

2020-21 Safe League Bowling Questions and Answers

Q: Will you be oiling lanes between shifts?

A: No, with the limited amount of time (30 minutes) we will only be able to clean and sanitize the bowler's area to ensure it is safe for the incoming shift. However, you will only ever be competing against the teams bowling on the same shift as you, so you should both be bowling on a similar pattern.

Q: If you are collecting money (acting as treasurer) do we still collect prize money?

A: No, we will collect all money and store it in a designated bank account for your league. At any time in the season your league can request a balance of prize money, within a couple days we will be able to pull that report for you. Towards the end of the season we communicate with your league officer to get them your prize money so they can then distribute it to their participants.

Q: Is there practice before the shifts?

A: Yes, we will limit each shift to 5 minutes of practice starting at the designated time. With only 1 team per pair, 5 minutes should allow all bowlers ample time to throw a few shots and get loosened up.

Q: Will there be lucky strike pots?

A: Maybe, we have discussed a system where strike pot tickets are purchased at the front counter to limit exposure of an employee walking lane to lane. This will be something individual leagues can ask for and we will be happy to oblige.

Q: If the Governor goes to phase 5 on Aug 27th (or at a later date) will this change your policy?

A: Not necessarily, although we are leaning heavily on the state for direction on safety policies, we also want to ensure we are being safe. Although the advancement to Stage 5 will help, and open discussions within our management team to returning to a standard league format, this won't be the only factor in determining if we make that change. If we do reach a point in the season where we decide to move back to a standard format, we will definitely reach out to the bowlers to ensure they also feel ready. If we do move forward with returning to standard league play it would be across all leagues, no individual league would be allowed to facilitate a different format than our other leagues.

Q: How are you handling pre-bowling?

A: We will allow pre-bowling just as we have in the past. We have limited availability, but we will publish a schedule of open times to our league bowlers so they can take advantage of them if they would like. All pre-bowls will still need to be booked in advance, just as they have been in the past.

Q: What if a league wants to handle their own prize money?

A: We will still collect all dues (lineage and prize money) on a weekly basis. If a league would like to keep their prize money in their own bank account, we can arrange a system where we pay them checks on an ongoing basis. Although we wouldn't be able to facilitate this in real-time each week, we could arrange to payout prize money to the league on a monthly or quarterly basis.

Q: Will there be a youth league, and when does it start?

A: Yes, we plan on having a youth league but we don't have a scheduled start date at this time. We are waiting to see what the high school bowling season will look like before we move forward with this program. We will likely have something published with a scheduled start date in late-September.

Q: Are you only allowing the number of bowlers per team or can they have cheerleaders?

A: Teams may have a limited number of cheerleaders as long as they practice social distancing and adhere to the mask policy presented. We will also ask that tables and chairs are not re-arranged to facilitate cheerleaders. We are arranging the facility in a manner that helps us adhere to the 6' social distancing guidelines.

Q: Will there be food and beverage service on the lanes during bowling?

A: Yes, our servers will be wearing masks and practicing extra caution with sanitizing and safe food handling. If a team would prefer the server stay away from their team just let us know and they will be sure to give your team extra space.

Q: How can you start on-time if bowlers are lined up at the front counter waiting to pay?

A: We will accept payment throughout the entire first game. This way captains can watch the counter for when the lines are gone to come up and pay for their team. With half the number of teams bowling at a given time and extra time to pay, we should be able to have a single team at the counter at a given time.

Q: Are we still going to have league meetings prior to the start of the season?

A: This will be up to the officers/captains of the league to determine if they would like a meeting. We would highly recommend this, so they can explain all the changes. We will help schedule these and will have at least 1 representative available to present the format and answer questions.

Q: Will teams have to forfeit if they have bowlers out for a number of weeks? What is the minimum number of bowlers a team needs present not to forfeit?

A: This would be a decision left up to each individual league. We would encourage leagues to suspend any required bowler rules this season so as not to discourage sick/exposed bowlers from entering the facility.