STROUD BOWL — MASTER BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

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Venue: Stroud Bowl, Top Floor, Five Valleys Shopping Centre, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 1QA

Legal operator: Tenpin Bowling Stroud Ltd (trading as Stroud Bowl)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE BOOKING

Cancellations: Give at least 24 hours' notice to request one free reschedule within 90 calendar days after the ORIGINAL scheduled activity date, or a refund less any fair, evidenced direct cancellation loss. With less than 24 hours' notice, discretionary refunds are not normally available; statutory rights and fairness rules still apply.

Arrival: Please arrive 10 minutes early. We allocate 15 minutes per player per game. We hold an unclaimed lane for up to 15 minutes after its start time; after that the reserved lane is not guaranteed.

Bowling: Maximum eight players per lane; bowling shoes required except agreed medical/disability adjustments. Never enter the lane beyond the foul line or interfere with machinery.

Children: Under-14s must have an accompanying responsible adult unless attending an expressly supervised organised activity.

Venue rules: No indoor smoking or vaping, no charging personal devices from venue sockets, no unplugging or tampering with machines. Challenge 25 and physical identification only for alcohol.

1. CONTRACT AND SCOPE

1.1 These terms apply to bowling, pool, qualifying activity bookings, children's parties, food and drink packages, promotions and associated venue use, whether booked online, by telephone, in person or through an authorised provider.

1.2 The booking contract is with the legal operator named above. We accept a reservation when we issue confirmation after any required deposit or payment has been received, or when we expressly confirm an agreed pay-on-arrival booking.

1.3 Please check the booking summary, price, participant numbers, games or time allocation, activity, date and start time before confirming. Tell us promptly if it is wrong.

1.4 The booking organiser must pass relevant rules to the group but is not automatically personally liable for every action of another adult in the group. Liability is assessed under law and any specifically agreed group undertaking.

1.5 Additional terms apply to leagues, tournaments, exclusive hire and certain events only when clearly supplied before entry or agreement. The specific confirmed event arrangements govern the event where consistent with law.

1.6 No term removes statutory rights, including rights under the Consumer Rights Act 2015.

2. PRICES, PAYMENTS AND CONFIRMATION

2.1 Prices are displayed in pounds sterling including VAT and compulsory fees. Optional extras and any required deposit are identified before purchase.

2.2 Prepaid bookings are secured on payment and confirmation; agreed pay-on-arrival bookings are secured on express confirmation, subject to the stated reservation rules.

2.3 The confirmation states the amount paid, any outstanding balance and when the balance must be paid. We do not add undisclosed charges after contract formation.

2.4 If a payment is taken twice, or a booking/payment system fails, we will investigate and refund or correct any unauthorised duplicate amount. A failed transaction must not be presented as a successful reservation.

2.5 Obvious and genuine pricing errors will be explained. A customer whose confirmed booking cannot be honoured on the stated terms may reject a proposed corrected price and receive the relevant refund.

2.6 Fraudulent bookings and unauthorised use of payment details are prohibited.

3. STANDARD CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

3.1 Date-specific leisure bookings generally do not have an automatic 14-day online change-of-mind cancellation right. Separate rights may apply to undated vouchers or other products.

3.2 For standard bowling or pool bookings cancelled at least 24 hours before the scheduled activity, the customer may request (a) one free transfer to an available date within 90 calendar days after the original scheduled activity date, or (b) cancellation and a refund less fair and substantiated direct losses.

3.3 If there is no material loss, we refund in full. We consider reasonable preparation expenses, capacity reasonably lost, the prospect or fact of resale, and costs saved. We never recover twice for the same loss.

3.4 If less than 24 hours' notice is given, no discretionary refund or free transfer is normally offered; we may retain only a fair amount justified by reasonably incurred, legally recoverable loss after mitigation.

3.5 Serious illness, bereavement or an unavoidable emergency may justify goodwill flexibility; we review such cases individually and sensitively. This is additional to statutory rights.

3.6 To cancel or amend, contact us by the published booking email, telephone or an approved booking portal and give the booking reference. We assess notice by when the request is received; any cancellation request should be acknowledged and recorded.

3.7 A booking does not become cancelled simply because a customer fails to arrive. No-show rules also apply.

4. RESCHEDULING AND AMENDMENTS

4.1 One free reschedule requires at least 24 hours' notice, subject to availability. The NEW session must occur within 90 calendar days after the ORIGINAL scheduled activity date; postponement does not restart the clock.

4.2 Additional changes are discretionary; any additional amount or reasonable cost must be disclosed and agreed before the change. A lower-priced substitute is handled fairly under section 3.

4.3 Amendments are effective only on written or system confirmation. The original accepted terms and change history are preserved.

4.4 Where a rescheduled booking is later cancelled, any refund deduction must reflect the actual arrangement, direct losses and mitigation, not an automatic forfeiture.

5. ARRIVAL, SESSION LENGTH AND NO-SHOWS

5.1 Arrive at least ten minutes before the booked start. We schedule 15 minutes per player per game: for example four players booking two games are allocated 120 minutes. Any other agreed duration or session cap must be disclosed before payment and on confirmation.

5.2 If customers arrive up to 15 minutes late, we will seek to accommodate them but cannot guarantee an extension to the scheduled end. If they have not arrived or contacted us by 15 minutes after start, we may release the reserved lane. After 15 minutes, the lane and any substitute are not guaranteed.

5.3 Staff will make reasonable efforts to accommodate a delayed group. A customer's own lateness does not automatically entitle them to full new playing time or a refund, but we will not rely on undisclosed time caps and will respect legal rights where our service falls short.

5.4 Where a prepaid customer does not attend, we may retain only sums fair under section 3. On an unpaid reservation we do not automatically take or invoice a no-show charge unless a specific fair payment obligation and lawful collection arrangement were clearly agreed before booking.

5.5 Repeated unexplained failures to attend may lead us to require prepayment for future bookings, subject to fair and non-discriminatory decisions.

6. LANE ALLOCATION AND CAPACITY

6.1 No more than eight bowlers may play on a lane. Larger groups need further lanes subject to availability.

6.2 We may choose or change lane numbers for maintenance, competitions, accessibility and operational needs, but will provide the activity purchased or an appropriate remedy. Adjacent lanes are not guaranteed unless expressly confirmed.

6.3 Spectators must remain in permitted areas, keep approaches and exits clear and follow staff directions.

7. FOOTWEAR AND PERSONAL BOWLING EQUIPMENT

7.1 Appropriate bowling shoes are mandatory for bowlers; approved personal bowling shoes are permitted. Outdoor shoes or trainers are not normally acceptable.

7.2 Customers with medical needs or disabilities may request an exemption or reasonable adjustment. We assess alternatives individually and safely, without routinely requiring medical evidence or unreasonably refusing a lawful adjustment.

7.3 Balls, shoes and accessories brought by customers must be suitable and safe. Do not apply unauthorised products to lane approaches or obstruct paths with equipment. We are responsible for loss or damage where law makes us responsible.

8. BOWLING SAFETY, PINSETTERS AND BALL RETURNS

8.1 Do not step, run or slide beyond the foul line onto the treated lane surface, enter gutters or pin decks, or approach pinsetters or restricted machinery areas.

8.2 Never retrieve a stuck ball or pin yourself. Report faults to staff. Keep hands out of ball-return openings and away from moving balls; wait until a returned ball stops before lifting it and avoid putting fingers between balls on the rack.

8.3 No more than EIGHT bowling balls may be placed on each ball-return rack. Do not stack balls or put them on chairs, tables or walkways, or climb or sit on ball returns. Staff may require fewer balls where needed for safety.

8.4 One bowler delivers a ball per lane at a time unless a specifically authorised assisted arrangement requires otherwise. Do not obstruct an adjacent approach during a delivery.

8.5 Children should select suitable ball weights and use ramps/assistance with appropriate supervision. Report spills, trapped balls and damaged machinery immediately.

8.6 Do not tamper with score terminals, bumpers, lane controls, mechanical or electrical equipment. Unsafe equipment may be withdrawn from use.

9. CHILDREN AND SUPERVISION

9.1 Children younger than 14 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult, except during an organised activity for which suitable supervision has expressly been agreed.

9.2 Supervised activity does not automatically include travel, early drop-off or late collection. Group organisers and guardians must follow the programme's specific arrangements.

9.3 Ages 14–17 may attend unaccompanied subject to particular event restrictions, safeguarding assessment and applicable law. Staff may intervene where a child's safety or welfare is at risk.

10. SAFEGUARDING AND REPORTING

10.1 Stroud Bowl maintains safeguarding procedures for children and adults at risk. Designated Safeguarding Lead: Shae Milner. Alternative safeguarding contact: Mark Patrick. Concerns may be reported to either or to the duty manager. Concerns involving either lead can be referred directly to appropriate statutory safeguarding services or police.

10.2 Bullying, grooming, harassment, intimidation, exploitation and abuse are prohibited. Staff may take proportionate protective action and contact statutory services or police; call emergency services for immediate danger.

10.3 Sensitive safeguarding information is handled with appropriate confidentiality and shared lawfully when needed to protect people.

11. TOURNAMENT FILMING, YOUTUBE AND CCTV

11.1 Stroud Bowl livestreams selected leagues and tournaments. The tournament manager and Stroud Bowl jointly manage filming information and permissions through tournament entry processes before participation. Event-specific safeguarding permissions and restrictions must be checked. Broadcasts may include players, names, team information, scoring and commentary as properly disclosed.

11.2 Acceptance of booking terms or a tournament entry form is not by itself a blanket authorisation to identify a child. Appropriate information and permissions, child participation, data-protection lawful basis and any parental-responsibility or care restrictions must be assessed.

11.3 Where a child or other participant cannot safely be livestreamed, Stroud Bowl will not livestream the affected activity where it could reveal their identity. Controls must account for cameras, overlays, names, results and commentary; entry into a tournament does not override safeguarding restrictions.

11.4 Broadcasting live and recording or retaining the footage are separate decisions. Junior recordings must not be intentionally created, publicly archived or retained without a prior documented individual safeguarding/privacy review and appropriate permissions, lawful basis, access controls and an approved retention/deletion period. Automatic YouTube archives, DVR, clips and local recording settings must be controlled. Any incidental temporary copies are restricted and handled promptly under policy.

11.5 Reviews are overseen by safeguarding lead Shae Milner or an authorised alternative. Any filming objection or data rights request is handled under the published privacy procedure. Customers must not film in toilets or areas with an expectation of privacy.

11.6 CCTV is operated separately for legitimate safety and security purposes and explained in the relevant Privacy Notice. Promotional marketing filming requires separate lawful arrangements.

12. ALCOHOL, BAR300 AND AGE VERIFICATION

12.1 Alcohol service complies with the Licensing Act 2003, mandatory conditions and the current premises licence. Mark Patrick is the premises licence holder, Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS), and a personal licence holder, as confirmed by venue management.

12.2 Challenge 25 applies. Anyone who appears younger than 25 must present acceptable ORIGINAL PHYSICAL photographic identification when asked: a valid physical passport, physical photocard driving licence or physical PASS-hologram proof-of-age card. A PASS logo is required on PASS cards, not on passports or driving licences. Digital ID, phone images, screenshots and photocopies are not accepted under our venue policy.

12.3 We do not sell alcohol to anyone under 18 or a person who is drunk. As an additional venue rule, under-18 alcohol consumption is prohibited on our premises. Proxy buying for minors is prohibited.

12.4 Staff may refuse service for lawful licensing, welfare or safety reasons; pre-purchased alcohol does not override these duties. Any appropriate substitute or legally due remedy will be considered fairly.

12.5 No outside alcohol without express authorisation. Alcohol may be consumed only in authorised areas and times. Free potable drinking water and statutory smaller measures are offered in accordance with licensing requirements; irresponsible promotions are prohibited.

13. FOOD SAFETY, ALLERGENS AND OUTSIDE FOOD

13.1 Stroud Bowl operates a nut-free kitchen policy and does not intentionally use peanuts or tree nuts as ingredients in food prepared under that policy. This is NOT an unconditional assurance that every ingredient or meal is free of traces; specific free-from claims will only be made when supported by verified controls, suppliers and cross-contact management.

13.2 Inform staff of allergies, coeliac disease, intolerances or dietary requirements before ordering; for pre-ordered packages tell us when booking and reconfirm before service. We provide legally required information about the 14 regulated allergens and update it when recipes or suppliers change.

13.3 Customers must not enter kitchens or interfere with food equipment. Report spills, breakages and contamination. Food and drink are not permitted on bowling approaches or machinery.

13.4 Outside food and drink are prohibited except birthday cakes for authorised children’s parties, and legally required or individually agreed medical, disability-related and infant-feeding exceptions. Birthday cakes must be handed to staff and stored separately in the cellar, away from the nut-free kitchen, to reduce potential nut allergen cross-contact. Staff will assess temperature control, packaging, suitability and safe handling; cakes requiring refrigeration must be kept under suitable conditions. Stroud Bowl may decline to cut or serve an outside cake when safe handling cannot be assured.

13.5 When catering cannot be delivered or safely provided, customer remedies apply according to law.

14. CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTIES

14.1 Standard children's parties require a £3 deposit per booked child unless otherwise agreed; the deposit is credited to the package price. Remaining balance is due ON ARRIVAL on the day, unless an alternative arrangement was expressly agreed.

14.2 Please confirm expected numbers and dietary information at least seven days beforehand. Any separately agreed minimum attendance or minimum party price is prominently disclosed before booking.

14.3 A party cancelled at least 24 hours before start will normally receive a full deposit refund. Any deduction must be fair and linked to unavoidable direct losses, supported by evidence and mitigation.

14.4 A party cancelled within 24 hours will not normally receive a discretionary deposit refund; however, amounts retained must still be fair and legally justified. Serious emergencies may receive management flexibility.

14.5 Reductions in attendance after unavoidable food or capacity commitments may lead to reasonable disclosed charges, without double recovery or blanket billing for unused services. Relevant supervision and safeguarding rules continue to apply.

14.6 The standard cancellation policy cannot override separately and fairly agreed bespoke event terms where those were disclosed before booking.

15. GROUP EVENTS, PRIVATE HIRE, LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS

15.1 Corporate hire, catered group events and exclusive venue use require a specific agreement explaining deposit, price, scope, final numbers, payment deadlines and cancellation calculation. Standard 24-hour recreational rules do not automatically govern bespoke hire.

15.2 Event organisers are responsible for event information, permitted third-party suppliers and agreed supervision. Any special sporting regulations, eligibility, entry or withdrawal conditions must be disclosed before tournament or league entry.

15.3 Sporting disputes are handled under published competition rules, without excluding legal customer rights. Event cancellations or material changes trigger fair remedies.

16. POOL, ARCADE AND THIRD-PARTY MACHINES

16.1 Pool tables, cues and balls must be used safely; do not sit on tables, damage cloth or misuse equipment.

16.2 Do not kick, strike, tilt, shake, climb on, open, unplug, reset or tamper with arcade machines, payment mechanisms, prize outlets or scoring systems. Fraudulent attempts to obtain prizes, money or credits are prohibited.

16.3 Report failed payment, jammed coins, malfunctioning games or prizes to staff; do not attempt repairs. Where payment is taken without the agreed service, a lawful and appropriate remedy is provided.

16.4 Some arcade machines are operated or owned by third parties. The responsible contracting operator will address claims without Stroud Bowl attempting to exclude responsibilities it legally owes.

17. ELECTRICAL, FIRE AND SMOKING SAFETY

17.1 Customers must not charge phones, tablets, laptops, power banks, vapes or any personal devices using venue sockets. Do not unplug, switch off, reset, disconnect or interfere with any powered equipment, cables, isolators, breakers, machines, displays, network devices or CCTV.

17.2 Report damaged cables, sparks, smoke or electrical hazards. Do not attempt repairs.

17.3 Smoking and vaping are prohibited anywhere indoors. Do not obstruct exits, tamper with alarms or firefighting equipment, or use pyrotechnics, smoke devices or flames without prior approval and safety arrangements. Follow evacuation instructions.

18. CUSTOMER BEHAVIOUR AND DAMAGE

18.1 Violence, abuse, discriminatory harassment, threatening conduct, illegal drugs, vandalism and theft are prohibited. Staff may reasonably suspend activities or remove people where necessary for safety, licensing or serious misconduct, exercising proportionate judgement and respecting equality law.

18.2 A person whose deliberate, reckless or negligent actions cause equipment or property damage may be asked to compensate legally recoverable losses established by evidence of causation. Reasonable repair, necessary depreciated replacement, technician and foreseeable consequential costs may be claimed where law permits.

18.3 No arbitrary fines or unjustified new-for-old claims. Wear and tear, pre-existing faults and accidents without negligence do not automatically create liability. Customers have an opportunity to respond to alleged damage.

18.4 Removal or refusal of service does not automatically forfeit all payments; any retention or refund is assessed fairly according to circumstances and law.

19. PROMOTIONS, VOUCHERS AND SPECIAL SESSIONS

19.1 Offer-specific eligibility, dates, minimum group sizes, prices, included items, session duration and restrictions are made clear before purchase. Offers cannot usually be combined unless expressly stated.

19.2 Changes to future promotions do not alter confirmed bookings. Unlimited bowling does not guarantee play beyond clearly advertised session hours.

19.3 Undated gift vouchers have separate purchase, validity and redemption conditions. Where an online voucher purchase carries statutory cancellation rights, those rights apply; the date-specific leisure exception is not applied automatically to all vouchers.

20. ACCESSIBILITY, SOUND, LIGHTING AND PREMISES ACCESS

20.1 We consider reasonable adjustments for disabilities, assistance dogs, medical footwear exemptions and sensory needs under the Equality Act 2010. No charge is imposed for reasonable adjustments required by law.

20.2 Music, coloured lighting and flashing effects may be used; customers can request relevant information and reasonable adjustments. Specific advertised session features will be honoured or appropriately remedied.

20.3 Five Valleys manages certain shared areas, parking and access systems. We do not deny our own contractual responsibilities when access problems prevent delivery of the booked service.

21. VENUE CANCELLATION, FAULTS AND REMEDIES

21.1 We may suspend or relocate activities for urgent safety, lane faults, leaks, power problems or other material disruptions. We will try to inform customers promptly and offer an equivalent arrangement where possible.

21.2 If we cannot deliver the purchased service, we offer a legally appropriate refund or alternative chosen by the customer. A customer entitled to a monetary refund need not accept a voucher.

21.3 Partial delivery is assessed fairly according to the significance of interruption. These terms do not exclude remedies for failure to perform with reasonable care and skill.

22. LOST PROPERTY, COMPLAINTS AND LIABILITY

22.1 Customers should look after belongings and report missing items. We are not excluding liability for loss or damage caused by our negligence or other legal obligations.

22.2 Report concerns during the visit where practical; complaints may also be submitted later using our published contact details and booking reference. Refunds are processed without undue delay within legal deadlines, normally by the original payment method; reasonable deductions will be explained.

22.3 We do not exclude liability for death or personal injury caused by negligence, fraud, fraudulent misrepresentation or any other liability which cannot legally be excluded. Statutory consumer rights remain unaffected.

23. PRIVACY, TERMS VERSIONS AND LAW

23.1 Booking records, CCTV, payment and livestream-related data are governed by relevant privacy notices and UK data-protection law. Marketing opt-in and junior filming permissions must not be bundled into mandatory acceptance of booking terms.

23.2 The booking version accepted is preserved and does not silently change when this document is revised. Changes to an existing booking contract are agreed when legally required.

23.3 These terms are governed by the law of England and Wales, subject to mandatory consumer jurisdiction protections.

23.4 Contact: booking@stroudbowl.co.uk or 01453 762200. Legal operator: Tenpin Bowling Stroud Ltd. Safeguarding Lead and Health & Safety Lead: Shae Milner. Alternative safeguarding contact and DPS: Mark Patrick.

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