

## Basic Ten-pin Bowling Rules Scores and Guidelines:

Let's start with the scoring rules. The game of Ten Pin Bowling is split up into 10 frames, and each frame is split up into two shots. Each frame score is combined with the previous frames to give you a points total. There are special rules in the way that each frame is combined with the previous frames and will be described later.

A blank score sheet with a highlighted frame is shown below.



An example frame is contained within the blue box. The red box shows where your secondary shot for this frame is scored.

The following is an example of the very first frame with score.

7	2
9	

The number seven on the right is the first shot at the pins. Obviously 7 pins were knocked down. The number two on the right was the second shot in the frame, and in this frame you try to "convert" the frame, or in other words knock the rest of the pins down. The number nine at the bottom is the combined score of the two shots. This score carries forward to the next frame and becomes part of the total score.

The following diagram shows the first three frames in this game.

7	2	6	/	7	2
9		26		35	

So we have the 9 from the first frame carried forward. Looking at the second frame we can see that the first shot got 6 pins and the second shot was a spare marked with a /. A spare means that the very next shot can also be added to this frames score (think of it as a bonus). The next frames first shot was a 7, so for the second frames pin total we need to add 9 from the previous frames (in this case one frame), 10 from the second frame and 7 from the third frame. This gives a second frame total of 26. The third frame was not converted and so only the pins from the third frame are added to the previous frames total. This now gives us a score of 35 in the third frame.

The scoring continues until 10 frames have been played, remembering that in the 10th frame a strike would give two more bowls and a spare gives one more bowl.

The maximum that can be scored in any one game is 300. For this the player would have to strike 10 times for the 10 frames and then because the last frame strike allows two more bowls, these two should also be strikes making 12 in total.