

# TORONTO HISTORICAL BOWLING SOCIETY

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## GUTTER NEWS

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## WELCOME BACK!

You may have noticed some improvements to the lanes. The 10 pin lanes are now string bowling. What does that mean?

### String Bowling Frequently Asked Questions

A key issue expressed from bowlers when moving to String bowling is that averages will be significantly higher. According to the Canadian Tenpin Federation Inc., string pin bowlers are not at any significant advantage or disadvantage when competing against free-fall bowlers. While string pin scoring will be slightly higher due to “string pulls”, it is not significant enough to alter the game.

At bowling centres around the world, the bowler’s ability to score is largely driven by:

- The bowler’s skill.
- Maintenance of equipment according to manufacturer and association specifications.
- Lane pattern/oiling machine.

The following questions and answers were taken from the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) document on Frequently Asked Questions (27 April 2023).

1. **Our centre converted over to string pin machines. Can we use last year’s ending average in our league for an entering average this season?**

Yes. Using everyone’s average established on free-fall machines for entering purposes is allowed.



## September

Scott Duggan - Sept 24

Rick Sleaver - Sept 26

### IMPORTANT DATES

No bowling Thanksgiving weekend - Oct 8

Burgers Bingo Oct 21

General Membership Meeting - Oct 24 7 pm via ZOOM

H.I.N.T - Burlington - Nov 18

Annual PWA fund raiser and holiday social - Sat Dec 02

In House Tournaments  
\$10 Entry

Sept 24

Oct 29

Nov 26

Jan 28

Feb 25

Mar 17

### **2. With free-fall bowling, when a pin moves off spot and stands up, the machine re- spots the pin where it stands. Will this be the same for string pinsetter machines?**

This is one area where free fall and string pinsetter machines differ. Free-fall machines pick up the pin where it stands and then replaces it in the same location. String pinsetter machines only detect if a pin is standing or has fallen. If standing, the machine lifts the pin back into the stabilizing ring and replaces it on spot. It has no mechanism to place a pin back to its final standing location.

### **3. If a pin slides off the pin deck and stands in the gutter, is it legal pinfall or not?**

This is the same as with free-fall machines. If a pin leaves the pin deck, it is legal pinfall if it is still standing in the flat gutter. If the automatic scorer registers it as standing, a score correction is needed.

### **4. If a pin does not move, but is registered as falling, what happens?**

Sometimes one string or pin might move the string of another pin far enough to register the pin as fallen, but it might not even move the pin. Once again, a standing pin is counted as standing. A score correction must be made if necessary.



Annual Holiday Mega Raffle tickets now on sale!

\$2 each

1st prize - 50% of proceeds

2nd Prize - 25% of proceeds

**Can't make it to bowling?**

Don't worry! We have options available for you! If for any reason you think that you will be unable to bowl on one or more of your upcoming regular sessions; you do have the option to declare your score. To declare a score, prior to beginning bowling during regular session, you must purchase a declared score sheet from Alan, the Statistician at the cost of \$25.00 each.

On this sheet you will mark your team's name, your name and the scores of each game bowled that afternoon in the spaces provided. You may designate it to be used on a specific day, or "bank it" for a later date.

Have your team captain return it with the regular score sheet at the end of the day. This will be kept by the statistician until it is needed. We **highly recommend** all bowlers keep **at least one** declared score in the **"bank"** for any possible unforeseen reason that may prevent you from bowling. Declaring scores is a great option if you are going on vacation. This ensures that your team doesn't need to worry about finding someone to cover for you while you are away. You also have the option to complete a "Bowl-off" at Rexdale Bowlerama. You may go to the lanes at any time that is convenient for you and advise the counter staff that you are with THBS and are completing a bowl off. They will charge you a flat bowling fee.

When your Bowl-off is used, upon your return to bowling, you will be required to pay a top-up fee bring your total fee to the \$25.00 charged weekly. In the event that you do not have a declared score or a bowl-off and you are absent for a session, your team captain may be able to secure a spare for you. A spare bowler is a person that will bowl on an absent individual's behalf. Spares can be recruited from your pool of friends, other bowlers or on the day of that session via the Session Rep. If no spares are available, you will be marked as absent on the Pay Envelope and will be required to pay for 2 sessions upon your return (1 for the week you were absent, 1 for the current week).

**Bowling Etiquette**

As a courtesy to the other bowlers, we request that you look to both sides of you when you are stepping on the lane approach. If two bowlers are ready to bowl at the same time, either to the left or right of you, the bowler on the right has the option to deliver their ball first. **Never** bowl at the exact same time as another bowler on either side of you on the lane approach. We know, it sounds complicated, but you'll get the hang of it! Singles

**No Tap Results August 26 2023**

Position	Name	Score
1st	James Sevcik	823
2nd	Dee Viau	782
3rd	Mike Capacci	776
4th	Jo DeLuzio	743
5th	Dean Gray	740
6th	Robert Bartlett	716

Postion	Name	Score
1st	Kevin Dennis James Sevcik	1496
2nd	Dee Viau Tom hooper	1447
3rd	Patrick Mathieu-Pandel Dean Gray	1419

Singles

Mystery Doubles