

FROM THE DESK OF NEIL STREMMEL

My name is Neil Stremmel and I am the new Director of Rules and Equipment for the PBA League Bowler Certification program. My parents owned a center when I was a child and I began working there at the age of 13. After getting my degree in Mechanical Engineering and working in aerospace and nuclear power for 10 years, I became the head of equipment specs for ABC/WIBC and later the Vice President of Rules and Equipment Specifications for the United States Bowling Congress. I was also the chair of the World Bowling Technical Committee for 18 years. Following the move of USBC to Arlington, TX, I oversaw the design and construction of the International Training and Research Facility. As a life-long bowler, I have a few bowling accolades including multiple perfect games, state and local championships as well as many years of service to our great sport. I plan to utilize all of this experience and my passion for the sport to put the PBA in the forefront of testing and research for any equipment that might affect scoring.

In my new role, I plan to set up new testing procedures for equipment. Starting with bowling balls, we will conduct real-world testing on site at tournaments and events where the equipment is being used in the most transparent way possible. As I have done in the past, any changes will be based on science and all data collected will be published for the public. Over time, other areas such as pins, pinsetters, lane surface, conditioner, cleaners and pit-end products will be included; anything that affects scoring. This will help ensure that all products used in PBA tournament or league competition are fair and equitable!

I look forward to sharing further updates with you as we embark on this new adventure together! Thank you for your trust, support and please don't forget to support our sport!



