



# Bowling Etiquette

When it comes to league bowling, pairing experienced bowlers with inexperienced, or recreational, bowlers can sometimes create interesting situations. Everyone is there to have fun, but like any sport, there are basic rules of etiquette. Just as you wouldn't scream at someone getting ready to tee off on the golf course, you shouldn't scream at someone getting ready to bowl.

Below is a list of some basic "Do's" and "Don't's" for those of you who don't bowl on a regular basis. But in a nutshell, mind your manners and be courteous of those bowling around you.

**DO**... Give the bowlers on the lanes next to you (if you are on lane 4, the bowlers on lanes 3 and 5) the right of way. What does this mean? Before getting on the approach to begin your turn look to the lanes next to you. If someone is already on the approach on the lane on either side of you, you should wait.

**DON'T**... Talk to bowlers while they are in the process of making a shot. It is important that a bowler has every opportunity to concentrate on what he/she is doing when they are bowling. Once the frame is complete, talk away.

**DO**... Be polite. Don't antagonize the other bowlers on your pair of lanes. Everybody deserves to have a good time bowling and there is no place for pestering and insulting other bowlers in bowling.

**DON'T**... Use another bowler's equipment without asking. This kind of goes without saying, but someone's equipment can be very important to them. This rule applies to everything from balls and bags to towels and hand cleaner. Nowadays a lot of the equipment that bowlers use to bowl is pretty expensive as well.

**DO**... Keep your hands out of the ball return and stay behind the foul line. It is dangerous to put your hand in the ball return, there are moving parts in there. The lane has been oiled beyond the foul line. If you go across the line, the oil will get on your shoes and you will track it back on the approach, not to mention that you may slip and fall. Plus, if you cross the foul line...well, you'll get a foul.

**DON'T**... Take our equipment (shoes and balls). We need this equipment for the next bowler coming in behind you. If you take our equipment, we have to replace it.

**DO**... Enjoy your bowling!