



## DOWNTOWN BOWLING LEAGUE

AT THE ATHLETIC CLUB OF COLUMBUS

### “Under the Alley” Bowling League Scorekeeping

Here are the basic rules for scoring:

- 1) if all pins are not knocked down in two balls, add the pins to the previous frame right away;
- 2) a Spare is worth 10 plus whatever is knocked down on the next ball;
- 3) a Strike is worth 10 plus whatever is knocked down on the next two balls.

Examples of these three rules:

- 1) if a bowler knocks down 9 pins in every frame, the final score will be 90 (for ten frames,  $9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9$ );
- 2) if a bowler has a spare in every frame with a 9 on every next ball, the final score will be 190 ( $19 + 19 + 19 + 19 + 19 + 19 + 19 + 19 + 19 + 19$ );
- 3) if a bowler strikes every frame, the final score will be 300, because 10 plus the next two balls which is  $10 + 10$  for a total of 30 ( $30 + 30 + 30 + 30 + 30 + 30 + 30 + 30 + 30 + 30$ ).

Of course, most scores are a mix of misses, spares, and strikes, just keep in mind the three aforementioned rules.