

How to Keep Score...

Each player has two chances to roll the ball and knock down all the pins. If all the pins are knocked down on the first roll – that's called a **STRIKE!**

If the pins remain standing after the first roll and you manage to knock them all down on your second roll – that's called a **SPARE!**

If pins remain after your second roll – that's called an **OPEN FRAME!**

If pins are standing in such a way that it is difficult for you to knock them down in the next shot it's called a **SPLIT!** In other words, you will have to either aim between the remaining pins or skid one pin into the other(s) in order to knock them down.

Many first-time bowlers are confused about keeping score. While scoring in bowling may appear difficult, once a few basic points are understood, it's easy as keeping score in any other sport.

Automatic scorekeepers, now common in many bowling centers, have taken a lot of the work out of keeping score. But it's still important to know a few basic points.

Basics of Scoring

In bowling, a game consists of ten frames. During a frame, you get two chances to knock down all the pins. If you knock down all the pins the first time, you don't take your second shot, but instead go on to the next frame.

- * An open frame is worth the number of pins you knocked down in the frame.
- * A spare is worth ten points plus your next shot.
- * A strike is worth ten points plus your next two shots.