

Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba



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2015/2016

Membership Manual

Formats, Rules & Regulations for all Tournament Events

Dates to Remember

November 15 th , 2015	Deadline for Master/Bantam/Junior Registration
January 15 th , 2016	MBA - Fundraising Requirements Deadline
April 1 st , 2016	Submission Deadline for Coaching Application at Nationals

*****To All Master Bowlers*****

Please note that all tournament event start times that have been highlighted within this manual are subject to change. Every effort will be made to contact each Master bowler in the event a schedule change has been made, however it is the final responsibility of all Master bowlers to ensure and confirm the locations and times of all tournament events.



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MBA Registration Form

*Appendices are included with this package and are separate from this manual

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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME LETTER

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the MBAM, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2015-16 bowling season.

As in recent seasons, our membership manual will be available on our website, as well as in hard copy at the opening tournament of the season for each division. Please take the time to read and understand the contents of our manual as it contains the rules and regulations of our Association, as well as our expectations of our membership. In particular, please pay attention to the *What's New* page in the manual to see what has changed for the 2015-16 season.

Congratulations to our Manitoba contingent on a great performance at the 2015 Masters Nationals in Hamilton/Burlington. Our bowlers came away with two gold, three silver, and one bronze medal, finishing 2nd overall in the Aggregate standings. In particular, congratulations go to our Teaching Men's team on repeating as National Champions, and to Karen Armstrong on winning her 4th Tournament Singles National Championship.

The Winnipeg franchise owners of Liberty Tax Service are continuing their proud sponsorship of the Masters for a 6th season this year. The Liberty Tax perfect game award continues into a third season, and will be worth \$1500 to any Master that bowls a perfect game in one of our provincial tournaments. We continue to thank Liberty Tax for their incredible support and urge each and every member to support them whenever possible.

The Board reviewed the suggestions that accompanied the surveys completed last year and have adopted a number of policies and procedures with regards to tournament scheduling, lane draws, and pace of play. The Board of Directors is at your service, and if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to contact a Board member and let us know what you think.

One highlight for this season is the 40th anniversary of the popular Master-Bantam-Junior tournament. This event provides opportunities for YBC bowlers to compete in an additional tournament each season, and is a major opportunity for the Masters to promote itself and our membership to a wider audience. I encourage all Masters to consider participating in this tournament in this milestone season.

The funding provided to the Masters through the working of bingos represents a significant percentage of our annual revenue. Please support our need for bingo volunteers whenever the call goes out. It's only a three hour commitment, but it makes a huge difference for the funding of our sport and for the Masters.

In closing, I want to thank the membership for their continued support of the Masters. I wish you all the best of luck and much success this season.

Sincerely,

Tim Hooper
President, Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba

Change to Singles Qualifying (Tournament and Teaching Divisions)

As voted in at the 2014/15 AGM - For a bowler to be eligible to be the singles representative for either of these two divisions, he/she **must play a minimum of 5 of the 6 scheduled events**. Once the top five (5) men and top five (5) women (Teaching Div) and the top six (6) men and top six (6) women (Tournament Div) have been decided using the bowlers' best four (4) tournaments, the singles representatives will be declared by adding the bowlers' next best tournament and recalculating the results so that the top five (5) tournaments are used to declare the singles champions to represent Manitoba at the Nationals. In the very unlikely event that none of the top five (5) (Teaching Div) or top six (6) (Tournament Div) have played more than four events, then the singles representative for that division and gender will be declared based on the top four (4) events as in previous years.

Changes to Coaching Requirements

Level II coaches have until **December 31, 2015** to upgrade to the Competitive Coach program. Any Level II coach who has not completed this upgrade by that deadline will be considered inactive. To complete the upgrade, you must:

- Complete and pass the on-line Making Ethical Decisions (MED) for Competition Introduction on the Coaching Association of Canada website
- Complete the on-line Evaluation for Competitive Coach Upgrade on the C5 website
- Submit a signed Coaches Code of Conduct to C5 (available on C5 website)

Successful completion of the upgrade gets you certified as a Competitive Coach. You may also be certified as a Competitive Coach by taking the required courses through the Coaching Association of Canada and having a subsequent evaluation performed by someone qualified to do so. Either way, starting with this season, you must be a certified Competitive Coach to be eligible to coach at our Nationals. It continues to be a coaching requirement that you must have completed the Respect in Sport program by December 31 of the current season.

Lineage Increase

Lineage has been increased to \$4.00 per game across the province. To cover this additional cost, the lineage charge for each eight (8) game event will now be \$35.00 (previously \$30.00).

Requirement to be a C5 Member Removed

The Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba has always mandated that members of our association must also be members in good standing of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association (C5PBA) even though this is not a requirement of the Master Bowlers' Association of Canada. Due to recent developments, only bowlers competing for either the Westman or Central zones are eligible to participate in M5PBA events at this time, eliminating the need for a large portion of our membership to be C5 members, so we have removed that requirement. Having said that, we encourage any Master Bowler who still wishes to obtain membership in the C5PBA to get in touch with a representative from M5PBA (contact information available on their website www.m5pba.com) as they have agreed to provide our membership with a renewal (if you were a member this past season) for \$15.00 or a new card (if you weren't a member last season) for \$20.00.

Your board is always open to new ideas or suggestions and we encourage you to submit them in writing to any board member. See the board of directors listing for contact information.

*** Keep watching on Facebook for the launch of our new Masters public FB page to promote our Association ***
We hope to be live by the end of August

2015 – 2016 Event Schedule

Teaching Division (e-mail or call Fran Johnson)

<u>Tournament Date</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Minimum Games</u>	<u>Submit Average Sheets As Of **</u>	<u>Entry Cut Off</u>
October 18, 2015	# 1	Polo Park	9:00 am	60	End of 14/15 season	October 7, 2015
November 8, 2015	#2	Mosienko	9:00 am	60	End of 14/15 season	October 28, 2015
January 3, 2016	#3	Dakota	9:00 am	27	December 13, 2015	December 23, 2015
February 21, 2016	#4	Rossmere	9:00 am	36	January 31, 2016	February 10, 2016
March 13, 2016	#5	Academy	9:00 am	45	February 21, 2016	March 2, 2016
April 10, 2016	Final	St. James	8:30 am	60	March 20, 2016	March 30, 2016

Tournament Division (e-mail or call Geoff Born)

<u>Tournament Date</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Entry Cut Off</u>
October 4, 2015	#1	Rossmere	9:00 am	September 24, 2015
November 15, 2015	#2	Academy	9:00 am	November 5, 2015
January 3, 2016	#3	Dakota	9:00 am	December 24, 2015
February 7, 2016	#4	Mosienko	9:00 am	January 28, 2016
March 20, 2016	#5	Selkirk	9:00 am	March 10, 2016
April 10, 2016	Final	Polo Park	8:30 am	March 31, 2016

Seniors Division (e-mail or call Sherri Manek)

<u>Tournament Date</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Minimum Games</u>	<u>Submit Average Sheets As Of **</u>	<u>Entry Cut Off</u>
October 17, 2015	#1	Dakota	12:00 pm	60	End of 14/15 season	October 7, 2015
November 14, 2015	#2	St. James	1:00 PM	60	End of 14/15 season	November 4, 2015
February 20, 2016	#3	Academy	1:30 PM	21	January 30, 2016	February 10, 2016
April 3, 2016	Final	West Rossmere	9:30 am	30	March 13, 2016	March 23, 2016

Master/Bantam/Junior Tournament (e-mail or call Christine McBride)

<u>Tournament Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Average As Of</u>	<u>Entry Cut Off</u>
December 13, 2015	Dakota	9:00 am & noon	See MJB Rules	November 15, 2015

Master/YBC Senior Doubles Shootout (e-mail or call Sandi Anderson)

<u>Tournament Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Minimum Games</u>	<u>Average As Of</u>	<u>Entry Cut Off</u>
November 1, 2015	Polo Park	9:00 am	15**	October 19, 2015 (or last year's average**)	October 25, 2015

Annual Meeting – April 10th, 2016 – TBA – Following Tournament

** For Masters without 96 games played in Masters events –to calculate Masters average.



2015 - 2016 Membership Fee Schedule

Tournament, Teaching or Senior Divisions

Membership fee – any one division	\$100.00
Membership fee - each <u>additional</u> division (Must be paid with application)	\$ 25.00

*(Cash Fundraising Option) – *see below* \$ 60.00

***In lieu of MBAM fundraising obligations, members may choose the \$60.00 cash fundraising option that must be included with membership registration & paid in full at time of application submission. Should this option not be chosen, full fundraising obligations must be met.**

<p>Members may deduct \$50.00 from their registration fee if they reside 100 km's or greater outside of Winnipeg</p>

Payment Options

1. Full payment with application **(Plus \$60.00 cash fundraising option if chosen)**
or
2. First payment of \$50.00 along with one (1) post-dated cheque of \$50.00 dated December 1st, 2015. **** (Plus \$60.00 cash fundraising option if chosen)** and plus \$25.00 for each additional division, if any

**** Post-dated cheque must be included with first payment and submission of application.
A surcharge of \$25.00 will be charged for any NSF cheque.**

In Addition to the Membership Fees

Lineage for each 8 game tournament to be paid prior to the start of event **\$35.00**

Prize money at each event is optional and varies from division to division
Ask your tournament director when you are signing in the day of the event

Other Membership Options

<i>Associate Member</i>	Full payment with application	\$10.00
<i>Administrative Member</i>	Full payment with application	\$50.00

Incentive Program

For each “new member” recruited to the association, MBAM members in good standing will receive a \$50.00 credit to be applied against the current season’s provincial contingent assessment (if the member qualifies for the provincial team) and/or applied against next season’s membership dues. The credit will be applied once the “new member” has paid his/her membership dues in full and has met their fundraising obligation for that season. A “new member” is defined as any person who has not been a member of any provincial Master’s association within the past five (5) years.

ASSESSMENT FOR NATIONAL CONTINGENT - TBA

RETURNED CHEQUE FEE \$25.00

All memberships include hosting fund

BINGOS AND FUNDRAISING

As the MBAM is a non-profit organization, the association relies heavily on various fundraisers to survive. Each year, our fundraising director is responsible for setting up and administering the fundraising on behalf of the board of directors of the MBAM. **All MBAM members (excluding associates) are required annually to raise a minimum amount of \$100.00 fundraising dollars as set out by the association, unless the \$60.00 cash fundraising option is chosen and paid at time of registration submission.** For current fundraising information and obligations, please contact the fundraising director listed in the Board of Directors directory.

The MBAM fundraising deadline is January 15th of the current bowling season

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A fundraising option is available to all MBAM members and includes the payment of \$60.00 in addition to all membership fees that must be submitted at the time of registration & membership payment

The MBAM is a member in good standing of the Manitoba Five Pin Bowling Federation, Inc.

The Manitoba Five Pin Bowling Federation, Inc. is a non-profit organization. Operating funds are generated through grants received from Sport Manitoba, and through monies raised by our volunteers working bingos at McPhillips Street Station and Club Regent. Occasionally, you will be called by a board member to volunteer for one of approximately 12 bingos which we are assigned in a season. The Manitoba Five Pin Bowling Federation, Inc. is required to supply 4 volunteers for each bingo. Please note, if the volunteer requirement is not met for any bingo, the grant is cut accordingly.

To volunteer, or for any further information please contact any MBAM board of director. Additionally, if you have any suggestions for fundraising, please contact the fundraising director listed in the Board of Directors directory.



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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MASTER BOWLERS ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA INC.

The **MASTER BOWLERS ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA INC. (MBAM)** is a non-profit association which was formed in 1973 with the following aims and objectives:

AIMS

- The aim of the Master Bowlers Association is to gather together the finest bowlers in Canada.
- To set standards of sportsmanship, ethics and conduct that will bring prestige to the sport of bowling.

OBJECTIVES

- Master Bowlers will exemplify the high regard all dedicated bowlers have for their game.
- Master Bowlers will represent their areas in tournaments, championships and matches.
- Master Bowlers will be encouraged to conduct instructional clinics for youth, new and regular bowlers.
- Master Bowlers will conduct themselves as befitting a *Master* in all phases of the game.
- The Master Bowlers Executive Committee will, at all times, govern and regulate the conduct of the Member Master Bowlers.
- The Master Bowlers Association will arrange and conduct events, tournaments, championships, training seminars, matches and exhibitions for its members.

THE MBAM HAS RULES WHICH MUST BE ADHERED TO. APPLICANTS SHOULD BE SURE THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF THESE RULES AND ANY OTHER OBLIGATIONS THEY ACCEPT BY BECOMING MEMBERS.

****Please read this information package carefully****

MASTER BOWLERS ASSOCIATION GENERAL RULES

- 1) The MBAM will consist of a senior division, a tournament division, a teaching division, an administrative membership, and an associate membership.
- 2) All applications are subject to review and approval by the board of directors of the MBAM.
- 3) All MBAM tournaments will be conducted under the playing rules of the C5PBA and the Master Bowlers Association of Canada.
- 4) A surcharge of **\$25.00** will be charged for any NSF cheque issued.
- 5) Membership fees are to be paid as outlined on the membership fee schedule.
- 6) All entry deadlines will be strictly observed.
- 7) All applicants must be at least 19 years of age by December 31st of the current year.
- 8)
 - a) All members of the tournament, teaching and senior divisions may be required to raise funds through various fundraising events throughout the year.
 - b) Deadline for fundraising is January 15th of the current season.
 - c) Any member who does not fulfill his/her fundraising obligations, as determined by the members at the AGM, will forfeit his/her eligibility to represent Manitoba at the Master Bowlers Association National Championships.
 - d) If the fundraising requirement is not met, the balance owing will be carried forward to the following season.
- 9) Since the MBAM has no official uniform shirt, any collared (i.e. golf type shirt) may be worn, but must be identified with MBAM cresting or lettering. In addition, the following rules apply to all provincial tournaments:
 - Any solid black slacks, shorts or skirts are allowed. Shorts and skirts must not be shorter than 2" above the knee.
 - Souvenir shirts from a national event are acceptable as long as they meet the criteria outlined in the heading of this rule. Shirts bearing other provinces' logos and names are not acceptable.
 - No electronic entertainment devices such as Ipods, walkmans, etc will be allowed on the approach. Medical devices such as hearing aids are allowed.
 - No headwear will be allowed during play unless it is for medical or religious reasons.
- 10) Bowlers will change lanes after each game is completed in tournament play.
- 11) Any game missed or frames missed count as a zero score in tournament play.

- 12) The consumption of alcohol is permitted within all divisions, **except** during the Master Bantam Junior and Master Senior tournaments.
- 13) The use of drug stimulants during a tournament is prohibited. Members under the obvious influence of drugs at the start of a tournament will face immediate disqualification from the current tournament. For subsequent offenses, the board of directors' decision will be final.
- 14) **DEPORTMENT:** One warning per tournament will be given to a bowler for unsportsmanlike conduct. A second incident will cause immediate disqualification from that tournament. These warnings can be issued by a judge of play or a member of the board. There will be NO APPEAL to this ruling.
- 15) Any disputes between Master bowlers and the MBAM, other than the disqualification outlined in rule #13, will be settled by the right of appeal in writing by any or all parties.
- 16) Suspension or fining of a Master bowler for conduct detrimental to the MBAM or the sport of 5 pin bowling will be the end result of a written complaint within 30 days of the event and a hearing conducted by the board of directors of the MBAM. The right of appeal in writing by any or all parties is an inherent part of the by-law.
- 17) Any member suspended during the season will be liable for any and all financial obligations as laid out for the senior, teaching and tournament division members, during the current year in which the suspension occurred. Failure to fulfill these obligations will eliminate any reinstatement in the MBAM until such time that obligations are paid in full.
- 18) Any bowler is allowed to enter one tournament during the season as a guest in each division of the Masters for which he or she qualifies; not including the last tournament of the season. He/she would be required to pay applicable lineage and would be eligible for prize money only if he/she chooses to participate in that part of the tournament and pays the applicable assessment for the prize money fund. Tournaments bowled as a guest do not count towards national qualifying or toward your Masters average.
- 19) In the event that a bowler qualifies for a national position in more than one division, he/she will advise the board prior to the start of the AGM as to which division he/she will compete for at the Nationals.
- 20) Following the final qualifying game for any of the national contingent positions, if there is a tie for the first, last or alternate position, the individuals concerned must bowl a one game roll off. In the case where all individuals are not present, the tie or ties will be broken by using the highest current season qualifying tournament, i.e. in the teaching and senior division this would be the highest POA; in the tournament division, the highest tournament pin fall.
- 21) Exceptions to any rules and regulations will be made at the discretion of the executive of the MBAM.
- 22) The MBAM board strongly encourages all members to take the community coach clinic CSP-I or take the making ethical decisions clinic to upgrade their current coaching certificate.

TOURNAMENT DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1) New male applicants for membership must have a proven minimum average in one or more leagues of **215** subject to approval of the board of directors. New female applicants for membership must have a proven minimum average in one or more leagues of **200** subject to approval of the board of directors.
- 2) The minimum average requirements as outlined in rule #1 will apply to all renewing members, as well as members from other Master's divisions, who wish to compete in the tournament division as a secondary division. In addition to league average, the competitor may use their previous year's Masters average as a means of meeting the minimum average requirement, with a minimum of 24 games.
- 3) Tournament division members agree to participate in tournaments on the Manitoba tour each season. Lineage and any assessments (if applicable) must be paid by the members before the start of the tournament.
- 4) If entering the tournament division it is acknowledged that you will not be reimbursed for any membership fees, even though you may not participate in all of the tour tournaments (as set by the membership). Any extenuating circumstances shall be submitted in writing to the board of directors for their decision. As a courtesy to the tournament division director, please advise as soon as possible if you are unable to attend a tournament.
- 5) **FORMAT:** Tournament members may compete in up to six tournaments in a season. Each tournament consists of an eight game qualifying round. The top qualifier in each of the ladies and men's events will be awarded stars for winning each of the six tournaments.

Following each tournament event, an optional stepladder may be held. The stepladder format and cash prizes are to be determined by a vote by tournament members prior to the first tournament of the season. Stepladder scores do not count towards provincial singles or team positions.

- 6) In case of a tie for the last qualifying spot in any tournament, a complete game will be bowled to break the tie. If it is still tied, a two (2) frame roll-off will be bowled until a winner is declared.
- 7) Six (6) male and six (6) female competitors will qualify to represent Manitoba in the national championships each year. These tournament Masters will be determined by taking the top four (4) tournament scores out of the six possible tournaments. Once the top six (6) men and top six (6) women have been decided using the bowlers' best four (4) tournaments, the singles representatives will be declared by adding the bowlers' next best tournament and recalculating the results so that the top five (5) tournaments are used to declare the singles champions to represent Manitoba at the Nationals. The top male and female Masters obtaining the highest pinfall for the five (5) tournaments will be the singles representatives with the remaining five (5) being the team representatives. This means that to be eligible to be the singles representative, a bowler must have completed at least five (5) of the six (6) events. Any fundraising requirement must also be met by the stated deadline.
- 8) In the case of a tie for first (using five (5) tournaments) or sixth (using four (4) tournaments) position of the national contingent positions, please refer to rule 20 of the GENERAL RULES.

- 9) Exceptions to any rules and regulations will be made at the discretion of the executive of the MBAM.

TEACHING DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1) The teaching division is intended for those members whose prime interest is instructing and coaching.
- 2) Membership is open to all 5 pin bowlers regardless of their average.
- 3) Tournament format is pins over average. Lineage and any assessments (if applicable) must be paid by the members before the start of the tournament.
- 4) Six (6) tournaments will be held, of which the best four (4) will be used to determine the national team qualifiers. The top five (5) male and top five (5) female teaching division Masters will represent Manitoba in the Masters national championships each year. Once the top five (5) men and top five (5) women have been decided using the bowlers' best four (4) tournaments, the singles representatives will be declared by adding the bowlers' next best tournament and recalculating the results so that the top five (5) tournaments are used to declare the singles champions to represent Manitoba at the Nationals. The top male and female with the highest pins over average for the five (5) tournaments will represent the province as the singles representatives as well as playing on the team. This means that to be eligible to be the singles representative, a bowler must have completed at least five (5) of the six (6) events. Any fundraising requirement must also be met by the stated deadline.
- 5) In the case of a tie for first (using five (5) tournaments) or fifth (using four (4) tournaments) position of the national contingent positions, please refer to rule 20 of the GENERAL RULES.
- 6) If entering the teaching division it is acknowledged that all membership fees will be prepaid and you will not be reimbursed for any membership fees, even though you may not participate in all of the tournaments (as set by the membership). Any extenuating circumstances shall be submitted in writing to the board of directors for their decision. As a courtesy to the teaching division director, please advise as soon as possible if you are unable to attend a tournament.

SENIOR DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1) Membership is open to any bowler who has attained 50 years of age by December 31st of the current year, regardless of their average.
- 2) Four (4) tournaments of eight (8) games each will be conducted each season.
- 3) Tournament format is pins over average. Lineage and any assessments (if applicable) must be paid by the members before the start of the tournament.
- 4) Based on a best 3 of 4 tournaments, the top male and female bowlers plus the next 3 bowlers (regardless of gender) will qualify to represent and compete as a team at the national championships. The bowler (male or female) with the highest pins over average will also represent the province as the singles representatives. Any fundraising requirement must also be met by the stated deadline.
- 5) In the case of a tie for any of the national contingent positions, please refer to rule 20 of the GENERAL RULES.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

For Masters who wish to participate in the MBJ tournament only. Associate members are required to wear a suitable uniform as outlined in the general rules and ANY FUNDRAISING WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

***** Associate members must declare intention to participate by October 31st of the current year**

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBERS

For Masters who wish to let their name stand for a position on the provincial board, but who no longer wish to participate in tournaments.

- 1) Must be a member in good standing for at least 5 years.
- 2) May participate in the MBJ tournament, and optional tournaments as any non member.
- 3) Participation in fundraising is mandatory.
- 4) If elected to the board of directors, may be elected to the position of president and may represent the MBAM on the board of the Manitoba Five Pin Bowling Federation.

MASTER BOWLERS ASSOCIATION

AVERAGE CALCULATION RULES

- 1) As of the 2014/15 season, we are using a “one average” system, meaning all tournament games bowled, no matter in which division, will count toward a bowler’s Masters average. This one average will be used in all qualifying teaching and senior tournaments on the Manitoba Master Bowlers schedule. While tournament division (scratch play) doesn’t require an average, some of those players also play other divisions, which is why any tournament division games are factored into the calculation. The only exception to this rule is that when a Master may be competing in one division on a Saturday and another division on the next day, the average used for the Saturday will be the average used for the Sunday. It simply isn’t possible to do the calculations and submit the averages in time for play the next day.
- 2) If a bowler has bowled at least 96 tournament games in any combination of the teaching, tournament, and senior divisions, the average used for a tournament will be their tournament average over their last 96 tournament games. If a bowler has not bowled a Masters tournament (teaching, tournament, or seniors) in more than 4 years they will follow the same rules as new bowlers. All tournament games bowled prior to 4 seasons before the start of the current season will be dropped from the calculation. (e.g. for the 2015-2016 season, only tournaments bowled during the 2014/2015, 2013/2014, 2012/2013, and 2011/2012 seasons will be used). ***Please note: Games bowled in any of the divisions as a guest do not count toward the 96 games.***
- 3) New Master bowlers will use their highest qualifying league average for the first tournament that they bowl in teaching or senior divisions.
- 4) New Master bowlers who do not have a qualifying league average will bowl the first tournament in teaching or senior divisions using the highest average entered for the same gender at that tournament.
- 5) A qualifying league average will be defined as your league average at a specified date with a specified number of games bowled as of that date. (e.g.) For the 1st & 2nd tournaments of the year, a qualifying average would be your last year’s finishing average with at least 60 games bowled; for all remaining tournaments the current year league average will be used if the bowler has the minimum number of games as listed on the Event Schedule. If the bowler does not meet the minimum number of games for the average to qualify, they must indicate that when advising the tournament director of their intention to enter the tournament.
- 6) Until the minimum 96 games has been reached, all bowlers must submit all qualifying league averages for each tournament that they participate in by the specified date or a \$10.00 fee will be levied.
- 7) Bowlers who have less than 96 tournament games and have a qualifying league average will use a composite average for the tournament. The average formula will be:
$$(((96 - \# \text{ of tournament games}) \times \text{highest qualifying league average}) + \text{total tournament pinfall}) / 96 = \text{tournament average}.$$
- 8) Bowlers who have less than 96 tournament games and do not have a qualifying league average will replace the highest qualifying league average with the highest league average for the same sex for the tournament in the formula outline in rule #7.

EXAMPLES OF THE RULES

- A) John Bowler has 96 tournament games on file; his last tournament bowled was in April 2013. His average of these 96 tournament games is 189. His end of season league average is 191. Using rule #2, his average for the first tournament of the year will be 189.
- B) Mary Striker rejoined the teaching division after being away for 4 years. Her end of season averages are 195 and 192 with at least 60 games bowled in each league. The average she will use in the first tournament of the year will be 195 using rules #2 and #3.
- C) Peter Bowler has joined the teaching division for the first time. He did not bowl in a league last year and therefore does not have a qualifying league average for the first tournament of the year, see rule #5. The highest average entered in the tournament for the men is 229 and for the ladies is 230. His average for the tournament will be 229, See rule #4.
- D) Teri Fouler has bowled 24 tournament games over the past 4 years with a pinfall of 4,817. Her highest qualifying league average is 189. Her tournament average will be 191, see rule #7.
 $96 - 24 = 72$ $72 \times 189 = 13,608$ $13,608 + 4,817 = 18,425$ $18,425/96 = 191$
- E) Paula Pocket has bowled 64 tournament games over the past 4 years with a pinfall of 12,800 but did not bowl in a league last year due to an injury. The highest ladies average entered for the tournament is 230. Her tournament average will be 210, see rule #8.
 $96 - 64 = 32$ $32 \times 230 = 7,360$ $7,360 + 12,800 = 20,160$ $20,160/96 = 210$

MASTER/BANTAM/JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

The MBAM will conduct a Master/Bantam/Junior (MBJ) tournament annually. Dates for the various steps are as stated in the schedule of events.

A \$10.00 team entry fee, along with the names and averages of all team participants competing at the provincial final are to be forwarded to the MJB chairperson by November 15th of the current season. Please contact the MJB chairperson for further information regarding dates, locations and times.

Rules

- 1) All bowlers on the active membership list of the MBAM are eligible to compete. **Masters must be registered by November 15th of the current season to participate.**
- 2) For all levels of competition, all Master Bowlers must adhere to the MBAM General Dress Code. Please refer to Rule 9 in the MBA General Rules or contact the MJB Coordinator for more information if needed.
- 3) All youth bowlers must be paid members of the YBC program and must have bowled a minimum of three (3) weeks in the current season prior to the average date for provincials.
- 4) Each team shall consist of 1 Master bowler and 3 youth bowlers. There must be at least 1 bantam bowler on the team with the remaining 2 bowlers being either bantams or juniors. There can be no more than 2 juniors per team. The MJB coordinator for each house is responsible for selecting the team(s). House selection (to be determined at the discretion of the centre) must be completed by November 15th of the current season.
- 5) Teams that are one (1) bowler short at the provincial final will bowl using 9/10 of the missing bowler's average or the missing bowler may be substituted by another bowler from the same centre.
- 6) At the provincial final, winning teams will be determined by pinfall over averages for the YBC bowlers only. The Master's scores are of no consequence as participation with YBC is the important factor of this tournament.
- 7) The number of teams advancing to the provincial final from a centre cannot exceed 25% of the lane beds within that participating centre (i.e. A centre with 16 lane beds can send no more than 4 teams to the provincial final). In the case of a centre with a number of lane beds not divisible by 25% to a round number, that centre will round up to the nearest number. (i.e. A centre with 10 lane beds would be 2.5 teams, round up to 3 teams).
- 8) All competitors (Master and YBC bowlers) will be required to pay for their own lineage at the house round, if applicable. Lineage for the provincial final will be paid by the MBAM.

- 9) The Master bowler can be replaced by another Master if the need arises provided all Membership or Associate fees have been paid. If this situation occurs, the replacement Master will continue with the team.
- 10) In the case of any road closures due to inclement weather the provincial final may be a telephone hook-up. All out-of-town roll-offs must be completed by 12:00 pm on the day the provincials are bowled. The provincial final will be held on the second Sunday in December.
- 11) In case of a tie during the provincial final, the team with the most pins over average in the last game will be declared the winner.
- 12) Any exceptions to the above rules will be made at the discretion of the executive of the MBAM.

GUIDELINES FOR PERSONAL BOWLING BALLS

- 1) Under the rules of the C5PBA, the use of personal bowling balls will be allowed where facilities permit. This simply means that each individual proprietor/manager has the authority to allow or disallow the use of personal bowling balls in his/her bowling center.
- 2) The specifications for bowling balls are:
 - a) A bowling ball must be of uniform roundness without indentations, other than wear and tear, and produced of one solid piece of material (plastic or rubber).
 - b) The size range of ball shall be from 4 3/4 inches +/- 1/32" to 5 inches +/- 1/32".
 - c) The weight range of the ball shall be from 3 lbs. 4 oz. to 3 lbs. 10 oz.
- 3) A maximum of two (2) balls per player shall be placed on the ball racks.
- 4) A house ball must be used should a delay in ball return occur.
- 5) It is considered poor etiquette to use another bowler's ball without permission.
- 6) There should be sufficient house balls on each rack to accommodate bowlers who do not have personal bowling balls.
- 7) The bowling center shall not be liable for damage to personal bowling balls.
- 8) Identification markings are mandatory in Masters tournaments.

COACHING CRITERIA & EXPECTATION

To be eligible to coach at the Masters nationals, the applicant must fulfill the following:

- 1) Be a member in good standing of the MBAM.
- 2) Meet minimum fundraising obligations by the stated deadline.
- 3) Be a certified Competitive Coach by the coaching application deadline (April 1st of the current season).
- 4) Must have completed the “Respect in Sport” program by December 31st of the current season.
- 5) All applications must be post-marked no later than the deadline (April 1st of the current season).
- 6) Coaches are to make sure their team knows at what times and on what lanes they bowl.
- 7) All bowlers are required to be at the lanes twenty (20) minutes prior to bowling. Coaches must contact the chief judge of play or tournament official to register their bowlers prior to bowling.
- 8) Coaches are to make sure their bowlers are on hand for the scheduled warm-up preceding each block.
- 9) Coaches should make sure all team members are dressed properly.
- 10) Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their bowlers for the duration of the event: (event is defined as 'from the time you leave home until the time you return home').
 - Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed during the competition.
 - Chemical depressants or stimulants (performance enhancing drugs) may not be consumed during the competition.
 - Intoxicated bowlers or coaches shall be removed from the competition and may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.
 - No food or beverages are allowed in the bowler's enclosure.
 - No smoking will be allowed while the tournament is in progress.
- 11) Coaches are responsible for having all bowlers arrive on time and in uniform at the victory banquet.
- 12) Coaches should make their bowlers aware of all rules as violations may result in penalties being assessed or suspensions from the championships.

All applications submitted are subject to review by the board of directors of the MBAM.

GUIDELINES PERTAINING TO MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1) All participants will conduct themselves in accordance with the MBAM code of ethics when representing their province at the national championships.
- 2) Be courteous to opponents, spectators, officials, media, coaches and teammates at all times.
- 3) Sportsmanship is expected from each individual. An unruly show of emotions is not acceptable.
- 4) Conduct of bowlers is the ultimate responsibility of the coach, and as such, the coach has the authority to discipline.
- 5) As you are an athlete, please remember there is a time for bowling and a time for celebrating. Ensure that you are in the "BEST" possible physical and mental condition while on the lanes.
- 6) Curfews may be implemented by coaches if the need arises.
- 7) Instructions outlined in team manager's briefing will be reasonable and must be adhered to or replacements will be made.
- 8) Failure to comply with the above stated guidelines may result in disqualification from the event on recommendation of the coach and an immediate trip home at the bowler's own expense.
- 9) Attend **all** functions associated with the Masters national championships.
- 10) The Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba has the jurisdiction to arrange all travel requirements as deemed necessary. Any deviation of these arrangements by a contingent member will be at the contingent member's own expense.
- 11) The Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba reserves the right to establish an individual contingent assessment fee as deemed necessary by the board of directors, and that will be reviewed on an annual basis.
- 12) Each contingent member will be required to sign a waiver which will outline the Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba's expectations at the national championships. This waiver is to be signed prior to departure for the championships.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS – 2014-2015

TEACHING DIVISION

Tournament Winners

October 19, 2014	Natalie Young	Robbie Hendrickson
November 16, 2014	Michelle Young	Jeff Bradshaw
January 4, 2015	Holly Chaikowski	Les Wuss
February 15, 2015	Kathy Kozak	Travis Manek
March 15, 2015	Jan Coghill	Adrian LaFrenier
April 19, 2015	Anne Wisniewski	Travis Manek

REPRESENTING MANITOBA @ NATIONALS

Singles	Michelle Young Jeff Bradshaw	Finish: 7th Finish: 3rd (Bronze Medal)
Teams	Michelle Young Jessica Lancot Samantha Hunt Lana Wachal Natalie Young Coach: Tim Hooper	Jeff Bradshaw David Wastle Tyler Robert Travis Manek Robbie Hendrickson Coach: Lorne Sproule
	Finish: 6th	Finish: 1 st (Gold Medal)

SENIOR DIVISION

Tournament Winners

November 1, 2014	Russell Knight
January 17, 2015	Louis Lavallee
March 1, 2015	Louis Lavallee
April 11, 2015	Jan Coghill

REPRESENTING MANITOBA @ NATIONALS

Singles	Louis Lavallee	Finish: 2nd (Silver Medal)
Team	Louis Lavallee Patrick Walker Jan Coghill Linda Orne Kathy Kozak Coach: Jim Anderson	
	Finish: 2nd (Silver Medal)	

TOURNAMENT DIVISION

Tournament Winners

October 5, 2014	Erin Newton	Geoff Born
November 23, 2014	Erin Newton	Ian Sylvester
January 11, 2015	Karen Armstrong	Willie Orne (guest)
February 22, 2015	Karen Armstrong	Randy Morrisette
March 22, 2015	Marla Fedeniuk	Jim Llewellyn Jr.
April 19, 2015	Karen Armstrong	Randy Morrisette

REPRESENTING MANITOBA @ NATIONALS

Singles	Karen Armstrong	Finish: 1st (Gold Medal)
	Ian Sylvester	Finish: 4 th (tie)
Teams	Chris Monchak	Randy Morrisette
	Erin Newton	Trevor Cook
	Sandi Anderson	Geoff Born
	Cindy Cousins	Kyle Young
	Marla Fedeniuk	George Stecki
	Coach: Andy McBride	Coach: Krista Purdy
	Finish: 2nd (Silver Medal)	Finish: 5th

MASTER BANTAM JUNIOR TOURNAMENT – December 14, 2014

Scott Lightfoot – Rossmere Lanes

Cierra Lightfoot
Alyssa Lightfoot
Coby Maxwell

MASTER SENIOR TOURNAMENT - November 2, 2014

Amanda Devenney and Jennifer Devenney



MASTER BOWLERS ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA INC.

Master/YBC Senior Doubles Tournament

This season the Master/YBC Senior Doubles Tournament is scheduled to take place on Sunday, November 1, 2015 at Polo Park Lanes at 9:00 a.m. The format for this season will once again be a Doubles Event with each team consisting of one (1) Master Bowler and one (1) YBC Senior.

(Associate Members of the Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba are not eligible for this event)

Each team will play four (4) games using no-tap scoring. The team with the highest number of pins over their combined average will be declared the winner. The cost of this event will be \$25.00 per person. (\$50.00 per team)

This tournament provides our YBC Seniors with a sneak peak at the Master Bowlers Association and the opportunity to get to know some of our current membership. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at sandand39@shaw.ca or by phone at (204) 791-3460. I will also be happy to pick up entries from any centre on or before the entry deadline of October 25th.

You may enter as a team or, if you would like me to help you find a partner, I will do my best to accommodate every request but please let me know as soon as possible. This goes for both the Master Bowler and the YBC player wishing to enter.

Master Bowlers will use their Masters average as at the end of the 2014/15 season. New Masters and YBC bowlers will use their highest league average as of October 19, 2015 (based on a minimum of 15 games). If you do not have 15 games in this year, then you may use last season's highest league average (at the end of the 2014/15 season). **YBC Bowlers: Please make sure you include your average on your entry form.**

Sandi Anderson, Master/YBC Senior Tournament Director

Master/YBC Senior Tournament Entry Form

Sunday, November 1st, 2015 – Polo Park Lanes - 9:00 am

Master Bowler

Masters Average at end of 2014-15 season

YBC Senior Bowler

Highest League Average as of Oct. 19, 2015
(Minimum 15 games)

Please submit this entry form along with your \$25.00/bowler fee by **October 25, 2015** to:

Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba
c/o Sandi Anderson, Master/YBC Senior Director
145 Pacific Avenue - Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2Z6



Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba Inc.

APPLICATION FORM FOR COACHING TEAMS AT NATIONALS

*** APPLICATION DEADLINE – APRIL 1, 2016 ***

In order to be selected as a coach, you must:

- be a fully certified Competitive Coach *and*
- have completed the Respect in Sport module by December 31st, 2015 *and*
- have met your fundraising obligations by January 15 of the current season

Name of Master: _____ NCCP Passport # CC _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

All applicants will be considered by teams in order of their yearly rotation position

Please select at least one of the following teams you would be interested in coaching. Prior to the coach selection process you will be asked to confirm which team(s) you are willing to coach. This may or may not correspond to the team(s) selected below.

Teaching Men _____

Teaching Ladies _____

Tournament Men _____

Tournament Ladies _____

Seniors _____

Any of the Teams _____

Previous Coaching Experience – Please use the reverse side of this page if you require more room.

I have read and fully understand the **coaching criteria & expectations** as outlined within the MBAM manual and agree to abide by the rules, regulations and by-laws of the Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba, Inc.

Date

Signature of Applicant

Please review coaching criteria & expectations prior to signing & submission of application

Submit Application to:

**President, Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba
145 Pacific Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2Z6**

Previous Coaching Experience – Continued....

Name of Master: _____

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Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba Inc.

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2015 - 2016 MBAM Shirt Order Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (B) _____

(R) _____

The cost per shirt is:

**\$ 55.00 (includes taxes) for all sizes
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

Please indicate shirt size:

Men's _____

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

X-Large _____

2 XLarge _____

Other _____

Please make cheque payable to:

**Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba
c/o 145 Pacific Avenue**

