# MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO TOURNAMENTS

# **ONTARIO OPEN/SENIOR OPEN 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## PORT SOUTH 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

# MOTION #1

THE RULE REGARDING SPARES IS CHANGED TO SPECIFY THAT THE TEAM ALTERNATE AND THE EMERGENCY SPARE BE REQUIRED TO BOWL ALL 20 GAMES, IN ZONE QUALIFYING. IN THE EVENT THAT A ZONE DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH BOWLERS DUE TO LACK OF ENTRIES OR INJURIES TO PARTICIPATE, A ZONE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO TAKE A PERSON FROM THE PROVINCIAL REPLACEMENT LIST RATHER THAN SOMEONE WHO BOWLS ONE GAME BEING ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE. THIS LIST WOULD BE COMPRISED OF BOWLERS WHO DID NOT MAKE A TEAM FOR THE ZONE IN WHICH THEY ATTEMPTED TO QUALIFY BUT DID COMPLETE 20 GAMES FOR. IN THE EVENT THAT A BOWLER DOES ACCEPT A REPLACEMENT POSITION WITH ANOTHER ZONE, THEY WOULD NO LONGER BE ELIGIBLE TO BE A REPLACEMENT IN THE ZONE THEY ORIGINALLY QUALIFIED FOR.

#### REASON

This would prevent zones from hand picking team members when there is a shortage of bowlers and would allow bowlers who consistently miss qualifying in their home zone the opportunity to experience the Open. It would also encourage zones to push participation so as they will be assured of the bowlers that they will have on their teams and they don't have to go outside their zone for bowlers.

# **MOTION #2**

THAT A WILD CARD TOURNAMENT BE ESTABLISHED TO ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR BYE'S AT THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TOURNAMENT YOU MUST ATTEMPT TO QUALIFY IN A ZONE ROUND OF QUALIFICATION AND PARTICIPATE IN ALL 20 GAMES. THEN EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT MAKE A ZONE TEAM WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A ONE DAY 10 GAME TOURNAMENT TO FILL THE TEAMS THAT THE BOARD DECIDES IF NECESSARY. FOR EXAMPLE THIS YEAR THEY COULD HAVE HELD THIS TOURNAMENT AND SENT ON THE TOP 3 MEN AND 3 WOMEN AND FILLED THE SPOT VACATED BY BAY OF QUINTE IN THE MIXED TEAM DIVISION. IF THE BOARD DECIDES AND THE PARTICIPATION IS THERE THEN IT COULD OPEN THIS UP TO FILL 2 FULL CONTINGENTS.

## REASON

The Open was at its best when there were more bowlers participating. With the problems that we have been having keeping bowlers interested in participating, this would be a great way to get more people excited about the Open because more people should mean more fun which means more people will want to come back the following year. It would also mean more revenue to the O5PBA. They could charge \$100 to enter this tournament with \$40 going to lineage. That would mean \$60 per person profit for the O5PBA to help cover expenses. With enough entries this could help to lower costs for all bowlers in the years to follow.

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# RECOMMENDATION

Live streaming comments

It was brought to our attention by our proprietor Dave Hamacher and Sunset Lanes that he was very disappointed in the live feed coverage this year. Dave had invited local bowlers in to watch the feed and try and get some excitement for participation next year (he had 17 bowlers show up to watch). He had expected that the feed would improve from last year or at least stay the same as it did, but by their experiences it did not. Here are some suggestions that came up from our conversation.

- The Camera's should be down in the playing area and everyone should be instructed that the cameras are not to be interfered with. There were times on camera where it was heard that the camera person was asked to move out of the way so that the spectators could see. During qualifying there are often lanes that are open and that would be a great place for them to set up.
- 2. The Camera's should pick a lane and watch it. There were several times that a camera would move away from a team while they were still bowling (that is very frustrating if you are trying to cheer on a team only to have the camera move in the middle of a frame.
- 3. At the start of the tournament one of the feeds had a split screen with scores for 3 frames for both teams that was very well received.
- 4. It was suggested that we approach Rogers about getting a couple of Rocket Sticks for a dedicated internet feed for each camera so that bandwidth is not a problem.
- 5. It is not good when there is a crucial game deciding shot being made in the step ladder and the camera goes off just as the bowler is taking their first step.
- 6. A monitoring station is set up in the office so we can let the camera person know when things like the feed goes or the sound goes off.
- 7. The volume was off during most of the feeds.
- 8. Tri-pods should be used to steady the picture for the viewers
- 9. Video streams are the way of the future but to take the next step we need to make this look more professional.