NEW LANE CONDITION CLASSIFICATION

USBC wants to ensure reported averages are a true reflection of a bowler’s abilities and has established three designations for leagues starting with the 2017-2018 season. These oil pattern parameters provide an estimate on how to designate your league on the USBC league application. For more information regarding lane condition classification, visit BOWL.com/laneconditions.

**STANDARD PATTERN**

Are your lane conditions set up to provide a high-scoring environment? If so, your league is a Standard House classification.

**CHALLENGE PATTERN**

Are the bowlers in the league, on average, scoring 10 to 19 pins lower than when on Standard House conditions? If so, your league is a Challenge classification.

**SPORT PATTERN**

Are the bowlers in the league, on average, scoring 20 pins or lower than when on Standard House conditions? If so, your league is a Sport classification.

*Note: Patterns shown are just examples of pattern graphs showing the volume of oil for the level of difficulty that may be present in your league conditions. If an association is aware of a league that is bowling on conditions other than a Standard House shot, the association can re-classify the league. Leagues can be re-classified if end-of-season averages show an improper classification, including 2016-17 season leagues. If a league believes its classification is incorrect, it can be appealed by contacting Rules@bowl.com*