

TODAY'S "Need-To-Knows" – SEPTEMBER 12, 2009 – Week #1 of 33

- ❖ This is week #1 of 2 for establishing your team averages and will determine which division you will compete in for the season!
- ❖ **Fill out pay envelopes IN PENCIL ONLY, please**, during practice time. **CLEARLY PRINT** bowlers' first and last names in the pay envelope - in the order they will bowl. **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.
- ❖ 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.**
- ❖ **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.** Foul detection equipment will signal a foul but currently will not automatically correct a bowler's score. Pins knocked down by the pinsetter or pins hit by a ball that bounces 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 or in the gutter must be cleared before the next ball may be rolled.** If a bowler is allowed by the opposing team to continue before the problem can be corrected the resulting score will stand.
- ❖ **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 youth's sanction membership for the season.
- ❖ Settee area is for junior bowlers ONLY. Family members and friends may arrange seating on the carpeted area of the concourse.
- ❖ **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:
 - No two bowlers immediately next to one another should begin his/her approach at the same time. The bowler on the left will give way to the bowler on the right.
 - Confine all "body language" and motions to your lane only. Never cross into the lane next to you.
 - Be ready to bowl when it is your turn – stay near your assigned lanes with your team. Parents of our younger bowlers are expected to help keep everyone on task. The **game room is off limits** to junior bowlers until your 3 games are completed!
 - 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.
 - **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.**