



What is No Tap Bowling?

9 pin No Tap bowling is a special scoring format in which knocking down 9 or 10 pins on your first ball is scored as a strike. How many times have you had a near perfect shot only to have one pin staring back at you? It happens all the time but not in 9 pin No Tap. If that stubborn 10 pin is standing, you will nonetheless be scored with a strike! No more “taps”!!! That is where the fun begins!

How does 9 pin No Tap work?

Scoring in all respects is the same as your normal bowling, except...a pinfall of 9 or 10...on your first ball, is automatically scored as a strike. We have smart pinsetters and automatic scoring, and it will score the ball as a strike (if you get 9 pins on your first ball), just as if you knocked down all ten pins. Any other pin count on your first ball (that is, 8 or less) is scored normally. To earn the spare, you will need to knock down all the pins on your second ball...just like normal.

Because scoring tends to be higher...often significantly higher...when scoring a No Tap event, spares become even more important! But at least we never have to shoot that stubborn single corner pin!

BASCW holds these No Tap events every other Saturday throughout the year, beginning at 5:00 p.m. You will need to arrive and be ready by 4:45 p.m. so that you can roll a few practice balls before scoring begins. Cash prizes are awarded to players in four categories. We have two men's divisions and two women's divisions (all divisions are handicap), so all players, regardless of ability, have a great opportunity to earn cash awards each week. Roughly 50% of the bowlers will win a cash prize.

In addition to the main prize list, we have three optional jackpots that you might wish to participate in. One is called the “3-6-9” – in this optional (\$3) jackpot, if you have a strike (remember either 9 or 10 pins on the first ball) in the 3rd, 6th, and 9th frames, you can earn a share of the jackpot. The second jackpot is called the “4-6-8” – in this optional (\$3) jackpot, if you throw a strike or spare in any two frames of the 4th, 6th, and 8th frames, you can earn a share of the jackpot. This “4-6-8” jackpot is only open to participants in Division 2 and Division 4. The third jackpot is the “300” game prize – for an additional \$1, if you have a 300 game, you can earn a share of the total money for that night's jackpot.

These No Tap events are very popular, and during the Winter, it is not unusual to fill all openings. You can sign up at the lanes, see any Board member for assistance.

Remember, BASCW No Tap events are stand-alone events, not a league. As a BASCW member, you are not obligated to bowl any of the events. You choose which events to bowl!

We hope to see you on the lanes!