within 30 days after the completion of the tournament, management must:

1. Forward any funds to be administered by the CTF SAFE program to CTF National Office.
2. If the scholarship funds are not administered under the CTF SAFE program, funds must be deposited in a separate scholarship account requiring two (2) signatures for withdrawals.
3. Provide information on how to apply for funds to the winners and the local CTF Association Manager.
4. Forward all information as required in Rule 311(2).

Adult/Youth Competition

Rule 302d. A parent/child or adult/youth charity tournament may adopt a rule allowing an adult's score to be matched to several youths' scores for the purpose of determining doubles totals. When allowed, all entries must be submitted, together with the corresponding fees, prior to the adult's participation. Handicap will be added if applicable.

Pro-Am Competition

Rule 303. Pro-am style tournaments conducted for a charitable organization, or in conjunction with a CTF tournament, may be granted a certificate under the following conditions:

1. Participants who are identified as professionals by tournament management may not share in the amateur prize distribution.
2. The score of the professional or organization member counts with the score of each designated amateur.
3. All other CTF rules apply to the competition, including tournament reporting requirements.

A pro-am style format in which pin count is conceded either to the amateur or professional can be sanctioned by CTF as a modified format.

Management

Rule 304. Tournament management has supervisory control of all technical parts of the operation of the tournament, including drafting the schedule and prize list. In addition, tournament management has the following authority:

1. To adopt and enforce the tournament rules, provided they are not in conflict with any CTF rules.
2. To decide all disputes, complaints or protests involving any CTF or tournament rules, or appeals from the decision of tournament personnel.
3. To decide any matter about the operation of the tournament, when not inconsistent with the tournament rules or CTF rules.
4. To accept or reject any entrant.

The decision of tournament management shall be final except where an appeal is made to CTF National for further consideration. (See Rule 329 for appeal procedures.)

5. A tournament manager is the person listed on the CTF tournament sanction. The manager must be a CTF registered participant.

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 303.

303/1 After receiving my tournament certification, I found the need to make a change to my printed rules. What should I do?

If it becomes necessary to make changes to the rules, you may edit your tournament rules any time prior to the start of competition. The change(s) should be posted in a prominent manner in the registration/check-in area and also included in announcements made prior to each scheduled squad.

303/2 After reviewing my tournament certification, a conflict arose regarding the scheduled dates for the tournament. What should I do if either the tournament dates and/or the center at which the tournament is scheduled must be changed?

As long as the tournament has not yet started, the changes can be made online or you may contact the CTF National Office at ctf@tenpincanada.com.

303/3 I need to disqualify a bowler for a rule infraction from the tournament. What do I do?

When a violation occurs that requires disqualification of an individual or team, the following procedure should be followed:

a. The individual(s) or team captain should be notified in writing of the disqualification.
b. The letter should state the reason(s) for disqualification.
c. The letter should inform the individual(s) that they have the right to appeal in writing to CTF. (See sample letters for Rule 319a-2, Rule 319a-3, Rule 319d and/or Rule 319e on tenpincanada.com.)

Payment of prizes affected must be withheld until CTF has:

a. Notified the tournament that a timely appeal has not been filed; or
b. Resolved a timely appeal that was filed.

Authority of Team Captain

Rule 305. The captain is the team representative and is responsible for the lineup and conduct of the team in tournament play.

The acceptance of an entry by tournament management constitutes an agreement by the captain on behalf of the team to abide by all rules of CTF and the tournament. In addition, the captain shall:

1. Pay each member of the team within 30 days after receiving prize money in accordance with verbal or written agreements.
2. Determine who bowls on the team in the team event. If the captain replaces a player originally entered in the team event, ample notice must be given to the player being replaced. If that player paid the entry fee, it must be returned except that any indebtedness may be withheld.
3. If, prior to bowling, the captain requests a replacement in the doubles and/or singles event, the bowler originally entered must agree to being replaced.
4. The captain or an authorized representative may replace any team member who is unable to attend or compete at the scheduled time.
5. The captain of a team entered in a tournament cannot be removed except for a rules violation or for failure to appear to bowl when scheduled.

Fees and Prizes

Fees

Rule 306. The management of a CTF tournament must publicize fees separately per event on the entry form and advertising material as follows:

1. Prize (or awards) Fee.
2. Expense Fee.
3. Total, per entrant, per event.

Prize fees and expense fees for all events and special features may be charged, but must be listed separately. These and other collections to qualify for participation, such as donations, subscriptions or banquet fees must be stated on the entry form and advertising material. The expense fee shall be used to defray the operating cost of the tournament and may be used to supplement the tournament awards program.

All Events

Rule 307. Participants in a tournament may be charged an optional fee for an all events contest when two or more events are scheduled or when two or more tournaments are conducted under the same management. When an all-events fee is charged, the following apply:

1. Expense fees may be charged for participation in optional all events when in accordance with the requirements in Rule 306.

2. The all events fee must be paid before the advertised closing date for entries or before the participant bowls any of the events, whichever comes first.
3. An all events entry can be transferred if the transfer is made before either of the bowlers involved have participated in any event of the tournament.
4. Distribution of prizes shall comply with the formula prescribed for payment of regular position prizes and the ratio of return shall be at least one to 20 or major fraction thereof, unless the tournament rules state another prize ratio. Where a trophy or award, other than cash awards, is offered for the all events championship, the bowler who places first in all events is entitled to the award even if the bowler did not pay the optional fee. In such instances, the trophy or award cannot be considered as part of the all events prize fund, and must be purchased from other funds.

Special Features

Rule 308. Prize fees may be charged for one or more optional special feature events, provided these events are open to all entrants in the tournament. Expense fees may be charged for participation in an optional special feature contest when published in accordance with the requirements in Rule 306. Distribution of special feature prizes shall comply with the formula prescribed for payment of regular position prizes, and the ratio of return shall be at least one to 20 or major fraction thereof, unless the tournament rules state another prize ratio.

Distribution of Prize Funds

Rule 309. The sponsor and management of a CTF tournament undertake a fiduciary obligation that all funds provided by that part of the entry fee designated as prize fee, but not including interest thereon, shall be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of tournament participants. Such funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

All prize money collected in an event or division of an event must be returned to the participants in that event or division of that event, except where replacements or correction of averages require a change of classification. In that case, prizes will be distributed to reflect the actual number of participants in the event or division of the event.

In addition, CTF may, at its discretion, require a bond or in lieu, a satisfactory assurance that prize fund obligations will be met.

The following prize fund requirements apply, unless otherwise provided by tournament rule:

1. The last place prize, including those paid for each last place tie, must be equal to at least the amount of the prize fee in the event.
2. In team, doubles and singles events there shall be at least one prize for each 10 entries or major fraction thereof.
3. If special prizes exceed 25 percent of the prize fund in an event or division of an event, and a bowler or team can qualify for both a special and position prize, all prizes won by a bowler or team count as one prize in determining the ratio of one prize for each 10 entries. Special prizes may include, but are not limited to, the following:
   (a) Scratch prizes in a handicap event.
   (b) Single game prizes.
   (c) Limited group prizes, such as early bird, average category, sponsor and weekend prizes, etc.

   Squad prizes to which all participants in an event are eligible are not defined as special prizes.
4. When there are 100 or more entries in an event or division of an event, first place or the amount spent from the prize fund for a first place prize shall not exceed 40 percent of the total prize fund. Second place must be equal to at least one-half of first place or the amount spent from the prize fund for first place.
5. When special prizes are offered and a team or individual can win a position and a special prize, the total prize paid to second place shall be at least one-half the combined total of first place plus the special prize of greatest value.

Rule 310. No Present Rule.

Prize Payment and Report

Rule 311. The following requirements must be met by tournament management within 30 days after the end of the tournament:

1. Distribute all prizes except when CTF has authorized delay in payment.

2. Submit the following to CTF:
   (a) A prize list with the name and score of each prize winner and the prize issued;
   (b) A financial statement listing all prize receipts and disbursements.
   (c) Affiliate registration and a list of those paying such fees.

In the event that Scholarship awards are given out, refer to Rule 302c. Tournament Management must make available a copy of the final prize list and financial statement to any participant who requests it within one year of the end of the tournament.

Entry Rules

Entry Close in Advance

Rule 312a. If the date for closing entries is before the opening day of the tournament, the following shall apply:

1. Advance notification of time and date of participation must be given to team captains and individual entrants.
2. All entries postmarked the first post office business day after the entry closing date shall be accepted. Additional entries for any event shall not be accepted after that date.
3. If a schedule is not published, a complete list of entrants must be available for review upon request.
4. Tournament management cannot show in the schedule “partner”, “reserved”, or similar term instead of a team or individual entry.

Entry Close Prior to Last Squad

Rule 312b. When the date for closing of entries is set prior to the time the last squad is scheduled, the tournament management shall:

1. Include in the rules the following:
   (a) Exact time the last squad is scheduled to start;
   (b) Exact time for closing of entries.
2. Have the following information available upon request:
   (a) Number of entries to date;
   (b) The high score in each event or division in each event.

Tournament management shall not accept additional entries after closing of entries.

Submitting Entries

Rule 312c. Acceptance of a written entry by tournament management for one or more events regulates the number of players who are eligible to participate. The entry form must contain the names of the players entered, and the required fees must be in the hands of the tournament management prior to the closing date of entries or the time entrants are scheduled to bowl, whichever occurs first.

Rule 313. No Present Rule.

Conditions Cannot Change

Rule 314. The conditions under which entries are accepted cannot be changed or modified after the tournament starts, unless otherwise directed by CTF This includes entry fee charges and the rules governing the competition.

Free or Reduced Entry Fees

Rule 315. When a free or reduced entry is given, an amount equal to the prize fee for such entry must be paid into the tournament prize fund by management.

No Fees Returned

Rule 316. After an entry has been received, and the dates assigned by tournament management are not refused before preparation of the schedule, the entry fee cannot be refunded.

Multiple Participation

Rule 317. Unless the tournament rules state otherwise:

1. Participation in each event shall be limited to one time.
2. In order to place more than once in the prize list of position standings:
   (a) Five and four-player team event. At least two players in the lineup must be different.
   (b) Three-player team and doubles event. At least one player in the lineup must be different.
3. In a singles event, the same individual may not place more than once.
4. The bowler's first appearance in each event counts toward the all-events total.

Singles Event Squad

Rule 318. In singles tournaments, a minimum of two entries constitutes a squad and these entries must bowl on the same pair of lanes. If a bowler competes alone as a squad, the score shall be disqualified.

Average - Conditions That Apply

Rule 319a. The following conditions apply to averages in handicap or classified tournaments, unless the tournament rules state otherwise except that CTF league averages shall be accepted. (See Rule 319c for rerating.)

1. Individual averages must be based on a minimum of 21 games in a CTF league. In the case of a CTF Youth Tournament individual averages must be based on a minimum of 9 games or more established in a CTF Youth league. Averages established in leagues which start their schedules after March 15 for the summer season shall be accepted as official, provided the bowler does not have an acceptable regular season average.
2. When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used.
3. Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. In the case of a team of two or more bowlers, the averages will be combined to determine if the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total.
4. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of a series. Or, if an extension of time has been granted in writing by tournament management before the end of the first game of a series, the correction can be made within 48 hours after the end of the series.

5. When an association publishes a yearbook, a tournament using previous season averages to determine handicap or classification, shall use the yearbook to verify averages or used the association's average listing on their website and not require the Local Association Manager to verify

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 319a.

319a/1 The tournament rules require bowlers to use their highest average from the previous season. A bowler has an established previous season left-handed average of 150 and a 175 right-handed average. He plans to bowl with his left hand in the tournament. Which average would he use?
The tournament rules require all bowlers to use their highest average. Therefore, he would have to use his 175 average, regardless of whether he bowled with his right or left hand.

319a/2 Last year I averaged 190 right-handed, but due to an injury I am bowling left-handed and have a 127 average. I want to participate in tournaments bowling left-handed. Can I apply for tournament average relief? If so, how?
Yes, you may apply for average relief prior to bowling in any tournament by submitting documentation to CTF Headquarters. (See Rule 4e for details.) Tournament Management cannot give average relief without CTF first making the decision to grant relief.

319a/3 According to the tournament rules, entrants must enter with their highest previous season league average. A bowler enters with a 170 previous season average. The tournament rules also require the reporting of a 10 pin increase in league average at time of bowling. In league play the evening before the tournament, the bowler shoots a big series raising his/her average to 180. Must the bowler enter and use the higher 180 average?
Yes, bowlers are responsible for verifying the accuracy of their average. In accordance with Rule 319a, Item 2, the bowler needs to calculate his/her league average up to and including the last time he/she bowled in a league prior to competing in the tournament.

319a/4 Is a bowler responsible for verification of their average even though the entry blanks are completed and submitted by the team captain, squad sponsor, etc.?
Yes. In accordance with Rule 319a, Item 3, it is the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their entering average in handicap or classified tournaments whether originally submitted by the bowler or some other individual. The bowler should verify his/her average on the recap sheet to determine if it was correctly submitted. If necessary, an average correction can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of the series or, if an extension of time has been granted in writing by tournament management before the end of the first game of a series, the correction can be made within 48 hours after the end of the series.

averages from that association.

Assigned Averages

Rule 319b. A bowler who does not have an acceptable average under tournament rules will bowl scratch unless the rules specify a minimum average that will be assigned by tournament management prior to participation.
Tournament management has the authority to assign an average higher than the minimum average prior to participation.

Average Adjustments (Rerating)

Rule 319c. The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.
Unless the tournament rules state otherwise, in a handicap or classified tournament, a bowler who has had his/her average adjusted/rerated in accordance with this rule is required to report all previous assigned/rerates, whether the bowler accepted the adjustment/rerate or not, at the time of bowling.
The following information must be submitted prior to participation for possible average adjustment/rerate:
1. The name of each tournament in which an average adjustment/rerate was assigned;
2. The adjusted/rerated average

Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.

Commonly Asked Questions – Rule 319c.

319c/1 I entered a house tournament with my 175 league average. Prior to bowling, they adjusted my average to 190. Can I appeal this adjustment to CTF?
No, CTF is not in a position to substitute our judgment for that of tournament management in that they have first-hand knowledge of the situation.

319c/2 I entered an association championship tournament with my 175 league average. Prior to bowling, the tournament manager adjusted my average to 190. Can I appeal this adjustment to CTF?
Yes, an association championship tournament is a right of membership and, as such, adjustments may be appealed to CTF in writing, within 10 days of the date of bowling or prior to the payment of prizes, whichever occurs first.

Reporting Prior Prize Winnings

Rule 319d. A handicap or classified tournament may require a bowler to report any previous tournament prize winnings as a condition for entry.

In a handicap or classified tournament that does not have such a rule, anyone who has qualified[#] for a cash and/or merchandise prize of $300 or more in the position standings prize list in any event in a tournament, including all events, special features, special prizes and donated prizes, within the last 12 month period must give tournament management the following information prior to participation, for possible average adjustment:

1. The name of each tournament in which they have been paid such a prize, or if not yet paid, where they have qualified for a prize.
2. The amount of the prize:
   a. $300 or more in any one event;
   b. Total combined prize winnings of $500 or more in any one tournament;
   c. Total combined prize winnings of $1,000 or more in all tournaments within the past 12 months.
3. The actual score bowled to qualify for the prize.
4. The prize position.

Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fee and prize winnings.

NOTE: "Qualified" is defined as the date and time the tournament officially ended (completion of the last squad or round of competition), or payment of prizes, whichever comes first. All bowlers regardless of average must comply with the provisions of Rule 319d.

Average Adjustment for Entry

NOTE: All sanctioned and unsanctioned scores from the game of tenpins must be used in the application of this rule.

Rule 319e. Unless the tournament rules state otherwise, in a handicap or classified tournament a bowler shall adjust their entering average if, during the 12 month period immediately preceding the time and date of bowling the bowler's accumulated average for all, but not less than 21 tournament games, exceeds the average to be used for entry by 15 or more pins. In that case, the accumulated average must be used for handicapping or classification purposes.

The bowler is responsible for keeping a record of the names, dates, scores, and prize winnings in all tournaments entered in the previous 12 months, including those still running. These include all tournament scores bowled in accordance with the game of American tenpins. A bowler whose tournament scores require an adjustment must submit the adjusted average in writing before the end of the first game in a tournament, unless tournament rules allow for such adjustment to be made within a specified time after bowling. Failure to use the adjusted average in accordance with the foregoing is cause for forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings, and the bowler is subject to suspension of registration in CTF. On appeal or protest, the bowler must promptly supply the record of the names, dates, scores, and prizes won - or scores that qualify to win - in all tournaments in which the bowler competed within the previous 12 months.

Nothing in this rule will be deemed to supersede the authority of tournament management or local association to adjust a bowler's average upward prior to bowling.

Commonly Asked Question – Rule 319e.

319e/1 A 150-average bowler enters a handicap tournament that uses Rule 319e. After bowling a 650 series in singles, the tournament manager provides the bowler with an affidavit that must be filled out and returned within 15 days. The form requires the bowler to provide his scores, prize winnings and dates of all other tournaments he has bowled in over the past 12 months. Upon receipt of the requested information, it is determined that the bowler's tournament average for 36 games is 180. Should the bowler's score be disqualified?

Yes. In accordance with Rule 319e, it is the bowler's responsibility to adjust their entering average if their tournament average for 21 or more games exceeds their entering average by 15 or more pins. The bowler's score is disqualified from the prize list and all other positions moved up one spot.

USBC Averages

Rule 319f. CTF will recognize averages of 21 games or more established in leagues under the jurisdiction of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) for entry purposes in CTF tournaments subject to the following:

1. All USBC equipment and certification specifications apply to the bowling centres in which the averages are established.
2. All USBC general playing rules apply to the league(s) in which the averages are established.
3. Tournament rules do not exclude USBC averages.

Tournament Playing Rules

Two Lanes Required

Rule 320a. Bowling shall begin in accordance with a previously arranged schedule. Two lanes immediately adjoining each other shall be used in each game of tournament play.

The first game of a series starts on the lane where the team or individual is scheduled. Succeeding games start on the lane on which the team or individual finished the preceding game unless each complete game is bowled on a different pair of lanes.

Order of Bowling

Rule 320b. Members of competing teams, doubles and individual entrants shall successively and in regular order bowl one frame on one lane, and for the next frame alternate and use the other lane until five frames are bowled on each lane of the pair.

Interrupted Game or Series

Rule 321. If equipment failure on a pair of lanes would delay the progress of the series, tournament officials can authorize the completion of a game and series on another pair of certified lanes. The interrupted game and series must be resumed from the point of interruption.

Tardy Players

Rule 322. Any player or team arriving late shall begin play with the score to count from the frame then being bowled.

If a team refuses to start because a full lineup is not present, tournament management, at its discretion, can declare the game forfeited. No absentee or vacancy scores shall be permitted, and a bowler must bowl on the same lanes and at the same time their team bowls.

Unless the tournament rules allow missed frames to be made up, a bowler who misses one frame or more by not being present and ready to bowl in turn shall not be credited with any pins for the frames missed.

Commonly Asked Question – Rule 322b.

322/1 A team had a bowler who failed to show up and a substitute was not available. Can they use the bowler's average minus 10 pins?

In adult tournaments, the team would receive a zero for the missing player. In CTF youth tournaments, an absentee score must be accepted for a prepaid four- or five-player team unless otherwise stated in the tournament rules. Only one absentee score per team may be used and the score will be the absent member's entering average less 10 pins plus handicap.

Pacers

Rule 323. Pacers are permitted to maintain competitive conditions, unless otherwise provided by tournament rule. Scores bowled as a pacer shall not count in determining prize winners, and a pacer cannot later enter or compete in the tournament unless the tournament rules permit multiple participation. If a pacer is a CTF registered participant, they shall be eligible for all CTF individual awards.

Lineup Changes

Rule 324a. If a change in a team or doubles lineup is desired, it must be requested at least 30 minutes before the time the entrants are scheduled to bowl unless otherwise stated in the tournament rules.

Thereafter, no player shall change position in any team or doubles lineup after the player has been checked onto the lanes to bowl unless authorized by the tournament official in charge. Violation may be cause for disqualification.

If a replacement is needed on each of two teams, the entrants present may be paired together.

Substitutions During Game or Series

Rule 324b. After a team or doubles series has started, no changes can be made in the order of the players, but the captain can replace any player with a qualified substitute at any time. A player removed during a game cannot return to bowl in that game. The score of the game is credited to the starting player.

No substitutions can be made in a singles event after the series has started except in tournaments where two or more series or blocks of games are bowled. In such events, substitutes may be permitted at the discretion of tournament management. A player removed cannot return for the balance of the competition.

Scores bowled through the efforts of more than one individual player do not qualify for CTF awards, tournament individual awards, other than position standings prizes, nor can the scores be included in the all events total.

CTF Youth – Replacement of Entrants

Rule 324c. After a tournament entry has been filed, a player whose name is shown on the entry form can only be removed upon approval of the individual submitting the entry form. A bowler whose name is on the entry form and is not present to compete in the tournament at the scheduled time may be replaced by authorization of the individual submitting the entry form, or in the absence of this individual, upon approval of the majority of the members of the team.

When a player originally entered in a team event is replaced prior to the scheduled tournament date, ample notification shall be given to the player being replaced. If the player being removed paid the entry fee, the entry fee must be returned.

A player being replaced in the two-player and/or individual events must agree to being replaced in these events or should they fail to appear when scheduled, the individual submitting the entry form, or their appointee, may make such replacements.

A replacement must be an eligible participant under the CTF Youth and tournament rules.

Team Bowling Alone

Rule 325. Unless tournament rules state otherwise, a team or individual scheduled alone on a pair of lanes must bowl the games as though they were contested. Each player must complete a frame on one lane before the player bowling lead off starts the next frame on the adjoining lane.

This rule applies to all team tournaments except those which, by rule, schedule each team alone on a pair of lanes and permit the members to follow each other immediately in order on the alternate lane. Match play tournaments may establish target scores, for purposes of determining whether teams qualify for bonus points, when there is less than a full complement of teams.

Tie Scores

Rule 326a. When there is a tie for any championship in a tournament, it is optional with tournament management to have a playoff or declare co-champions. However, if there is a duplication of personnel on the tied teams, Rule 326b applies.

CO-CHAMPIONS: If co-champions are declared, the cash prizes for the positions affected are to be equally divided. Tournament management is required to supply additional medals or awards it makes to champions, which are emblematic of co-championships, from a fund other than the prize fund.

PLAYOFF: In match game or elimination tournaments, the number of games or frames played in deciding ties shall be determined by tournament management. In other tournaments, one game shall be played in deciding all ties, unless otherwise specified in the tournament rules, but under no conditions may the playoff consist of less than one delivery.

In playing off a first place tie, the team or individual scoring the highest is entitled to all first place prizes, except the optional all events cash prize is dependent on whether the winner is eligible. The team or individual with the next high score is entitled to second prize, etc.

Ties for other than first prize and position shall be decided by tournament management.

Duplication of Personnel

Rule 326b. When multiple participation is permitted in a tournament and one or more bowlers are members of the teams tied for the championship, the following procedure applies in deciding the championship.

1. When two or more teams are tied, and the same bowlers are duplicated on all of the tied teams, co-champions may be declared. If a playoff is conducted, only those members not duplicated on the teams shall bowl in the playoff series.
2. If three or more teams are tied, and the same bowlers are not duplicated on all of the tied teams, co-champions must be declared.

Scorers

Rule 327a. A tournament is required to have official scorers to record all games bowled in the tournament or use a CTF approved automatic scoring device.
If a full complement of scorers is not available and the bowlers affected cannot be rescheduled, they may be allowed to record their own scores under supervision of tournament management.
In match game tournaments where the pin count is not carried forward, tournament management may authorize the competing players to keep score.

Scoring Errors

Rule 327b. After a score has been recorded, it cannot be changed unless there is an obvious error in scoring or calculation. Obvious errors must be corrected by a tournament official immediately upon discovery. Questionable errors shall be decided by tournament management. Tournament management may, by rule, set a time limit for the correction of errors.

Scoring Process

Rule 327c. A handicap game or series shall not be capped unless otherwise stated in the tournament rules. A game or series cannot be capped below the highest possible scratch score.

Scores - Loss of

Rule 328. A tournament game or frame(s) within a game that is irretrievably lost in the scoring process may be re-bowled with approval of tournament management, unless prohibited by rule. The decision of tournament management shall be final, except where an appeal is made to CTF for final consideration.

Appeal or Protest

Rule 329. A protest or appeal involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with tournament management:
1. For adult tournaments within 72 hours or before tournament prizes are paid whichever occurs first.
2. For CTF Youth tournaments:
    a. Eligibility and/or average violations can be filed up to 10 days after prizes are paid out.
    b. Within 72 hours of the infraction.

The protest or appeal must be in writing and the grounds for the protest or appeal briefly stated.
An appeal regarding the decision of tournament management or local association may be made to CTF. The decision of CTF is final and binding on all involved parties. Prizes for the positions affected cannot be distributed until the protest or appeal is resolved.

NOTE: For disqualification procedures and sample letters, see CTF Tournament Managers' Manual

Changing Delivery in Handicap and Classified Tournaments

Rule 330. In handicap and classified tournaments, once the bowler has taken their first shot, they shall continue to use that hand throughout the tournament unless, due to injury, the bowler finds it impossible to continue bowling with the same hand. The bowler may seek approval of the tournament director to continue with the opposite hand.
Penalty: Disqualification in the event in which the violation occurs and loss of entry fee for that event.

Altering Surface of Bowling Ball

Rule 331.
1. For tournaments with bowling ball restrictions (e.g. 6-ball limited events) bowling ball surface adjustments by hand are acceptable between games provided they are done in the designated area and that the adjustment procedure does not delay the bowler's next turn. Any use of chemicals must be on the "acceptable list" as listed on the World Bowling ("WB") website, www.worldowling.org. A

full, up to date list of these products is available on the WB website includes anything listed in the "Acceptable during certified competition" sections. Bowlers are not allowed to use anything listed in the "Products Containing Solids or Abrasives" section nor anything listed in the "Not acceptable at any time" sections. The ball must be wiped clean after any adjustments.
2. Altering the surface of the bowling ball, besides what is mentioned in Rule 331 #1 above, is allowed in a designated area only during the official practice session, during the practice session immediately preceding a competition round, and between competition rounds. Altering the surface of the bowling ball during a game is not allowed. If the surface is adjusted during a game, the penalty is zero pinfall in that game.

Baker System

The Baker System format places emphasis on the team effort rather than individual accomplishments of team members. All team members follow each other in regular order to bowl a single game. For a 5-player team, Player #1 bowls frames 1 and 6; #2 bowls 2 and 7; #3 bowls 3 and 8; #4 bowls 4 and 9; and #5 bowls the 5th and 10th frames. The order of bowling is set by the team captain and may be adjusted at the conclusion of any game.
Most of the rules are the same as in regular league/tournament bowling; however, instead of each player having their own score, the combined effort of the team constitutes a game/series.
Other CTF Rules which are affected by the Baker Format are below. Each league should adopt their own rules governing these situations. Under each rule is CTF's suggestion.

Handicaps
The team method should be used. The league should adopt a rule stating averages would be figured on the first night and current thereafter.

Example: A team averaged 160 on the first night and the league rule states 100% of 200, the team would receive 40 pins handicap per game.

Absentee Scores
Ten percent of the team's Baker league average for each of the frames should be used. The first ball is half of the value of the frame rounding off to the lower figure.

Example: Team has 175 Baker average. Absent bowler would get 17 pins per frame-8 on first ball, 9 on second.

Vacancy Scores
The same could hold true for a vacancy score as it does for an absentee score. The league should establish a set figure and use half of the value for the first ball rounding off to the lower figure.

Averages
Individual averages can be figured frame by frame and should be submitted to the local association, as Baker System averages.

Sanctioning
To apply for sanctioning, submit a sanction application in the same manner as you would for a regular league or tournament. Just indicate on the application you are a Baker System modified format.

Many of these CTF services apply!

- **Your prize fund will be bonded**
- CTF can be contacted locally or nationally for advice on rules questions and league organization.
- The lanes are certified by CTF
- CTF supplies; such as league standing sheets and schedules can be used.

Chapter VII
CTF Equipment Specifications

All tenpin leagues and tournaments approved by CTF shall be conducted with equipment and products which have been certified by an official World Bowling ("WB") test facility, to comply with all WB specifications. Such approval is subject to and contingent upon laboratory examination, testing procedures and fees established by CTF.

At this time, CTF and USBC differ slightly on the certification of stringpin pinsetting equipment. CTF has sanctioned and certified stringpin centres and puts them on an equal footing with freefall centres. USBC, starting in 2023-2024, is certifying stringpin centres, but considers them a separate "category" from freefall centres.

Presently, the USBC testing facility is the only official WB test facility. Other facilities may apply for and receive such official status by submitting detailed information satisfactory to the WB Presidium that its testing procedures comply with WB requirements.
In this chapter of the CTF Playing Rues only basic specifications are given. For detailed technical specifications and testing procedures, reference is made to the USBC Equipment Specifications Manual, which can be found in USBC's website – www.bowl.com
In the case of a dispute between metric and imperial dimensions, the imperial dimensions prevail. The following conversion factors apply:
1 inch = 25.4mm; 1 foot = 12 inches = 304.8mm; 1 pound – 0.453 kg; 1 ounce – 28.349 g

Bowling Balls

1. **Approved.** Bowling balls must be identifiable as a ball listed on the Approved Ball List. Since all bowling balls manufactured prior to January 1991 have been previously approved, their acceptance is at the discretion of the tournament or league official.
2. **House Balls.** As a courtesy to league and tournament participants, House Balls may be used even though they are not specifically posted on the Approved Ball List. Please see item 8 below and the USBC Equipment Specifications Manual for House Ball specifics.
3. **Identification.** Each ball must have the original brand name/logo, original ball name and some form of serial number (the serial number may be engraved or re-engraved).
4. **Bowling Ball Surface.**
   a) Shall be free of all depressions or grooves of specific pattern, except for holes or indentations used for gripping the ball, identification lettering and numbers, and incidental chipping or marking caused by wear.
   b) No foreign material may be placed on the outer surface or in the balance hole of the ball including but not limited to powder, rosin, marker or paint.
   c) If a crack is located within the bowler's track area, it is not permitted for use. A crack is defined as a partial break or split, that appears on the surface of the ball, which is no more than 3" long or greater and/or 1/8" wide or greater.
5. **Ball Plugs, Inserts and Slugs.**
   a) Removable devices must be approved and on the Approved Removable Bowling Ball Devices list.
   b) A ball plug or slugs may be used for the purpose of re-drilling a ball. When a slug is used, there must be a hole drilled completely through the slug leaving no void at the base.
   c) Plugs, inserts, tape and slugs may not extend beyond the surface of the ball.
6. **Weight.** The weight of the ball shall not exceed 16.00 pounds. There is no minimum weight.
7. **Drilling Requirements.**
   a) Holes.

a. Holes or indentations for gripping purposes
    i. Shall not exceed five and shall be limited to one for each finger and one for the thumb, all for the same hand.
    ii. Shall not exceed 1-9/16" diameter and 4-1/2" deep, including holes required to install removeable devices.
    iii. Must be used on every delivery.
b. Any secondary hole drilled inside of a gripping hole that is not intended for gripping purpose is considered a void and not allowed.
c. No balance holes are allowed.
d. Balls without a thumbhole must have a scribed or engraved cross-hair lines ("+") near the center of the palm to indicate the grip orientation. The ball must be delivered in the marked orientation (i.e. palm must cover the "+").
e. One vent hole for each finger and/or thumb hole, not to exceed 1/4 inch in diameter is permitted.
f. One mill hole for inspection purposes not to exceed 5/8 inch in diameter and 1/8 inch in depth is permitted.

b) **Balance.** For balls weighing more than 10.00 pounds (all measurements are to be taken with respect to the center of grip):
    a. No more than 3 ounces of top/bottom weight, left/right weight and finger/thumb weight.
    b. A ball used without any holes or indentations may not have more than three-ounce difference between any two halves of the ball.

For center of grip determination and balls weighing 10.00 pounds or less see the USBC Equipment Specifications Manual.

Commonly Asked Questions

What if a bowler does not use their thumb for a strike ball but does use their thumb for a spare shot?
As of August 1, 2020, a bowler who doesn't use the thumb during a delivery cannot have a thumb hole or a balance hole. If the ball does, it is illegal and games are subject to forfeiture. All
holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery.

If the bowler covers the thumb hole with their palm, would that count as gripping?
No, the bowler is not gripping the ball if they are just covering the hole with their palm.

What if a bowler does not have any holes in the ball, is this legal or permitted?
Yes, holes are recommended but not mandatory.

8. **House Balls.** House balls will be exempt from item 7. House balls are defined as:
    a. Being supplied by the center in which the certified competition is being used.
    b. Having a polyester or basic urethane coverstock.
    c. Having a differential RG less than 0.025 inches.
    d. The ball is not drilled to fit the bowler specifically.

    NOTE: *A ball left in a bowling centre by a bowler to be used as a house ball is not considered a house ball.*

9. **Out of Specification.** If it is found that a bowling ball is, or is suspected of, being out of specification, the bowler must be told by the tournament or league official to remove the ball from competition until it can be measured. If the ball is not removed or the bowler had prior knowledge of such, games are subject to forfeiture or disqualification. If the bowler had no prior knowledge, the games would not be subject to forfeiture, but the ball would not be able to be used until it meets specifications.

Lane Dressing

Mechanical failure, lack of fresh dressing application, or other if found after bowling are not causes for games to be re-bowled. Games will stand as bowled.

Chapter VIII
CTF Bonding, Burglary and Hold Up Insurance

CTF provides bonding, burglary and hold up insurance for all chartered provincial, local associations, CTF sanctioned leagues and the officers of CTF leagues. CTF provides no coverage outside the terms of its purchased policies.

The bonding program covers:

- Misuse of Funds: A shortage attributable to dishonesty by a league or association officer.
- Funds taken through the forcible entry into the premises or locked receptacle, where the funds are kept, of an officer or their messenger. There must be visible evidence of forcible entry. An on-site police report is required.
- The taking of funds from an officer, or their messenger, by violence or threat of violence.

The CTF bonding program does not cover funds frozen through insolvency or liquidation of any financial institution. Therefore, the banking or credit institution must be a member of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Leagues

The officers of all CTF sanctioned leagues are bonded for $10,000 at no cost to the league. Leagues with prize funds in excess of $10,000 will only receive coverage up to $10,000. Funds in excess of $10,000 will not be insured. CTF is responsible for a deductible of $1,000 per occurrence.

The following conditions govern the method by which leagues must handle their funds to qualify for 100 percent protection of any loss caused by the dishonest act of a league officer:

- League applications and registration fees must be received within 30 days of the start of the schedule, counting the first day of competition. The League President should verify this is done.
- Funds must be deposited within seven days in an insured bank or credit institution in the name of the league.
- Two officers authorized by the league must co-sign for all withdrawals. (Members of an immediate family cannot co-sign for withdrawals.) Officers must be registered participants of CTF. Signature stamps cannot be used nor can cheques be pre-signed.
- The president of the league must personally verify the bank account each month.

Failure to meet the above conditions may result in a 100 percent reduction of any documented loss caused by the dishonest act of the league officer. CTF recommends that league funds be deposited in a chequing account, with the monthly statement mailed directly to the president by the bank. When funds are deposited in any other account, and the president is not the co-signer for withdrawals, their name must be identified with the account to enable the president to personally verify the amount on deposit.

In-Centre Banking Service

If a league uses the banking service provided by the bowling centre, it is at its own risk as league funds held by bowling centres will not be covered by CTF's bonding, burglary and hold up insurance.

Associations

The officers and directors of all chartered provincial or local associations are bonded for loss of funds due to burglary and/or holdup for $10,000 at no cost to the association. The program also provides coverage for misuse of funds or theft by an association officer. CTF is responsible for a deductible of $1,000 per occurrence. The plan does not cover board members conducting tournaments or events other than those run in the name of the association.

The following conditions govern the method by which associations must handle their funds to qualify for 100 percent protection of any loss caused by the dishonest act of an association officer:

- Funds must be deposited in an insured bank or credit institution in the name of the association.

- Withdrawals require the signatures of two authorized officers; signature stamps are not be used nor can cheques be pre-signed.
- Two members of the immediate family cannot co-sign for withdrawals from any association account.
- The president must verify the account monthly and the association account must be audited annually.

Failure to meet the above conditions will result in a 100 percent reduction of any documented loss caused by the dishonest act of an association officer.

Burglary and Hold-Up Insurance

The funds of each CTF sanctioned league, provincial and local associations are insured against loss by burglary and holdup in the following manner:

- Receipts: Not to exceed one week's receipts at any one time: with a limit of $2,000.
- Disbursements: When funds are deposited in a recognized banking and/or credit institution, and in the name of the league, the amount of total liability is $10,000 at any one time for a period of seven days, to cover funds withdrawn for end of the season prize money distribution or for a disbursement in behalf of the league. Therefore, leagues with large prize funds only pay out a maximum of $10,000 in cash with the balance paid in cheques.

In the event the league or association fails to deposit the funds in a recognized banking or credit institution in the name of the organization as specified, the insurance company will be liable for only one week's receipts when a loss occurs due to burglary or holdup.

THE INSURANCE POLICY DOES NOT COVER LOSS BY FIRE, MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OR FUNDS LEFT UNATTENDED.

Losses and Claims

Under the bonding and insurance program, any loss or claim should be reported to CTF within 15 days. The letter of notification should include the amount of loss or terms of a claim and the circumstances. The insurance company shall not be held liable for any loss or claim which, on investigation in a given case, may have existed prior to the time the bond or insurance became effective. Any attempt to regain funds through an agreement between the principal and offended parties without authorization from CTF creates a legal problem which places the league's right of recovery under the bond in jeopardy.

Commonly Asked Questions – Dishonest Act of Officer.

Is it really that important to list our total prize fund on the league certification application if it exceeds $10,000?
Yes, unless the total prize fund amount has been listed, the maximum amount of league prize money covered under the CTF bonding policy will be $10,000.

Who is considered immediate family? What if they are no longer in the same household?
Members of an immediate family include mothers, daughters, sisters, wives, husbands, sons, brothers, fathers, stepsisters, stepbrothers, stepmothers, stepfathers and in-laws. Same gender spouses are considered immediate family.

Two members of an immediate family cannot serve as president or vice-president and secretary-treasurer or treasurer of the same league or co-sign for withdrawals from a league account, even if they do not reside in the same household.

General Information

The bond and insurance shall remain in force for continuing leagues not only to the end of the season, but for the so-called off season until the new season begins. A league receives temporary 30-day protection (winter and summer) from the starting date of its schedule. If the league application is not received by the association within the 30 day grace period, the bonding and insurance become effective when the application and dues are received by the association, and only such funds as on deposit at that time, plus funds deposited thereafter. Failure to submit the league application within the stated time voids protection for all money collected prior to the date the league application was received.

ANY OFFICER WHO MISUSES THE FUNDS OF A LEAGUE, LOCAL OR PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO SUSPENSION FROM CTF REGISTRATION. LIKEWISE, THE INSURANCE COMPANY WILL NOT EXTEND COVERAGE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO MISUSED FUNDS IN THE PAST OR CONVICTED OF A FELONY. THE PRESIDENT MAY ALSO

BE LIABLE FOR INDEFINITE SUSPENSION FROM CTF REGISTRATION FOR FAILING TO MAKE MONTHLY VERIFICATION.

NOTE: "Verify" means the president must not only determine the amount on deposit, but also do the arithmetic necessary to determine how much should be on deposit. If the account is found to be short, the president must report the shortage immediately to CTF National Office for possible action under the bonding insurance policy.
All cheques must bear the signature of two authorized co-signers. Cheques should not be made out to cash. The chequebook should be reviewed to verify entries made and to reconcile the appropriate bank statements.

Commonly Asked Question – Mysterious Disappearance.

The league treasurer collected the envelopes and had them on the table. The treasurer went to bowl and when he got back the envelopes were gone. Can a bond claim be filed for the loss of money?
No. The bonding policy does not cover losses due to mysterious disappearances or funds left unattended.

We have recently found out that our treasurer was convicted of a felony 20 years ago. Can this individual continue as a treasurer in our league?
No, the bond policy does not extend coverage to any individual who has been convicted of a felony.

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