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The **Arsenal** is Spectre Cloud's ball inventory system — a per-bowler record of every piece of equipment they have had drilled at your shop. Where spec sheets capture the *how* of a drilling (measurements, pitch, layout, ovals), the Arsenal captures the *what* (which balls the bowler owns, their current status, and the full history of what has been done to each one). The two systems are designed to work together: every spec sheet connects to an Arsenal entry, and every Arsenal entry links back to its spec sheets. Understanding how they relate to each other is the foundation for getting the most out of both.

☐ What the Arsenal Does

At its simplest, the Arsenal is a list of bowling balls belonging to a bowler. But it is more than an inventory — it is a structured history of that bowler's equipment over time, organised so that any ball, any drilling, and any change can be found and referenced in seconds.

- □ Tracks every ball a bowler has owned — past and present — in a single view.
- □ Shows the current status of each ball: **Active** (in the bag), **Retired** (no longer used), or **Sold**.
- □ Links each ball to all spec sheets ever created for it — including re-drillings, surface adjustments, and layout changes.
- □ Provides a timeline of the bowler's equipment history that any staff member can read and understand without needing to know the bowler personally.
- □ With **Arsenal Plus** ([\\$5 USD/month](#)), adds ball specification data from the [bowlingdatabase.com](#) integration, barcode scanning, suggested layouts, layout conversion, and 3D layout rendering.

□□ How the Arsenal and Spec Sheets Connect

The Arsenal and spec sheet systems are linked through the ball name. When a spec sheet is saved with a ball name that matches an Arsenal entry for the same bowler, Spectre Cloud associates the two records. The spec sheet appears in the ball's drilling history within the Arsenal entry, and the Arsenal entry is accessible from the spec sheet. This two-way connection is what makes the system greater than the sum of its parts.

In practice, the relationship works like this:

- □ One **Arsenal entry** per physical ball — created once when the ball first comes into the shop.
- □ One **spec sheet** per drilling — a new spec sheet is created each time the ball is drilled or re-drilled, and linked to the same Arsenal entry.
- □ A ball drilled three times over its lifetime has one Arsenal entry and three spec sheets. All three are accessible from the Arsenal entry; the Arsenal entry is accessible from each spec sheet.

□□ **Note:** The link between a spec sheet and an Arsenal entry depends on the ball name matching exactly. A minor variation — an abbreviated model name, different capitalisation, or a missing weight — breaks the association. See Book 06, Step 6 for guidance on keeping ball names consistent across both records.

□□ What an Arsenal Entry Contains

Each entry in the Arsenal holds both identifying information about the physical ball and a gateway to its drilling history:

Field	Description	Required
Ball name	Brand, model, and weight — the primary identifier	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Serial number	Manufacturer serial printed on the ball surface	No
Purchase date	When the bowler acquired the ball	No
Status	Active, Retired, or Sold	No
Notes	Surface history, weight hole details, any ball-specific notes	No
Linked spec sheets	All spec sheets associated with this ball, in chronological order	Auto-populated
Ball specifications	Core type, RG, differential, MB differential (Arsenal Plus only)	Arsenal Plus

☐☐ Where to Find the Arsenal in Spectre Cloud

The Arsenal is accessible from two places in the app — from the bowler's profile, and from the top-level navigation.

☐☐ From the bowler profile (desktop)

1. Open the bowler's profile from the **BOWLERS** list.
2. The **Arsenal** section appears within the profile, below the bowler's contact details.
3. All balls belonging to this bowler are listed here, with their current status and a link to associated spec sheets.

☐☐ From the bowler profile (mobile)

1. Tap the **avatar icon** to open the bowler list.
2. Tap the bowler's name to open their profile.
3. Scroll to the **Arsenal** section within the profile.

☐☐ **Note:** The Arsenal is always bowler-specific — there is no shop-wide Arsenal view that aggregates all bowlers' equipment in a single list. To see a bowler's Arsenal, you must open that bowler's profile first.

⚖ Arsenal on the Core Plan vs. Arsenal Plus

Feature	Core plan	Arsenal Plus
Ball inventory per bowler	☐	☐
Status tracking (Active / Retired / Sold)	☐	☐
Spec sheet linking	☐	☐
Serial number and purchase date recording	☐	☐
Barcode scanning	☐	☐
bowlingdatabase.com integration	☐	☐
Ball core specifications (RG, differential, MB)	☐	☐
Suggested layouts	☐	☐
Layout conversion between systems	☐	☐
3D layout rendering	☐	☐

☐ Why the Arsenal Matters Beyond the First Drilling

The Arsenal's value compounds over time. A bowler with a well-maintained Arsenal record in Spectre Cloud is far easier to serve on every return visit — and far easier for any staff member to serve, not just the driller who did the original fitting.

- ☐ When a bowler returns for a re-drill, the Arsenal shows every previous drilling on that ball — no guessing what was done last time.
- ☐ When a bowler wants to replicate a ball they loved two seasons ago, the linked spec sheet is one tap away.
- ☐ When a bowler asks whether a new ball will complement or overlap with what is already in their bag, the Arsenal gives an instant picture of their current equipment setup.
- ☐ When a different staff member handles the visit, they can read the Arsenal history and provide informed service without needing a briefing from the original driller.

- ☐ For competitive bowlers who manage large arsenals across multiple balls and layouts, Spectre Cloud's connected system replaces a folder of paper spec sheets with a searchable, always-current digital record.

Related Sections

- 7.1.2 — Adding a ball to the Arsenal
- 7.1.3 — Managing ball status (Active, Retired, Sold)
- 7.1.4 — Viewing a ball's spec sheet history from the Arsenal
- 6.1.6 — Step 6 (First ball workflow): Add ball to the Arsenal section
- 04.x — Spec Sheets: creating, cloning, and managing records

☐ **Tip:** Treat the Arsenal as a living record, not a one-time entry task. Update ball status when a bowler retires or sells equipment, add surface notes when a ball is refinished, and keep the ball name consistent with the spec sheet every time. An Arsenal that is kept current takes seconds to maintain per visit — and saves minutes of reconstruction every time a bowler comes back in.

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