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To: 'Tazman9344'
Subject: RE: GC - 47314 question about tournament rules

Dear Dr. Chazz F. Snay

This is in reference to your e-mail of January 20, 2017.

Sometimes bowlers, due to injury or disability, cannot compete at the level of their average established in the previous season. The injury could be to the bowler's dominant bowling hand, shoulder or arm or a physical disability that does not allow a bowler to bowl at the previous level with the dominant hand.

A few years ago, the USBC delegates approved a rule to allow bowlers under these circumstances to apply for average relief. Average relief is granted by USBC Headquarters and gives the bowler the opportunity to compete at a level more reflective of their current ability in upcoming tournaments.

To obtain average relief, interested bowlers must follow the process in USBC Rule 4e which includes obtaining a written statement from their physician stating the physical problem and how long (approximate) they will need average relief. Also required is a standing sheet and a individual average record showing all the games bowled weekly from every USBC league currently bowling in.

If the request is approved by USBC, the bowler must present USBC's letter to tournament management, who may, prior to participation:

- a. Assign an average that meets or exceeds the minimum average established by USBC.
- b. Deny average relief and require the bowler to use the average as required in the tournament's rules.

The local association cannot grant average relief; application must be made to USBC Headquarters and should be submitted well in advance of any tournament the bowler wants to participate in.

Below is an easy check list for a member needing relief:

A doctor certificate

Describing the injury/disability

Length of the injury/disability and

Reason for downward average adjustment

League standing sheet from each USBC league currently participating in.

Bowler average record showing all games bowled from each current league

The request should be submitted about 2-3 weeks before bowling the tournament.

If you have questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me.

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