

M.T.B.A. League Rules and Regulations

League Definition - Qualifications

RULE 101: A league of four or more teams participating in the game of Tenpins, under the management of a league committee and in accordance with a prepared schedule, rules and prize list (if any) accepted by the league is eligible to apply for sanction to the MTBA.

A team may consist of one or more bowlers as decided by the league. Each team shall determine whether it will include additional members, unless the league adopts a rule setting the maximum number of members on a team.

Three consecutive games are to be bowled by each team every time the league is scheduled to bowl, unless otherwise provided by league rules. To be considered official in league play, all games must be bowled and conducted in strict compliance with the playing rules.

At the start of a new league schedule, for a team to be eligible to participate, it must retain the captain and two other members who had previously played at least twelve games the season before. This does not apply to new participating teams.

A regular member of a team is a bowler who is listed on the roster submitted by the team captain or who is named by the captain as a replacement during the season.

A mixed league is where there are a fixed number of male, female and/or junior bowlers.

A closed league is defined as one in which membership is restricted to a particular industry, organization, etc.

NOTE: Leagues generally decide to award games on basis of games won and lost or according to a point system. In the four-point system, one point is awarded to winning team for each game bowled, and an extra point going to the team recording the greatest total number of pins for the series.

Membership Fee Payment Requirements

RULE 102: All bowlers participating in an MTBA or sanctioned league must complete an individual membership application and pay or provide proof of payment of the required dues in effect for the current season before commencement of the player's first series. This rule also applies to substitute players entering a league after it has been sanctioned.

Special Contests

RULE 103: When a league conducts special contests for its own members, and such contests comply with rules, which govern sanctioned league or tournament play. MTBA Awards and Recognition will be extended automatically. This also applies to play-offs between the champions of divisions in a league that is made up of two or more divisions that bowl separate schedules.

League Sanctions

RULE 104: Any league consisting of four teams or more organized for the purpose of bowling the game of Tenpins, according to a pre-arranged schedule, may apply for a regular league sanction provided all eligible teams and members thereof affiliate with and pay the MTBA dues required provided:

1. The lanes on which it bowls are certified by the MTBA.
2. Its application for sanction and membership fees are submitted on or before the expiration of the grace period.
3. A copy of its rules and regulations is submitted to the MTBA for approval.

All disputes are to be settled without delay and in accordance with Malta Tenpin Bowling Association Rules. Should recourse be required to be made to the Malta Tenpin Bowling Association, then this must be made in writing, within forty eight hours.

A nominal charge will be made by the Malta Tenpin Bowling Association in order to give its sanction to each league. This charge will cover administration expenses, such as the certificates or badges, plus ensuring compliance by the league of all Association Rules. Currently, these charges are:

Singles Leagues	€35
Doubles Leagues	€50
Trios and Four-Person Team Leagues	€60

Bowler's Responsibility. It is understood that the bowler herself/himself must ascertain personally from the MTBA whether the league or tournament has been sanctioned. The excuse that the bowler was in ignorance of the fact that the league or tournament had not been sanctioned will not be accepted.

A league sanction shall entitle all members to compete for individual and team high score awards, provided in the case of teams, that each team in the league is similarly organized and that every MTBA requirement has been complied with when a claim for high score award recognition is submitted.

When special contests, limited to members of a league granted a sanction are held, and conducted accordingly, high score recognition will be extended automatically under the same terms and conditions as outlined immediately above.

League Sanctions - Temporary Sanction

RULE 105: A league sanctioned the previous season is deemed temporarily sanctioned at the start of its current schedule for twenty-one days counting the first day of competition. The league will be eligible for all membership services while temporarily sanctioned.

The grace period is for the purpose of providing protection during the time required for the league secretary to complete the sanction application, collect individual membership dues and file the application and fees with the General Secretary of the Association.

A league not sanctioned the previous season may apply to the MTBA for such temporary sanction.

Match Point System

RULE 106: Leagues that decide team position standings by awarding individual 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 line-up first.
2. No change may be made in the order of players in the line-up during a series. A substitute must take the replaced bowler's position in the line-up.
3. When there is an absentee or vacancy the individual match points shall be awarded to the team winning the game. 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 or vacancies.

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

Handicapping

RULE 107: Handicapping is a means of placing bowlers with varying degrees of skill on as equitable a basis as possible for scheduled competition.

Should a bowler not have an established average, then a new handicap will be calculated after the first complete series (three-games) is bowled.

When figuring handicap or averages, fractions are to be dropped. (eg. 159.9 is taken as 159).

Average - How Determined

RULE 108: A bowling average is determined by dividing the total number of pins credited to a bowler in one 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. When calculating a person's handicap or average, fractions are to be dropped. (eg. 159.9 is taken as 159).

Averages - How Established

RULE 109: When a bowler has more than one average and the individual average is used to determine the handicap or classification of the bowler, one of the following methods shall be selected to arrive at an average for league or tournament:

- a. The highest average based on a minimum of twelve games.
- b. A composite average.
- c. A composite average maintained in a league, in which the bowler has competed in at least twelve games.

Highest Average - The best average in one of the several sanctioned leagues in which a player competes.

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

Established averages, which are used to determine the handicap or classification of a bowler, must be based on a minimum of twelve games in one league, unless otherwise specified in the league rules. This established average will be used for the first twelve games of the league. Should a bowler not have an established average, then a new average/handicap will be calculated after the first complete three-game series is bowled.

Any Tournament Directors may at their option require that the entering average, based on either the high or composite system, shall not be more than ten pins below the same type of average for the previous season.

Individual averages, which are used to determine the handicap or classification of a bowler, must be based on a minimum of twelve games in one league, unless otherwise specified in the tournament rules.

Officers

RULE 110: Each league shall have a President and a Secretary.

Rules and Regulations

RULE 111: Such bowling league shall have a set of rules, which provide for its regular activities. It may provide a league committee to whom the duties may be distributed.

Duties of the League President

RULE 112: The league president shall perform the following duties:

1. Preside all league meetings.
2. Enforce all rules and regulations of the league.
3. Arrange to have a set of accounts controlled by the signatures of at least two officers required for all withdrawals.
4. Verify the league's set of accounts at the end of each league season.

Duties of the League Secretary

RULE 113: In addition to the duties specified by the league meetings, the secretary must keep an accurate record of all individual and team scores and must produce a copy of the weekly averages and team standings or position, which must be available to all members at least until the end of the following weeks' schedule, unless such data is furnished weekly to each captain.

Furthermore, the league secretary must:

1. Furnish the league controller with a copy of the standing sheet when requested with complete details of the competing league bowlers of that season.
2. Collect all membership fees with completed applications for each new player who joins the league during the season and forward them to the MTBA Treasurer within seven days of collection.
3. When requested, he/she shall post a financial statement, when funds are involved in the establishment where the league bowls showing total receipts and disbursements to date unless such data is furnished monthly to each captain.
4. Retain the financial statements until the league prize fund, if any, has been distributed at the conclusion of the season.
5. Arrange to have a prize list, together with rules governing the eligibility of teams and individuals for special prize consideration submitted to the league committee prior to the start of the league schedule.
6. Distribute all prizes within 30 days after the end of the league schedule, unless: (a) the MTBA has set another time for distributing prizes, or (b) the MTBA has authorized holding up of prizes pending settlement of a claim or protest affecting prize distribution.

Failure on the part of the league secretary to comply with the provisions of these rules or fulfil other duties as may be prescribed by the league meetings shall be cause for removal from office and/or suspension of membership in the MTBA.

League Committee Duties

RULE 114: When appointed, the League Committee shall be the governing body of the league and be comprised of the officers, the General Secretary of the MTBA and the team captains. Another team member may be designated by the team captain to act as the team's representative at the meetings. Each member of the committee shall be entitled to only one vote, whether he is a team representative, officer or both.

Strict Compliance of All Rules

RULE 115: Such leagues and the teams comprising its membership must conduct and play all its games in strict compliance with the Rules and Regulations governing such games, as adopted by the MTBA.

Team Captains Authority

RULE 116: A team captain is a member of the league authorized to organize and enter a team in conformity with the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the MTBA in league play. The captain is the team representative and shall perform the following duties:

1. Collect MTBA/league and tournament dues or weekly fees, where applicable, from each member of the team and hand such fees to the league secretary. No arrears may be agreed to.
2. Be responsible for the eligibility of the team and its members under the rules of the league.
3. Be responsible for the conduct and attendance of the team in league play.
4. It is within the captain's authority to permanently remove any player from the team. Good and sufficient reason for the removal must be furnished to the MTBA, if requested.
5. Enter the names of the team players in the score card before the start of each scheduled series.
6. Sign the score cards and have the scores verified by the opposing captain unless the system is computerized.
7. Pay each member of the team within 15 days after receiving prize money in accordance with verbal or written agreements. A dispute over prize distribution shall be decided by the league committee / MTBA, if so demanded.

Bowlers - Qualifications

RULE 117: In order to be eligible for MTBA membership, a person must be qualified under the rules of the MTBA. Such bowler may be a member of one or more bowling teams.

League Play

RULE 118: All games of Tenpins, to be considered official in league play, must actually be bowled and conducted in strict compliance with the following playing rules hereafter.

Teams shall be composed of the number of players fixed by the rules of the particular league in which the competition is held.

Legal Line-up/Absentees

RULE 119: A Legal Line-up in 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 or more 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 towards a legal line-up. When a lesser number is present to start any game of the series at the time scheduled by the league, the game shall be forfeited.

The matter of eligibility must be established by league rule. However, a bowler is eligible if his score is to be counted in deciding league games whether he/she is a substitute or regular bowler and is in possession of a current membership card.

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. Members of the team forfeiting a game or games under the provisions of this rule shall be allowed to bowl along with the team winning by forfeiture and have scores bowled included in league records to qualify for all league and MTBA individual awards.

The League Committee may adopt rules providing for the use of blind score and handicaps in deciding league games. Blind scores may only be used when a legal line-up is present.

League Series - How Bowled

RULE 120: 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, with the exception of equipment failure (viz RULE 127).

Order of Bowling

RULE 121: Members of competing teams shall successively and in regular order bowl one frame on one lane, and for the next frame use the other lane and alternate until five frames are bowled on each lane of the pair.

NOTE: It is permissible for the lead-off player to bowl prior to or while the Anchor player is bowling on the other lane when two teams are bowling against each other.

Commencement Time

RULE 122: The league shall be assumed to have commenced once the league secretary or his substitute has approved the official starting time.

Tardy Players

RULE 123: Unless otherwise provided by league rule, any bowler who fails to turn up by the time that any of the teams have a full line-up bowling on either of the pair of lanes adjoining to those on which his team is bowling, has started rolling the fourth frame, may not be permitted to be included in the team line-up for the game being played, or any already concluded. He may bowl in subsequent game(s). The opposing team captain may accept to wait for any tardy player/s up to a maximum time when the first game on any adjacent lane has been completed.

RULE 124: A bowler, with the consent of the opposing team captain, may finish the final game of a series before his team-mates or opponents, unless league rules do not permit bowling out. 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.

Score Recognition - Tardy Players - Bowling Out

RULE 125: When a bowler is a legal tardy player or a team member is allowed to bowl out, the score counts in deciding the game. This score is included in the bowlers average and qualifies for MTBA awards. The score also counts for special league awards unless otherwise provided by league rule.

Bowlers in Corresponding Positions

RULE 126: When two bowlers in corresponding positions in the line-up of opposing teams are ready to bowl, the bowler on the right is to bowl first. If the pins are not set up for the bowler on the right, the bowler on the left may wait until the opponents' pins are properly set.

Interrupted Game

RULE 127: If equipment failure on a pair of lanes would delay the progress of a series, league officers can authorize the game and series to be completed on another pair of certified lanes. An interrupted game and series shall be resumed from the point of interruption.

Competition Limited To One Team

RULE 128: A player may not compete in more than one team in the same league for the regularly scheduled games each week. Under no condition may a bowler play in more than one team in the same scheduled game or league.

NOTE: Leagues divided into divisions are considered as one league.

Transferring Team Membership

RULE 129: A bowler listed on a team's roster, but who has not yet bowled in that league, may transfer to another team in the league during the season provided the captain of the team consents to the player's release.

Substitutes

RULE 130: A bowler who replaces another who is scheduled to participate in an MTBA sanctioned league, and whose scores count for the games bowled, is considered a substitute. A substitute must be a member of the MTBA, where required.

The following shall apply to the use of substitutes:

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 the regularly scheduled games each week, unless otherwise provided by league rule.
2. The average of a substitute shall be kept. Should a substitute later be added to a team's roster, his/her average shall be continued.
3. Scores bowled through the efforts of more than one individual player shall not qualify for the league, MTBA or tournament awards; nor shall the scores be included in the all events totals.
4. Substitutions shall not be made in a singles event except that in eliminations or match game tournaments where two or more series or block games are bowled, substitutions may be permitted at the discretion of the Tournament Manager.
5. A player removed from a game cannot return to bowl in the same series.
6. A captain may replace any player at the start of any game during a series with another eligible player unless otherwise provided by league rules.

Pacers

RULE 131: Teams or individuals may not pace on the same pair of lanes with a team or individual competing in a sanctioned tournament, except that in individual tournaments when necessary to provide or to maintain equality of competitive conditions, the tournament management may permit pacers to bowl. No pacers shall be permitted subsequently to enter or compete in the tournament. Pacers do not qualify for any MTBA awards.

Failure To Complete Game

RULE 132: When a player is unable to complete a game because of disability, injury or emergency, and a qualified substitute is not available to bowl, the team of which he is a member shall count his actual score for the frames bowled in the game total, plus one-tenth of his blind score for each of the remaining frames in the game. The frames bowled shall not be used in determining the bowler's average.

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.

If there is any doubt of a player's reason for not being able to continue a game, the league secretary shall decide and the player may be reported to the Association's Disciplinary Committee.

Forfeit - Lack Of Legal Line-up

RULE 133: When less than a minimum legal line-up is present to complete the first frame of any game of the series, the game shall be forfeited unless a league has a rule to allow the required number of players for a minimum legal line-up 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.

Forfeit - Failure To Appear

RULE 134: When one of two teams scheduled against each other fails to present a minimum legal line-up and postponement was not requested, the games are forfeited. Further disciplinary action will also be taken (viz RULE 138).

Any team, which fails to appear three times within the same season, will be automatically disqualified from the league, and both the team and its bowlers will be liable to disciplinary action.

Forfeit - Lack Of Legal Line-up On Both Teams

RULE 135: If two teams scheduled to bowl each other, and each of the teams do not have legal line-ups and were not granted a postponement, both teams shall forfeit these games. Further disciplinary action may also be taken (viz RULE 138).

Forfeiture and Recognition Of Games

RULE 136: A team or participant whose league or membership dues are not fully paid by the date set by the MTBA shall forfeit their games. Further disciplinary action will also be taken (viz RULE 138).

Forfeit - Refusal To Bowl

RULE 137: A team that refuses to bowl with less than a full line-up forfeits any games it declines to bowl. Further disciplinary action will also be taken (viz RULE 138).

Forfeits - Further Disciplinary Action

RULE 138: Teams competing with incomplete line-ups will be required to furnish the league secretary with the name/s of those bowlers who were expected to make an appearance and failed to do so. The team concerned will be automatically fined Lm4.00 per missing bowler and the bowlers concerned will be liable to disciplinary action. The team captain is responsible for the payment of any fines, which must be settled prior to the team's next league match.

Bowling Unopposed And Or Against An Incomplete Line-up

RULE 139: Opposing teams must bowl each other at the same time except:

1. When a forfeit is declared.
2. When a league adopts specific rules permitting a team or individual members to bowl unopposed before or after a scheduled league match. If a league adopts a rule to allow teams and/or individuals to bowl unopposed, the procedures for postponing and pre-bowling outlined in the Rules 140 through 143 apply, unless the league had adopted other rules to govern bowling unopposed.

When bowling a scheduled league match unopposed (forfeit), the team must bowl within forty pins of the current combined average of the team members present to be awarded the respective game points. With regards to the Series, the total team score must be within 120 pins of the current combined average of the team members present in order for the series points to be awarded. (Both figures include handicap).

In the case that the team bowling unopposed has at least one team member without an established average, then they must bowl within forty pins of the current team average from the latest Standing List to be awarded the respective game points and the total team score must be within 120 pins of the current team average from the latest Standing List in order for the series points to be awarded. (Both figures include handicap).

When bowling a scheduled league match against an incomplete line-up, the scores count in deciding league and team totals, but individual scores only qualify if the individual's average increases.

Postponement - Request

RULE 140: A postponement must be requested at least forty-eight hours before the scheduled time on an MTBA Postponement Form, accompanied by an Administration Fee of € 12. Should both team captains agree, postponements will also be accepted after this dead-line. The league secretary must grant a postponement when a team cannot appear for reasons beyond its control. In no case shall a league adopt legislation, which would have the effect of establishing an absolute no postponement rule throughout.

Postponement - Time Limit For Scheduling

RULE 141: Postponed games must be bowled prior to the next league match of scheduled competition for either team. Postponements may not be granted for the final three weeks of scheduled competition; the foregoing applies except when a protest or appeal is pending finalization.

Postponement - Procedures To Follow

RULE 142: When a postponement has been granted, the following procedures shall apply:

1. The league secretary shall notify the Bowling Centre of the change in schedule and arrange for the postponed games to be bowled on the originally scheduled pair of lanes. If the original lanes are not available, the league secretary may authorize the teams to use alternative lanes, provided they are used by the league in bowling its schedule.
2. The captains of the teams involved shall agree on a date for bowling the postponed match. If the captains cannot agree on a date, the league secretary shall set a date and notify both team captains of the date and time set. In this case, the team which should be inconvenienced the least, should be that team which had not requested the postponement.
3. A league postponement form has to be filled by both team captains and is to be passed on to the league secretary at least forty eight hours before play, accompanied by the appropriate Administrative Fee.
4. Postponed games must be bowled under the same conditions and rules governing normal/sanctioned league play.
5. If a pair of lanes normally used by the league is not available, the league secretary may authorize the games to be bowled on another pair of certified lanes even though the lanes are not normally used by the league.

The scores of any postponed matches not duly applied for on the above mentioned form will not be accepted and no points will be awarded to either team involved.

Postponement - Figuring Handicaps

RULE 143: In bowling postponed or pre-bowled games in handicap leagues, the handicap is figured as of the date the games are bowled. All games bowled prior to the pre-bowled or postponed match shall be included in determining handicap.

League Tie Games

RULE 144: When a tie game occurs, each of the two teams involved in the tie shall be credited in the standing with having won one-half game, and with the loss of one-half game.

There shall be no play-off of such ties. In leagues using the points award system, 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 play-off of such ties.

Play-offs

RULE 145: A play-off is necessary to determine the champion when a tie exists for first place at the end of the league schedule when two or more teams have equal points and pinfall.

Under no conditions may the play-offs consist of less than one game. In the absence of a league rule, the play-off shall consist of the same number of games and be conducted under the same conditions and rules governing league play rules during the season. Total pins from the play-off shall decide the winner unless otherwise provided in the league rules.

If a tie still exists at the end of a play-off, each team will bowl an additional frame. This frame is 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.

NOTE: Play-off games do not count towards individual averages or special league prizes. When a play-off is necessary, the league secretary shall arrange to have lanes available.

Withdrawals - Resignations - Expulsions

RULE 146: If a team or individual must withdraw from a league during the season, one week's notice must be given along with a satisfactory reason for resigning. If it is a team captain who is withdrawing he/she shall give notice to the league secretary, while if it is a member who is resigning from a team, then he/she shall give notice to both the team captain and the league secretary.

If proper notice is not given, or a team is expelled from a league, entry fees, prizes or any other awards the team or individual may have been eligible for will be forfeited; the member(s) shall also be subject to disciplinary action by the MTBA.

If an individual is withdrawn/withdraws from a team, they may not play with any other team in that league in that same season.

De-registration must be made on the appropriate MTBA form.

Bye - Uneven Number Of Teams

RULE 147: 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 non-existent team cannot be credited with the points by forfeit.

The teams and/or individuals scheduled against the missing team must earn the points for the games, unless the MTBA Board of Directors, by majority vote, decides to use the bye system.

Dismissal - League Officer Or Member

RULE 148: A member 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 which can be proven to be detrimental to the best interest of the team or league.
3. Violation of MTBA rules.

If a league files a written charge asking for the removal of a league officer or dismissal of a team member, these procedures must be followed:

- a. Within one week after receipt of the written complaint, the league president must schedule a meeting of the Board of Directors and the Disciplinary 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 member(s) charged. Such notice should be sent by registered mail or be hand delivered, and shall notify the member of the date, time and place of meeting, as well as of his/her right to attend and offer a defence.
- c. A roster shall be prepared listing those present and absent.
- d. Minutes of the meeting and all documents and material relating to the charges must be

maintained.

- e. The member(s) involved shall be notified in writing of the Board's decision, and of the right to Appeal that decision to the Appeals Board. An Appeal from a decision on a protest must be filed in writing within seven days of notification, or within forty eight hours when notification occurs in the final two weeks of the league schedule, or as a result of a play-off competition.

A member dismissed from the league forfeits all franchise, prizes and awards for which he/she may have been eligible.

Dismissal - Non-payment of Fees - Improper Withdrawal

RULE 149: When a league member is accused of failing to pay league fees 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. The President should schedule a meeting of the Board of Directors, and the Disciplinary Board 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 registered mail or hand delivered, and shall notify the member of the date, time and place of meeting, as well as of his/her right to attend and offer a defence.
3. A roster shall be prepared listing those present and absent.
4. Minutes of the meeting and all documents relating to the charges must be maintained.
5. The member(s) involved shall be notified of the Board's decision.

Scoring

RULE 150: In non-computerized league play, scores must be recorded on a score sheet in view of the opposing players. Every frame bowled by each player shall be recorded. Each team shall also record the scores of each game in a score-book kept by the team captain or someone appointed by the captain for this purpose.

The score-sheet is the official record and the team score-books must agree with the score-sheet at the end of each game. After the score-books are verified and signed by the opposing team captains, these are the league's official record for the season, and must be handed in (duly completed) to the league secretary. Failing this, no points will be awarded to the offending team/s.

Scoring - Errors

RULE 151: 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 secretary.

NOTE: If an error is discovered later on in the league, then the error must still be changed.

Scores - Lost

RULE 152: A league game(s) or frame(s) within a game, which are irretrievably lost in the scoring process, is null and void. The game(s) or frame(s) must be re-bowled unless the league secretary rules otherwise.

If all scores on a pair of lanes are documented or can be retrieved, then the game shall be continued from the point of interruption.

Prizes - Proprietors And Their Employees

RULE 153: When a tournament is sponsored by the management of a bowling establishment and the scheduled games are bowled solely in that establishment, the Owner or employees of the establishment shall be disqualified from receiving individual or all events prizes except that this shall not apply in Annual/National Championships/Tournaments of the MTBA.

All other tournaments and leagues may, by rule, restrict the Owner of the bowling establishment or his employees from qualifying for individual or all event prizes when the games of the league or tournament are bowled solely in the establishments with which they are associated.

Prize - Qualification

RULE 154: 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 league committee/MTBA. 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 51% of the games of the league schedule.
2. No individual can win more than one prize in any group of prizes.

A member, who withdrew without sufficient reason, is dismissed or suspended, shall be disqualified from receiving any individual or all event prizes.

Changing Delivery

RULE 155: If because of injury or disability a bowler finds it necessary to change delivery from left handed to right handed or vice versa, the league committee/MTBA, by majority vote, may permit the bowler to establish a new average. If approval is obtained, the bowler must establish a new average.

Disputes - Protests

RULE 156: All disputes, complaints or protests relating to any controversy or violation in the league involving any MTBA or league rules, may be directed to the MTBA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with these rules. It is, however, within the League Committee's authority to adopt and enforce any of its own league rules, but the rules must not be inconsistent with the rules of the MTBA.

The League Committee may declare forfeited, or null and void, any protested or disputed games, and decide upon any other matter arising in its league. The decision of the Committee shall be Final, except where an Appeal is made to the MTBA, for further consideration.

Protest Procedures

RULE 157: A protest involving eligibility of players or infringement of playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the league secretary or the MTBA not later than forty-eight hours after the series in which the infraction occurred. If a written protest is not filed within that time, the series stands.

Each protest must be specific in itself and cannot be constituted to cover any prior violation.

An appeal from a decision on a protest must be filed in writing within forty-eight hours of notification of the decision in question.

Protests and appeals must each be accompanied by an Administrative Fee of **€ 15**, which will be refunded should the applicant prove to be correct in the respective contestation.

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