

Bowling Etiquette

As secretary, I am now sometimes pulled into conversation about etiquette breaches along with the other various oddities, omissions and other discrepancies which may arise from week to week. This week and last, I'm particularly reminded not of only staying off the lane—and thus staying out of the peripheral vision of your fellow bowlers—while others are bowling next door, but also of containing one's emotions and one's body language to one's own lane and personal space while following through, so equally not to distract those who may be rolling along with you for the week next door.

And as usual, the folks at [Bowl.com](https://bowl.com/welcome/bowling-etiquette-b6a7653e626f05ecf546fae81edb465c) are out there ahead of us all with helpful tips on these matters... Accordingly, for the common good and increased neighborliness of us all in the GCMSTI league, I refer you to these links and hope we all—your humble secretary included with my apologies to those I may have offended on these points—will take them to heart and apply them as rigorously as we can in the various mental and physical states we bring to our communal joy of good bowling done well which we attempt to succeed at each week:

<https://bowl.com/welcome/bowling-etiquette-b6a7653e626f05ecf546fae81edb465c>

AND

<https://bowl.com/welcome/etiquette-and-lingo>

It truly is a joy to bowl with you all, because the good cheer of bowling in a league is something I lost track of in my youth after I graduated from High School.

And bowling again in this same spirit at an age decidedly advanced from my early days keeps my hope in the indomitable human spirit—on the whole and in us all—alive.

So please: Be thoughtful, be kind in your reminders of etiquette to others, and be ready to amend your own ways once you have pointed the finger at another.

Because pointing is always four-fingered act, bowling is at most a three-fingered sport, etiquette is always two-way street, and bowling is one of the most effective tools that the agents of Karma keep in their various bags of tricks at all times.

With the utmost kindness in my heart and benedictions of your continued success on my fingers, I remain your humble servant:

~Grant of [Scramble-4-Peace.com](https://scramble-4-peace.com) (the official sponsor and full name of our team—if the policies and scoring systems of this world would handle them verbatim.)

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This is also a test of the effectiveness of using both emails+PDF AND text+BBURL to get the word out to everyone.

So, if you have seen this, please print a copy, write in the the information requested below, and give me the annotated copy you have created to me the next time we bowl together.

**PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME, TEAM NUMBER AND TEAM NAME BELOW — and —  
RETURN THIS ANNOTATED COPY TO GRANT THE NEXT TIME WE BOWL TOGETHER:**