

# STONEWALL BOWLING

## CHICAGO, IL | WINTER 2018

### General

1. Official Bowling shirts must be worn to bowl, without alteration to any logos, or print and must be the current season shirt
2. **Bowling starts at 7:30**, but players are encouraged to arrive at least 15 minutes early to get situated and warm up.

### Game Rules

1. Bowlers will establish average after the first **3 games**. The average will be used for handicap purposes. Handicap will be 90% of difference between the bowler's average and a league average established during the first week. The player average and handicap will then be updated after each week of play.
2. Teams must consist of **4-6 players** with at most 5 players playing in any single game
3. If 6 players from a team are present, then one team member will sit out each of the three games with no player sitting out more than one game.
4. At least 2 members of the team must be present by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> frame of a game, or the game could be forfeited. End of 3<sup>rd</sup> frame is defined when the anchorman of each team has bowled. If a bowler is late, but arrives before the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> frame, he/she will be allowed to make up the frames missed. League Leadership will review exceptions to this rule on a case-by-case basis and make a ruling onsite.
5. When a game is forfeited, the team bowling must bowl as if there is a contest. The bowling team must bowl within 40 pins of the current team average. If this is not achieved, no points will be awarded to either team for that game.
6. Absent Scores - If a team has less than 5 people bowling, they will have scores of 10 pins less than the actual average of the bowlers that are absent. This is after their first game where an average is established. Bowlers would be entered as a Vacant until that point.

7. Vacancy scores will be allowed when a team has players missing who have not played a minimum of 3 games to establish their average. A vacancy score will be the league average score minus 10 pins.
8. Points will be awarded nightly, 2 points for each game won, and 2 points for total pins, for a total of 8 points awarded weekly.
9. Arriving Late – Bowlers arriving after the 1<sup>st</sup> frame has started will be placed in the system as Blind. Once they arrive, the blind can be removed and the bowler will be allowed to bowl with team. Arriving after the entire 1<sup>st</sup> game, a score of 10 pins less than their average will be recorded. Bowlers can then bowl their 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> games without having to take a “absent score”.
10. **Zero Tolerance Policy** – Stonewall Sports has zero tolerance of any bullying or harassment of any kind and for any reason of any player, captain, referee, official, participant, sponsor, director, officer or spectator. Harassment can be verbal, physical or visual, and includes all unwelcome conduct that affects someone else. The Stonewall Sports Chicago Board of Directors has an open door policy and welcomes you to report any conduct by any player, captain, referee, official, participant, sponsor, director, officer, or spectator that makes you feel uncomfortable. The Board of Directors takes all allegations and reports seriously and will thoroughly investigate all claims, and if warranted, will take all appropriate action.
  - a. Any allegations of violation of this policy will be investigated by the Bowling Leadership Team and/or the Stonewall Sports Chicago Board of Directors. If the bowler is in violation, he/she will be discharged from the league for one season. **Bullying will not be tolerated by Stonewall Sports Chicago.** Returning after discharge will require Board approval and vote, pending apologies and assurances the behavior has been corrected. Discharged bowlers will not be allowed to enter any lanes secured by Stonewall Sports Chicago.

## **Bowling Etiquette**

### **On the Lanes**

When a bowler gets on the approach and there's someone on either side of them, the general rule is that the first one on the approach bowls first. If there's any question as to who was up first, the bowler on the right should bowl.

A bowler already lined up in their stance and ready to bowl should not wait, they should just go. Standing on the approach is not the place to talk with friends.

### After the Shot

Once you've delivered the ball and it's rolling down the lane, there's a tendency to think that body language will help knock down more pins. This only works in theory. Remember to keep "whatever moves you" to your own lane. Staying in your own lane keeps others from getting distracted while they're playing.

### Know the Score

If a bowler scores a strike on the first ball, there is no need for them to remain at the ball return. If the bowler doesn't score a strike on the first ball, they should step off the approach to allow other players to bowl.

Be considerate towards teammates and other bowlers on adjacent lanes.

Respect your teammates and adapt a general attitude of good sportsmanship to everyone in the bowling center. After all, everyone's there to have fun too.

**Disclaimer** - Any rule not referenced in this document shall be addressed in the official U.S.B.C 2018/2019 Playing rules document located at [www.Bowl.com/rules](http://www.Bowl.com/rules) . Rules referenced in the document override any rule in the U.S.B.C rulebook if there is a conflict of rule clarity. Rules of the organization, its governing body, finances, and processes are determined by the **Board of Directors** of Stonewall Sports Chicago. By-laws for this organization can be requested from the Leadership Team.

Rules adopted by: **Stonewall Sports Chicago, Inc – Board of Directors**  
Adopted Date: **11/26/2018**