

Dog Policy at Xcel Bowl

The reasons why dogs (other than service animals) are not be allowed at Xcel Bowl;

- **Safety:** Bowling alleys can be chaotic environments with heavy machinery (pinsetters), slippery floors (especially near the lanes), and flying objects (bowling balls). Unfamiliar noises and sights can also startle dogs, leading to them potentially bolting or reacting unpredictably. This could pose a danger to the dog itself, other patrons, and the staff.
- **Hygiene:** Bowling alleys serve food and drinks, and spills or dropped items are common. Dogs can track in dirt and germs from outside, which could contaminate these areas. Additionally, some people may have allergies to dogs.
- **Disruption:** Dogs may bark at the noise of bowling balls or become stressed by the busy atmosphere. This can disrupt other patrons who are trying to enjoy their bowling experience.
- **Focus and Control:** Bowling requires focus and controlled movements. Unattended dogs may wander onto the lanes, creating a safety hazard and interrupting bowlers. Even with a leash, it can be difficult for owners to maintain control of their dogs in such a stimulating environment.
- **Predictability and Consistency:** Maintaining a predictable and consistent environment is important for all patrons, especially children who might be afraid of dogs. Allowing only service animals ensures a controlled environment for everyone.

Service Dogs: Service dogs are specially trained to assist people with disabilities. They are well-behaved, under control, and unlikely to cause any disruption. That's why they are allowed in most establishments, including bowling alleys.

By following these guidelines, Xcel Bowl can ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all patrons, both with and without disabilities.