



## Friendship, Fellowship, Unity & Sportsmanship

### How did we get here?

The Toronto Historical Bowling Society (THBS) started out in 1983 via a small group of local gay people looking to have fun and socialize. We are a fun league and look forward to welcoming you to our Bowling family. The following will provide you some basic information and guidelines pertaining on how we operate

We strive to provide an enjoyable, recreational and social atmosphere for all.

We have a Constitution and By-laws document; a copy of which is available from any Executive member upon request or via our web site at [www.thbs.ca](http://www.thbs.ca) . All bowlers are expected to review and follow these rules.

### The Executive

Each year, an Executive is elected by the members. The members of the Executive volunteer their time to ensure the league runs as smoothly as possible.

#### 2023/2024 Executive

President -Patrick Mathieu-Pandel

Secretary -Jo DeLuzio

Vice-president – Will Bragg

Statistician – Robert Bartlett

Session Representative – Klaus Mathieu-Pandel

Treasurer - David Wilson

Web Master Non-voting - Blake Simmons

Feel free to approach any executive member at any time with any questions or suggestions you may have. We will gladly answer your questions or bring forward your suggestions at our monthly meetings.

## How much does it cost?

The cost of the yearly membership is \$50 for all members to our league.

Weekly Lane Fees are: \$25 per session and if you need to rent shoes, there is an additional cost for this as well of \$4.00.

Lockers are available for an annual fee. Please check with the house.

Lane fees are due on a weekly basis and each member is responsible to ensure they are kept current. A pay envelope is placed on your respective lanes. In this envelope, you will place your \$25.00 and indicate that you have paid the bowling fees for that week next to your name and the date which is located on the front of the envelope.

Each team must select a Captain who will be responsible for collecting and delivering this envelope to the Treasurer/Designate no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> frame of the 1<sup>st</sup> game.

## 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!

Each bowler should be on time and ready to bowl when it is their turn. Every team member should be able to contact the team captain when needed. This permits the captain to try and find a spare bowler if for some unforeseen reason you are unable to make it to bowling and you do not have a declared or bowl off score available to use.

### **I'm not a good bowler**

That's ok! You are not the only one! We welcome all bowlers, we don't care what your skill set is, we want you to have fun! However, to even out the playing field and to ensure your scores are comparable to the others, we will provide you with a handicap! Once you have bowled three games, you will be given a "handicap". A handicap is determined by your average pin fall on a weekly basis. No need to worry about figuring this out, our Statistician will do all the work for you. All handicaps are based on the difference between the bowler's average and a flat score of 200.

### **What is the Mystery draw?**

Once bowling has commenced draw tickets for the "Mystery Draw" may be purchased for \$2.00 each. Purchase as many as you want and the lucky ticket drawn could win half of the money collected!

### **What is the Strike Pot?**

Feeling lucky? The cost of the tickets is \$2.00 per small strip and \$5.00 per large strip. This again is something that you can choose to participate in or not.

During the intermission a ticket is drawn. You must be present during these draws in order to bowl and claim your prize. The first ticket drawn entitles the bowler to attempt a strike to win 50% of the funds taken in. If the bowler does not bowl a strike, they may attempt a spare for a secondary prize of \$30.00. If no spare is bowled, the lane fee for that session will be reimbursed and the remainder of the funds shall be carried over to the following week. With each \$200.00 increment of funds, an additional draw will be completed for the Strike Pot.

**Finally** We wish you a very warm welcome to our THBS Family and are happy to have you bowling with us. Our members are happy to help you out with bowling tips and any questions you may have! Simply ask! Above all else, have fun and enjoy!

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