SOMA Candlepin Bowling Scoring Rules Cheat Sheet

1- GAME (String). A game shall consist of ten frames (boxes) in each of which three balls shall be rolled, except when a player scores a strike or spare, called “marks”.

2- NO MARK. When three balls are rolled, the bowler receives credit for the total number of pins knocked down in the frame.

3- SPARE. A “spare” occurs when ten pins are downed with the first two balls. To score a spare, the bowler receives ten plus the number of pins knocked down by the next ball rolled by that bowler.

4- STRIKE. A “strike” occurs when ten pins are downed with the first ball. To score a strike, the bowler receives ten plus the number of pins downed by the next two balls rolled by that bowler.

5- TWO CONSECUTIVE STRIKES. Score as follows:
   a. Frame in which the first strike is made: Score 20 points plus the number downed by the first ball rolled in the second following frame.
   b. Frame in which the second strike is made: Score 10 plus the number downed by the first two balls in the next following frame.

6- MARK IN FRAME. A bowler scoring a strike or spare in the tenth frame shall immediately roll one or two balls, as necessary to complete that frame. The frame must be completed on the same lane on which the strike or spared is bowled.

7- SCORING. The score sheet shall remain visible to players at all times.

8- RECORDING OF SCORES. Except for addition errors, it is the bowlers responsibility to see that his/her score is properly recorded from FRAME to FRAME.

9- SCORES ARE OFFICIAL. When records are turned in by captain or official, they are official. Corrections can not be made after scores have been turned in.

A BALL CAN NOT COME BACK IN FROM THE GUTTER AND KNOCK DOWN PINS.

1- If this occurs on the first roll, the pins shall be reset and the bowler will be rolling his/her 2nd ball.

2- If this occurs on the second ball, the pins knocked down will be discounted and the bowler will proceed to roll their third ball. The total for the frame will be the total pins knocked down on the first and third rolls.

3- If it occurs on the third roll, the score for the frame is the total of pins knocked down on the first two rolls.

PLEASE ADHERE TO ALL SCORING RULES SO THAT WE HAVE AN EQUAL AND FAIR COMPETITION.