

2021 USBC CONVENTION REPORT

The following is a summary of the actions taken at the USBC convention, submitted by Marilyn Maracic, Chairperson of the Legislation Committee.

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the USBC cancelled its 2020 Convention and Annual Meeting. On April 29, 2021 delegates at the virtual USBC Convention and Annual Meeting voted on 19 legislative proposals, involving changes to bylaws and rules specific to leagues and tournaments. These included 13 proposals carried over from 2020 and 6 new proposals.

**The adopted amendments include:**

Amendment No. LR 3 (2021)(League Rules)

Rule 106c (Interrupted Game/Series) – Allows a league officer to authorize practice

Amendment No. TR 1 (2020)(Tournament Rules)

Rule 309a (Cash, Bonds or Merchandise Prizes) – Requires tournament managers to provide copies of prize lists and financial statements to tournament participants

Amendment No. B4 (2020)(USBC National Bylaws)

Requires an individual who intends to run for a position on the USBC Board of Directors to meet eligibility requirements prior to nomination

Amendment No. B6 (2020) (USBC National Bylaws)

Allows the Chair of the Nominating Committee to be appointed by the USBC President

Amendment No. B7 (2020) (USBC State Association Bylaws – Board of Directors)

Allows the State to adopt a deadline for submission of qualifications for nominations to be submitted at least 24 hours, but no more than seven days, prior to the opening of the annual meeting

Amendment No. B8 (2020) (USBC State Association Bylaws – Officers)

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Amendment No. B1 (2021) (USBC National Bylaws – Board of Directors)

Provides for the board to make emergency decisions, in extreme situations, to temporarily suspend bylaws and rules

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## Governance

The USBC Board of Directors also announced a series of governance policy amendments for next season. These include limiting USBC Adult membership to individuals 18 and older (to align with U.S. Center for SafeSport policies related to adult and minor participation) and removing the requirement for designated youth directors from the bylaws of merged local and state boards. Starting next season, all state and local board members will be referred to as directors.

More information on these amendments can be found here:

<https://www.bowl.com/News/NewsDetails.aspx?id=23622335564>

<https://www.bowl.com/News/NewsDetails.aspx?id=23622335538>

Changes will go into effect on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

## Lane Certification

Following a study of the lane certification process and analyzing data from lane inspections, USBC determined it will implement a center certification program, featuring tiered levels of certification and a national staff of lane inspectors, over the next five years.

Details of the tiered center certification program will be announced no later than the 2022 USBC Convention.

USBC has postponed the rollout of its tiered certification program until January 1, 2023. All centers certified for the 2019-2020 season will have their certifications extended.

More information on the certification process can be found here:

<https://www.bowl.com/centercertification/>