



Disciplinary Procedures for ALL

Any BTBA member can be dismissed or suspended from either the lanes or the league for any of the following reasons.

BTBA Rule 16a Unfair Tactics

1. An individual can be charged with attempting to gain an unfair advantage in league or tournament play for the following reasons:
2. Directly or indirectly tampering with lanes, pins, or bowling balls so they no longer meet BTBA specifications.
3. Misrepresenting an average to gain a greater handicap or qualify for a lower classification in an event.
4. Establishing an average below the player's ability to gain an unfair advantage in handicap or classified competition. Penalty: Loss of games, prize winnings, league removal (see Rule 115a or Rule 115c), and subject to suspension from or denial of BTBA membership.

BTBA Rule 16b Improper Conduct

1. Engaging in improper tactics or conduct in connection with the game of bowling including, but not limited to, physical and verbal abuse toward other persons.
2. Failing to distribute prize money to team members consistent with verbal or written agreements.
3. Failing to pay fees due for participation in a BTBA league or tournament. (See Rule 115b for league procedures to suspend an individual for nonpayment of league fees)
4. Misusing/mishandling/misappropriation of any funds collected or held in trust for BTBA, a league or tournament or a chartered local or state association. misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance of office.

Misfeasance - The performance of a lawful action in an illegal manner.

Malfeasance - Wrongdoing or misconduct.

Nonfeasance - Failure to act, especially failure to do what should be done.



BTBA Rule 16c Improper Conduct by an Adult Leader

An adult leader, while involved in youth activities, can be charged with improper conduct which is not in the best interest of youth bowling including, but not limited to the following:

1. Using tobacco products, illegal drugs, or alcoholic beverages.
2. Using foul language or gestures.
3. Wearing clothing depicting foul language or gestures.

An adult leader includes any individual acting in an official capacity during a youth activity including, but not limited to, the following: league supervisors, league officials, tournament managers, league coordinators, in-state instructors, certified coaches, youth directors or designated coaches having leadership in prescribed areas of youth involvement.

Penalty:

Membership may be suspended or denied to anyone who is involved in violation of this rule.

BTBA Rule 16d. Junior Conduct

Individuals holding junior membership can be removed from competition/functions and/or suspended/denied membership for the following:

1. Conduct derogatory to the best interest of junior bowling including, but not limited to, the following in conjunction with youth competition and functions:
 - a. Using tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, illegal drugs, or alcoholic beverages.
 - b. Using foul language or gestures.
 - c. Wearing clothing depicting foul language or gestures.
2. Prior adjudication of delinquency or conviction of a crime including, but not limited to, crimes involving physical or mental abuse or sexual assault.

The club's disciplinary procedure will be followed if any person or member is found not to be adhering to either

1. The club's code of conduct and policies.
2. BTBA policies.



Disciplinary Stages

1. Informal discussion
2. Verbal Warning
3. Written Warning
4. Suspension
5. Dismissal

When a written warning complaint has been received the following procedures will be followed.

1. Within one week after the incident or from the date of the written complaint being received the league president should schedule a fact-finding meeting to establish the facts. This should be arranged at the earliest possible date that is convenient for all.
2. Written notice and a copy of the complaint/s shall be provided to the individual by either first-class mail, hand-delivered or e-mail.
3. The letter will notify the individual of the time date and place of the meeting as well as their right to attend and to offer their defence against any charges brought against them.
4. Minutes of the meeting will be taken (where possible) and the material relating to the incident maintained.
5. After the meeting, information and evidence given will be discussed. The person in question will be notified in writing of any decisions made. Information will also be included about their right to appeal regarding any decision made, this will be to the BTBA local or head office.
6. If a player is dismissed from the club that player forfeits all prizes and money for which they may have been eligible unless the committee agrees otherwise.
7. The individual may rejoin the club/league however, this must be done in writing and with 2 out of 3 committee votes following a meeting.

The club's Disciplinary Procedures and stages are in accordance with the BTBA guidelines in

Rule 16 onwards of the BTBA's General Playing Rules (see link)

[General-Playing-Rules-2023-2-PLM.pdf \(btba.org.uk\)](https://www.btba.org.uk/General-Playing-Rules-2023-2-PLM.pdf)

Section 5 of the BTBA's Mr Admin (see link)

[Mr-Admin-March-2021.pdf \(btba.org.uk\)](https://www.btba.org.uk/Mr-Admin-March-2021.pdf)