



Conqueror and BLS Setup Considerations – Social Distancing

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If you are using our Online Reservations software or Booking System, be sure to make any needed modifications to existing league and/or maintenance blocks to prevent overbooking.

#1 – Dark Pair Social Distancing Option

For the given example below, we will use the example of a 12 team league bowling in a 24 lane center.

This option utilizes the existing format of two teams bowling on the same pair while allowing a ‘dark pair’ between each active pair of lanes. The dark pair provides the ability and the space for competing teams to spread out across the center and effectively social distance while still bowling ‘head to head’ against the opposing team.

Team A sits on lanes 1-2 and Team B sits on lanes 3-4, with all of the bowling taking place on lanes 1-2 being careful to allow proper social distancing as bowlers pass each other and line up on the approach.

Example – Single Shift Using All Lanes

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Use	Dark																						

Configuration Instructions - BLS

The following instructions are for configuring BLS-2020 for this rule using the example league mentioned above. Your league may differ, and it is assumed that the league has already been created with the basic rules.

1. Open BLS-2020
2. Open the league
3. From the main menu, click **Setup > League > Lane Assignments**.
4. At the top of the Lane Assignments grid is a row showing the lane numbers used. Using the example, it should be showing 1 through 12.
 Click on the 2nd pair of lanes in the top row of the grid so that the Lane Reassignment window appears. Change the pair to be 5-6 so that 3-4 are skipped and click OK. If prompted if this will affect just this week or the entire season, select entire season.
5. The Lane Assignments should adjust the remaining pairings to be 1-2, 5-6, 9-10, 13-14, 17-18, 21-22. If not, repeat the previous step until there is spacing between each pair.
6. Close the lane assignments.

The lane assignments on the standings, lane assignments printout and recaps should be correct with the spacing.

Configuration Instructions – Conqueror Pro / Conqueror X

Once the needed changes have been completed in BLS, there are no necessary changes to be made in Conqueror to properly open the league for play. If you are using our Online Reservations software or Booking System, be sure to make any needed modifications to existing league and/or maintenance blocks to prevent overbooking.

In the Dark Pair scenario, if your league has more teams than your center has pairs of lanes (Example: 24 teams on 24 lanes), you will be using multiple shifts and you will not need to make any changes in BLS. Simply open the league as normal, selecting to send rosters out to only the pairs which will be bowling at any given time. (1-2, 5-6, 9-10, 13-14, 17-18, 21-22). When the remaining teams bowl on your second shift, select and send the remaining rosters out to the unused pairs (3-4, 7-8, 11-12, 15-16, 19-20, 23-24). Once opened, you may transfer lanes as needed using the normal transfer methods.

Example - Shift 1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Use	Dark																						

Example - Shift 2

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Dark	Use																						

There are several advantages to this option. Leagues are able to continue operating in a semi-normal fashion, competing head-to-head rather than unopposed. While centers are forced to use more space in the center than normal, a second shift can be easily accommodated as needed without a need to recondition lanes, as the 'dark pair' from the first shift can become an 'active pair' for the second shift without a need for additional lane maintenance.

#2 – Single Lane, Split Shift Social Distancing Option

For the given example below, we will use the example of a 12 team league bowling in a 24 lane center.

This option is for centers where a dark lane between each group of players, in this case a league team, may be required. Under this example, teams 1-12 would bowl on their normal assigned lanes, but the league would be split into two shifts where a portion of the teams would bowl on the odd lanes, followed by teams on the even lanes at a different time.

Key advantages of this option include the ability to maintain regulated social distancing while utilizing the same amount of space and number of lanes that the league would typically use in the center. Each competing team will receive the same lane conditions regardless of shift, as only the odd or even set of lanes is being used at any given time, leaving fresh conditions for the later incoming shift without a need to repeat lane maintenance procedures.

Disadvantages include the abandonment of the traditional 'cross-lane' league play format, as well as the addition of a second shift that may require more time to complete than a normal league format. Competition may be affected by this situation as teams bowl unopposed rather than in direct competition at the same time.

Example – Shift 1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Use	Dark										

Example – Shift 2

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Dark	Use										

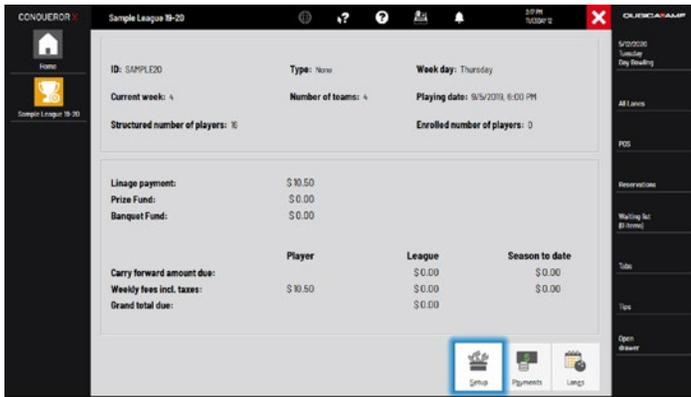
Configuration Instructions - BLS

1. Open BLS-2020 AutoScoring
2. Open the league
3. Go to **Weekly > Prepare > Export to Scoring System**
4. Select the **Options** tab.
5. Uncheck **Bowl on a Pair of Lanes** option, which should then enable only the **Bowl all frames on same Lane** option.

Configuration Instructions – Conqueror Pro / Conqueror X

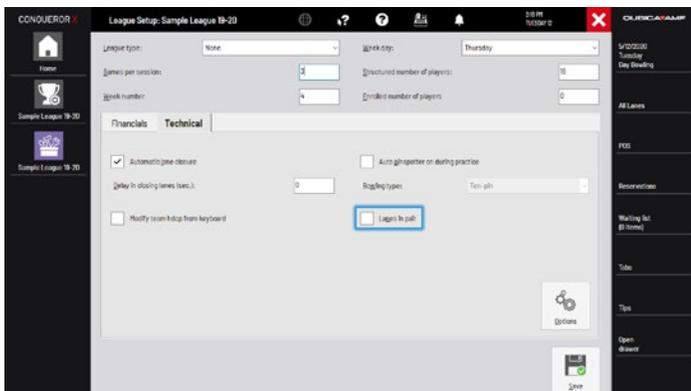
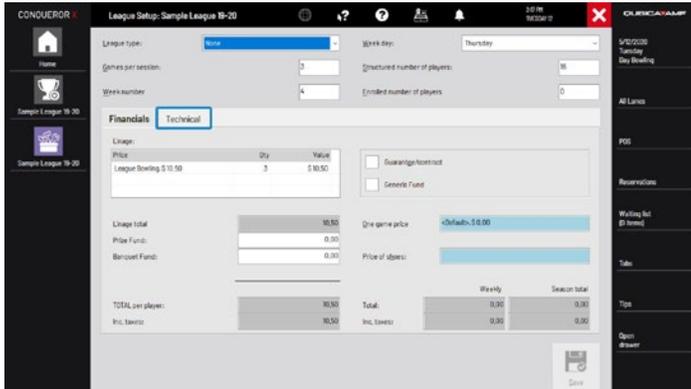
1. Select the BLS League file in Conqueror
2. Within the league module, Go to **Setup**
3. On the League Setup screen, choose the **Technical** Tab
4. **Uncheck** the box labeled **“Lanes in Pair”**
5. Send the league rosters as normal

It is important to note that the needed changes in Conqueror to support this league style must be made in the Technical Setup of each individual league file. Once the change is made, the league will continue to open in this way until the box is checked again.



Weekly Instructions – Conqueror Pro / Conqueror X

1. Select the BLS League file in Conqueror
2. Click the button labeled **“Lanes”**
3. Click the button labeled **“Send Roster”**
4. Under the heading **“Lanes to open”**, select only the lanes you wish to send out for the particular shift that is beginning. Repeat the process for the second set of lanes when that shift arrives.



#3 – Extended Pair Mode Social Distancing Option

For the given example below, we will use the example of a 12 team league bowling in a 24 lane center.

In some areas, regulations may require a smaller number of people on a lane or on a pair of lanes, while not requiring any physical separation via dark lanes or dark pairs, resulting in a maximum of one team on a pair of lanes. Under this example, team 1 would bowl on 1-2 at the same time and in competition with team 2 bowling on lanes 3-4.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Teams 1 and 2				Teams 3 and 4				Teams 5 and 6				Teams 7 and 8				Teams 9 and 10				Teams 11 and 12			

The advantage of this option is that teams can bowl in the traditional cross-lane format, and also bowl near those in which they are in competition.

Disadvantages include the need to utilize double the number of lanes as usually needed for the league or splitting the league into multiple shifts. In addition, this method is not supported by BLS or Conqueror league functions. Manual input of rosters before league and manual entry of scores at the end of the session would be required.

This method may also be used with single lane play, with team 1 bowling on lane 1 and bowling against team 2 bowling on lane 3, and so on using all of the odd (or even) numbered lanes. The same disadvantages to Extended Pair Mode exist, with the added disadvantage of utilizing larger amounts of lanes for less teams.

#4 – Match Play Pace Social Distancing Option

For the given example below, we will use the example of a 12 team league bowling in a 24 lane center.

For centers who have plenty of space to provide social distancing while maintaining a normal league schedule, simple adjustments to the pace of play may provide extra separation between teams bowling on the same pair. Similar to the match play format of a singles or professional tournament, players on the same team will complete all frames available for them to bowl before leaving the bowlers area for the other team to complete frames under the same rules. This method would result in a maximum of one team in the bowling area at a time rather than both teams intermixing.

At the beginning of a game, all players of the team on the left lane (Team A) will complete frame 1. Once frame 1 is complete, the team on the right lane (Team B) will complete frames 1 and 2. After this, Team A will return and complete frames 2 and 3. Teams will alternate back and forth in this manner until the game is complete. Team A will lead off in all odd numbered games, with Team B leading off in all even numbered frames. Alternatively, teams may determine the starting order by flipping a coin or any other method.

Example – Match Play Pace

Team A	Team B
Bowls Frame 1	Bowls Frame 1 and 2
Bowls Frame 2 and 3	Bowls Frame 3 and 4
Bowls Frame 4 and 5	Bowls Frame 5 and 6
Bowls Frame 6 and 7	Bowls Frame 7 and 8
Bowls Frame 8 and 9	Bowls Frame 9 and 10
Bowls Frame 10	Begins the next game

No changes to Conqueror or BLS are needed to utilize this method. This message does not provide for large amounts of social distancing and requires cooperation from both teams to maintain the pace and provide separation. Due to the breaks between frames, pace of play may slower, creating longer league sessions start to finish. Large, open concourses would be recommended for this method.