

# BOWLING ETIQUETTE & SAFETY

*We want everyone to have a good time & no one to get hurt. Help out by paying attention to the following rules of Bowling Etiquette & Safety.*

## **1. Do not cross the foul line**

You are at risk of serious injury if you cross over the foul line (the black line which separates the approach from the lane).

Bowling lanes are oiled to protect the surface & are therefore very slippery.

## **2. Every bowler must wear bowling shoes**

Unlike regular street shoes, bowling shoes are designed to slide on the approach. Street shoes also leave a residue on the approach which creates a hazard to other bowlers.

## **3. Make sure your bowling shoes are dry & smooth**

If your shoes are wet, you could slip or stick on the approach.

The same can happen if there is debris on the sole of your shoe.

Be extra careful on trips to the restroom. Never wear bowling shoes outside.

## **4. Only one bowler on the approach at a time**

A crowd of people on the approach increases the chances of someone getting hit with a ball.

## **5. Keep fingers, hands & faces away from the ball return**

## **6. Stay on your own lane**

Respect the people bowling on the lanes around you.

Don't sit at their table, use their ball or walk on their approach.

They are here to have a good time, too!

## **7. Wait for your ball to return before throwing another**

And never throw more than one ball down the lane at a time.

## **8. No food or drink is allowed on the approach at any time**

## **9. Right of way**

When two bowlers are ready to bowl on adjoining lanes, the bowler on the right has the right of way. If someone is on the approach & ready to bowl, don't rush up next to them.

## **10. Lightweight balls & ramps**

This equipment is reserved for the use of small children & people with special needs. These balls & ramps are not designed to be used by adults & can be easily damaged if they are misused.

