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To Our Valued BLS Users:

We would like to share some news regarding the Bowling League Secretary software (BLS) and its connections to LeagueSecretary.com and to provide some clarification to some earlier communications you may have received regarding this topic.

On January 1, 2018, LeagueSecretary.com launched a new website that provides new and improved features. It now supports mobile browsers using responsive website technologies as well as direct support for both iOS and Android apps. Performance improvements along with several user requested options have been added such as Excel, CSV and PDF exporting along with logging in using Facebook. Adding leagues to upload has been simplified along with easier and clearer means of managing those uploaded leagues.

There have also been improvements made to security, particularly with logins. Passwords are now CaSe SEnSiTive, so if there are permission issues when uploading, please re-type your password in BLS paying attention to the upper and lower-case letters used. LeagueSecretary.com will continue to support storage of the most recent two league backup files transmitted during the upload process.

Unfortunately, these changes bring new technology that is not compatible with older versions of BLS. In order to take advantage of these improvements and enhancements and continue to upload to LeagueSecretary.com, you must be using BLS-2018 or later. This will become effective July 31, 2018.

Over the years, CDE has always mentioned the importance of upgrading BLS to the latest version through our newsletters. Most recently, announcements were made starting in the summer of 2017 regarding the upcoming new LeagueSecretary.com website and the need to upgrade BLS to support these changes.

However, we recognize that there may be users who did not receive this news and may have been surprised by the recent email from LeagueSecretary.com. Our teams have taken action to extend support for legacy versions of BLS a bit longer to allow users time to prepare for the changes.

While we always strongly encourage you to upgrade to leverage improvements, only the uploading to LeagueSecretary.com is impacted. All other current features, technical support and maintenance updates will continue to work as normal even after July 2018.

To keep uploading leagues without interruption, please see below for the steps you should take depending on your version of BLS:

- BLS-2018: No action is needed, but we recommend using version 30.04.05 or higher.
- BLS-2017: Customers must download and install version 29.08.01 or newer to continue to upload leagues today, but must upgrade to BLS-2018 by July 2018 to continue to upload leagues.
- BLS-2016: Customers must download and install version 28.08.02 or newer to continue to upload leagues today, but must upgrade to BLS-2018 by July 2018 to continue to upload leagues.
- BLS-2015: Customers must download and install version 27.09.07 or newer to continue to upload leagues today, but must upgrade to BLS-2018 by July 2018 to continue to upload leagues.

For further details on the system requirements for BLS-2018 or for help with these options please visit <http://cdeurl.com/lchange>. You can also contact CDE Software at 206-937-8927 if you have the Standard or Professional edition of BLS. If you have the Automatic Scoring edition of BLS, contact 206-937-5744. or visit <http://cdeurl.com/lchange>

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