

TODAY'S "Need-To-Knows" – SEPTEMBER 26, 2009 – Week #3 of 33

- ❖ To help even out the end of the morning (as we did last year), **the start time for all North Division teams will be moving to 9:00AM starting NEXT SATURDAY, October 3.**
- ❖ **Fill out pay envelopes IN PENCIL ONLY, please**, during practice time. **Each week a bowler should only write in the "actual dollar amount he or she puts in the envelope"** – including any payment of participation fees. **Please do not write in amounts for other bowlers on your team.** The coaching staff will collect envelopes from each team during the first game of the shift.
- ❖ **Please do not assume you will be allowed to bowl if you do not pay the weekly fee.** Since you know that you must pay \$8.00 every Saturday you are here, please make every effort to have your fee with you when you arrive. If you do not have it to place in your pay envelope **BEFORE YOU BOWL**, you **MUST** talk to a coach **BEFORE YOU BOWL** to get an approval note to place in your pay envelope **BEFORE YOU BOWL**.
- ❖ **All unpaid participation fees must be paid in full by October 17** (3 weeks from today) in order to continue in the league. Installments may be added to the pay envelopes weekly if you prefer. Please talk with a coach confidentially ASAP if a possible hardship exists.
- ❖ Cell phones, Ipods, and other electronic devices are **NOT** part of the sport of bowling and are **NOT** to be seen or used in the settee area. If necessary, bowlers must leave the settee area – between turns – but should not leave the building. If spotted in use in the seating area by any coach or the bowler does not return in time to bowl his/her next turn, he/she will be given a zero score in the most recent frame either in progress or last completed. Additional penalties will be assessed against repeat offenders.
- ❖ Any bowler absent for 4 consecutive competitive weeks with no explanation to the coaches (excluding "fun days") will be removed from team roster and the team will be given a "vacant" bowler score to fill out the team roster.
- ❖ You may choose a name for your team and **print it on your score sheet** for entry into the computer. However, *the coaching staff does reserve the right to approve or disallow any team name chosen based upon appropriateness for a youth league environment.* You will also be asked to name a team captain in the near future. Parents and bowlers should start talking now about which teammate you want that to be.
- ❖ The coaching staff reserves the right to maintain a standard of dress suitable for a *youth* bowling league environment. Bowlers (and parents of any bowler) who wears 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 boxer shorts**) or shirts containing images or language determined to be offensive or inappropriate (i.e. containing sexual innuendo, promoting alcohol or tobacco products) will be individually addressed. **Hats, caps, or hoodies are not permitted to be worn during competition.**
- ❖ **BOWLING SHOES ONLY IN THE TILED BOWLING AREA.** Street shoes are to be removed and left on the carpeted area of the concourse.
- ❖ Rules of bowling etiquette, sportsmanship and courtesy are to be observed at all times including, but not limited to:
 - 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, and etc. will not be tolerated. Please report any occurrences to any of the coaches immediately – if we don't see it first.
 - **Disrespectful behavior may, at the discretion of the coaches, result in the immediate suspension and/or permanent removal of a bowler from the league.**
- ❖ ALL BOWLERS AND SPECTATORS ARE EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAIR OF LANES ON WHICH YOU OR YOUR CHILD BOWLS and must work together to clean up your lanes before a coach will initial score sheets and release the teams –
 - Clean up your area completely – before you leave – bowlers **and spectators**. Dispose of trash in containers provided along the concourse.
 - Return house balls to the racks at the end of your shift.
 - Untie and return rental shoes to bowling desk at the end of your shift.
 - If you take a chair from somewhere else in the center, return the chair to wherever you got it from.
- ❖ For North division ONLY – 6 pound bowling balls are available at the bowling desk. **Please return them when finished.**