



Friday Nite *Odd Couples*

A USBC Sanctioned Mixed Handicap Bowling League
Victory Lanes • Mooresville, North Carolina

Bowler's Etiquette Guidelines

Many bowlers are new to league bowling, or are not familiar with “bowling etiquette.” Here are a few simple guidelines to help make your bowling experience more pleasurable. These guidelines are provided by USBC.

- Be ready to bowl when the pins are set, but wait until the pinsetter has completed its cycle and the sweep bar is raised to make your delivery. Throwing a ball before the machine is ready may damage the ball or equipment.
- Observe one lane courtesy. The bowler on the right should bowl if both reach the approach at the same time. Stay off the approach while you wait.
- Taking too long to aim or get set up when you are on the approach delays the game.
- Try to remain in your approach area while delivering the ball.
- Step off the approach once you have delivered the ball.
- Good bowling requires concentration. Have fun, but keep in mind excessive movement or noise could be distracting when others are up to bowl.
- Excessive “lofting” hurts your game and damages the lane.
- Get permission to use another player's ball.
- Refrain from using abusive language or obscene gestures.
- Play the game to win, but be a gracious loser. Good sportsmanship is always the key to a successful game.
- Wet shoes are a safety hazard, watch where you are walking.
- **Limit the number of bowling balls on the ball return to one per bowler. Keep spare and back-up balls on the lower ball rack.**