

LEAGUE, TOURNAMENT AND ASSOCIATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Public health directives over coronavirus (COVID-19) are evolving. USBC is sharing rules and governing topics in this document as a resource to members if conditions require postponement or cancelation of competition. Below are Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

LEAGUES

What are a league's options if schedule changes are deemed appropriate?

Leagues have the option to postpone its sessions or cancel the remaining schedule. The league and bowling center should discuss and agree to changes in the schedule.

Who has the authority to postpone a league session because of health concerns?

The league board of directors (team captains and officers), by majority vote, decides on postponements for the entire league. The issue of rescheduling a postponed session(s) needs to be discussed with the center to determine any effects on the center agreement with the league and any possible scheduling/financial impacts resulting from this action.

Who must approve any agreement to end the league season early because of the coronavirus issue?

USBC is declaring the coronavirus outbreak as an emergency situation and is allowing the league to change its schedule by ending early, by a majority vote of the board of directors. The approval does need to be agreed upon by both the center management and the league board of directors (team captains and officers).

How will ending the league early affect the league prize fund?

This will result in the league having less than anticipated funds in any adopted prize list. To amend the adopted prize list based on the funds available, the league board of directors (team captains and officers) are to meet and approve an amended prize list, which must follow the general outline of the current prize list.

How does the league determine their champions the season ends early?

If possible, the league would end their season and declare champions based on the standings after the final date of competition. If a roll-off is necessary, we would advise the league to work with the teams involved to schedule any needed roll-offs as soon as possible, to allow for the orderly closeout of the season.

If a league continues to bowl but members want to withdraw from the league, can the league hold them responsible for league fees?

Any member who withdraws from the league due to the coronavirus outbreak will not be required by USBC to give two weeks' notice or pay for two weeks in accordance with Rule 114a.

If I withdraw from the league because of the coronavirus outbreak, am I entitled to prize money?

Yes, you are entitled to a prorated share based on the number of weeks paid for.

Can the league board of directors do an email vote to decide these issues?

In order to reduce the need for individuals to gather in one place to make these decisions, an email vote would be allowed as long as all board members can be contacted by email.

