

“Need-To-Knows” – September 12, 2020 – Week #1 of 14

1. Today you will establish your individual starting average AND your team’s starting average for the 2020-2021 fall session. **Team averages** will be used to determine which division you will compete in for the session!
2. **MASKS UP, everyone** - over mouth AND nose if not eating or drinking ... Remain aware of **SOCIAL DISTANCING** guidelines!
3. Fill out pay envelopes **IN PENCIL ONLY, please**, during practice time. **CLEARLY PRINT** bowlers’ first and last names in the envelope – in the order they will bowl. **A bowler should only write in the “actual dollar amount he or she puts in the envelope” each week.** Please do not write in amounts for other bowlers on your team. The coaching staff will collect and reconcile envelopes from each team during the first game of the shift.
4. The coaching staff reserves the right to maintain a standard of dress suitable for a **youth** bowling league environment. Bowlers wearing inappropriately revealing articles of clothing, dangerously over-sized or ill-fitting pants (i.e. posing a potential tripping hazard to the bowler **or repeatedly subjecting parents and other spectators to a view of underwear**), or shirts containing images or language determined to be offensive or inappropriate (i.e. containing sexual innuendo, promoting alcohol or tobacco products, etc.) will be individually addressed. **“OUTER” wear must cover “UNDER” wear at all times, please!** Hats, caps, or hoodies are not permitted to be worn during competition.
5. **This league is, by design, a ‘competitive’ league and is governed by all established rules and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).** By rule any mechanical malfunction of the pinsetters resulting in an incorrect score **MUST be corrected by a league official BEFORE play may continue.** Pins knocked down by the pinsetter or pins hit by a ball that has bounced out of the gutter must be re-spotted. A rack with less than 10 pins on the first cycle must be re-racked. **“Dead wood” – defined as any pin laying on the pin deck, in the gutter, or caught in the curtain behind the pins must be cleared before the next ball may be rolled.** IF a bowler is allowed - by the opposing team - to continue before the problems can be corrected, the resulting score will stand. Foul-detection equipment WILL modify scores appropriately to register a zero count if you cross the foul line.
6. **USBC Rule 400**, in part, forbids anyone from gambling or offering incentives (monetary or otherwise) to any youth bowler in an effort to encourage a bowler’s accomplishment during competition (get a strike, pick up a spare, etc.) Specific penalty defined by the USBC is expulsion from the league and forfeiture of the bowler’s youth membership for the 2020-2021 season.
7. Scoring tables (aka the “team bench”) are for the junior bowlers ONLY. Spectators may arrange seating on the carpeted concourse area (aka the “bleachers”).
8. **WEAR ONLY BOWLING SHOES IN THE TILED BOWLING AREA, PLEASE.** Street shoes are to be removed and left on the carpeted concourse for bowler safety reasons.
9. Rules of bowling etiquette, sportsmanship and courtesy are to be observed at all times including, but not limited to:
 - a. Bowling is **not** a race! No two bowlers immediately next to one another should begin his/her approach at the same time. The bowler on the right is to be allowed to start and complete his or her approach and delivery first.
 - b. Confine all body language and motions to your lane only. Never cross into the lane next to you.
 - c. Be ready to bowl when it is your turn – stay near your assigned lanes with your team. Parents of our younger bowlers are encouraged to help keep everyone on task. The **game room is off limits** to junior bowlers until your 3 games are complete!
 - d. Respect bowling center equipment, staff, coaches, and all other bowlers on and off the lanes at all times – physical abuse, teasing, taunting, intentionally distracting other bowlers during an approach, name-calling, horseplay, etc. is not part of our sport and will not be tolerated. If noticed, please bring it to the attention of one of the coaches immediately. **Disrespectful behavior may, at the discretion of the coaches, result in the immediate suspension and/or removal of a bowler from the league – or a spectator from the bowling center.**
10. ALL BOWLERS AND SPECTATORS ARE EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAIR OF LANES ON WHICH YOU OR YOUR CHILD BOWLS and are expected to work together to clean up your lanes BEFORE LEAVING:
 - a. PLEASE LEAVE HOUSE BALLS ON THE RETURNS FOR CLEANING BY SUN RAY STAFF!
 - b. Clean up your area completely – bowlers **and spectators.**
 - c. Return rental shoes to the bowling desk at the conclusion of your shift
 - d. If you take a chair or stool from somewhere else in the center, please return it to wherever you got it from.