

Canceling the Entire League

Who has the authority to call off bowling for the entire league because of bad weather?

The deciding party should be acting in the league's best interest considering the safety of the bowlers not only traveling to bowling but traveling home. While there is no specific rule giving the authority to cancel bowling because of inclement weather, decisions made by league officers and other parties given the authority to do so have been consistently upheld.

Some leagues have a committee to decide whether to cancel bowling, while others may conduct a telephone poll of board members. A majority vote is needed to make the decision to cancel bowling and should be done as early as possible. Once the decision is made, contact the teams and the center; many of your league members will call the center for the information.

After a bad storm, all but two teams were able to field legal lineups. Are these two teams entitled to emergency postponements when all the other teams in the league were able to get to the lanes?

Yes, weather conditions which prevent a team from fielding a legal lineup are classified as emergencies. Leagues must grant postponements for emergencies when a team fails to appear for its scheduled match due to reasons beyond its control. Adverse weather conditions are sufficient reason to grant a postponement without advance notice.

Members must realize all bowlers do not face the same driving conditions or circumstances, so the inability of an individual to drive under adverse conditions cannot be used as a basis for declaring games forfeited.

How is a postponement for the entire league rescheduled?

To reschedule a postponed league session, the proprietor should be consulted and the decision is made by majority vote of the league board under [Rule 103b](#).

- The season could be extended with the missed session bowled:
 - The following week and each succeeding week advanced.
 - At the end of the segment or season.
 - Any time lanes are available with agreement of center management.

Any team that cannot field a legal lineup on the rescheduled date should be granted a prebowl or postponement within the timelines of [Rule 111f](#).

Most importantly, ensure that all league members and the center understand how the rescheduling will be done.

The league had a team prebowl for a specific league session. The team prebowed and then, due to severe weather, the league cancelled bowling on that date and resumed the following week. What happens to the prebowed scores?

If the team prebowed and the league session was subsequently cancelled, USBC recommends the board meet and choose one of the following options:

Option 1. The prebowed scores are applied to the rescheduled league session. The team would not be permitted to rebowl that week as their scores have already been recorded and their eligibility exhausted ([Rule 107a](#)).

Option 2. The league board null and voids the prebowed scores and the team is allowed to bowl the rescheduled league session.