



FROM THE DESK OF NEIL STREMMEL

Hello again everyone! The PBA League Bowler Certification (LBC) program is in full swing and we now have over 200,000 league bowlers registered in over 320 Bowlero centers. The Universal Playing Rules have been posted at <https://www.pba.com/pba-league-bowler-certification/rules> and the new 2023 PBA LBC National Championships tournament has been announced! As a PBA LBC bowler, you can sign up for this inaugural event with priority entry until 12/31/2022 for only \$100 (half price) here: <https://www.pba.com/lbctournament#tournaments>

With the announcement of The 2023 PBA LBC National Championships, a decision regarding the entering averages for the bowlers that bowl league in one of our string machine centers needed to be addressed. At this point, all of our centers with string machines have the same type of string machine made by QAMF. To evaluate this, I performed testing at Bowlero White Plains, which has both free fall and string machines under the same roof. I tested both pinsetters in the same environment, using the same lane machine, oil and pattern, as well as the same bowlers. Granted it was still a limited study with a small sample size, but I am very comfortable that the results are close to what I would get with a full study. In summary, I found that the scoring differences between string machines and free-fall machines were marginal. At this time, I am allowing bowlers with only a string machine average from one of our centers to enter the National Championships without an average adjustment. Please note these results would be only for the QAMF Edge string machines, as I have not tested string machines made by other manufacturers, yet.

Speaking of our leagues -all equipment that has been previously approved and registered for competition is allowed in all of our PBA Leagues. By the end of the year, we plan to launch an interactive database where bowlers may look up their equipment to see that it is PBA LBC Certified. This database will live on the [Rules](#) page of PBA LBC.com.

Lastly, in preparation for The 2023 PBA LBC National Championships, which will be held at Bowlero Wauwatosa in Milwaukee, lane mapping has recently been conducted on all 72 lanes. Kegel provided support to allow us to take lane readings of all the lanes to determine which lanes need to be re-leveled to make all pairs play much more similar to each other across the house. Every center has "mystery pairs" and this will allow us to see what needs to be done to fix those pairs prior to our big upcoming events such as The PBA World Series of Bowling, the Petersen Classic and the 2023 PBA LBC National Championships! I look forward to these events being conducted in a level and fair environment. I hope to see you there!

Until then, please continue to support our sport!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Stremmel".

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