

**B1 – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO  
GREATER HOUSTON USBC BYLAWS  
MAY 6, 2023**

***Present Bylaw:***

**Article IV  
Membership and Dues**

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1. **Adults** who have paid the appropriate USBC, state (if applicable) and local association dues; and
2. **Youth** who have paid the USBC standard youth dues and bowl in USBC Leagues in the association's jurisdiction.

Adults shall pay applicable membership dues, except as provided in Rules 100e(2) Mail-o-Graphic League and 100e(3) Traveling League.

The board, adult members and youth representatives, by two-thirds vote, determine and adopt adult dues, if any.

Youth representatives consist of:

1. USBC youth members, at least 14 years of age, bowling in USBC Leagues within the association's jurisdiction.
2. One adult representative, who is a USBC member, from each certified youth league. (A league is not eligible for representation if it has not submitted a league application.)
3. One center representative, who is a USBC member, from each center having at least one certified youth league.

The annual adult standard membership dues are as follows:

Local	<b>\$ 12</b>
State	<b>\$ 0</b> (Cannot exceed \$5.)
USBC adult standard membership	<b>\$ 15</b>
Total	<b>\$ 27</b>

The annual USBC youth standard membership dues are \$4, state/local association dues are not allowed.

The board may waive all or part of adult local dues for:

1. Adult members of other USBC associations having a reciprocal agreement with the association.
2. Other groups, such as seniors, etc., as determined by the board.

The association cannot charge additional non-dues assessments.

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***If adopted, section will read:***

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The annual adult standard membership dues are as follows:

Local	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
State	<b>\$ 0</b> (Cannot exceed \$5.)
USBC adult standard membership	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
Total	<b>\$ 30.00</b>

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***If adopted, proposal will be effective for the 2023-2024 season***

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***REASON FOR PROPOSAL***

The last dues increase for GHUSBC was for the 2016-2017 season. At that time there were 9818 members. Local dues increased from \$10.00 to \$12.00 with USBC dues of \$13.00 making the total local dues amount \$25.00. Effective for the 2022-2023 season USBC increased their portion of dues by \$2.00, making GHUSBC dues \$27.00, however, there was no increase to GHUSBC local dues. Total membership for the current season is 8278. Over the five previous seasons, we have lost over 1500 members. Add to it the rising costs of all goods and services after Covid, GHUSBC recommends a dues increase of \$3.00 with no additional dues increase for at least three years.