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## **Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

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Dear Bowler,

Congratulations on winning a position on your Zone's Contingent to the Ontario Open 5 Pin Championships and/or the Ontario Open 5 Pin Seniors Championships. These Championships are being held from **MARCH 23-26, 2016** at Sherwood Centre in Hamilton.

For all the rules and regulations governing these tournaments please visit our website at the above noted address.

While only one team or individual can win in each event, we wish you the best of luck in the Provincial Championships. Winners this year (with the exception of the Senior Mixed Team) will advance to the Canadian Championships scheduled from **JUNE 1-5, 2016** in Regina, Saskatchewan.

### **HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation has been arranged at the Sheraton Hotel, 116 King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario. Their telephone number is (905) 529-5515.

The room rate is \$105.00 plus 13% HST (\$13.65) for a total of \$118.65 per night, based on single, double, triple or quad occupancy. The room rate for a corner room is \$119.00 plus 13% HST (\$15.47) for a total of \$134.47 per night (***subject to hotel availability***).

If you require a room please contact the hotel directly at (905) 529-5515 or 1-888-627-8161 and tell them you are booking a room under the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association block **Provincial Open 2016**.

Please be advised that the hotel will only guarantee the room price until **FEBRUARY 22, 2016**. After this date, the hotel will be releasing the balance of rooms under our block. **Please contact the hotel before the deadline date to avoid any disappointment.**

### **PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM**

Your team coach will be providing you with a "Participant Information Form". **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST COMPLETE A PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM.**

Once you have completed your Participant Information Form please return it to your team coach along with the appropriate payment **IMMEDIATELY**. The team coach will then return all Participant Information Forms for the team to the Provincial Office prior to the deadline date of **FEBRUARY 22, 2016**.

## ASSESSMENT FEE

**All bowlers, coaches and assistant coaches** participating in the Ontario Open 5 Pin Championships and/or the Ontario Open 5 Pin Seniors Championships are required to pay a **\$30.00 Assessment Fee**.

The assessment fee must be paid in advance on the "Participant Information Form" provided to you by your team coach.

## VICTORY BANQUET AND AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

**ALL COMPETITORS AND TEAM COACHES MUST WEAR THEIR FULL UNIFORMS TO THE VICTORY BANQUET. THERE WILL BE NO ADMITTANCE TO THE VICTORY BANQUET IF COMPETITORS AND TEAM COACHES DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE RULE.**

The Victory Banquet and Awards Presentations will be held on **SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016** at the Hamilton Convention Centre by Carmen's, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton, Ontario in Chedoke Ballrooms A & B. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a \$42.00 cost to all bowlers, coaches, assistant coaches and guests to attend the Victory Banquet. All Victory Banquet Tickets **MUST** be ordered and paid for in advance on the "**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM**" provided.

There will be two different colour banquet tickets.....**one for bowlers and coaches and one for guests only**. All banquet tickets ordered will be sent directly to your team coach. The winning teams and singles champions will be refunded the cost of the Victory Banquet Ticket (\$42.00) provided they have pre-paid for their banquet ticket. A cash bar will also be available at the banquet.

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BANQUET TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE VICTORY BANQUET (SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016) THEREFORE IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU ORDER YOUR BANQUET TICKETS AHEAD OF TIME TO AVOID ANY DISAPPOINTMENT!**

## GUEST PASSES

For guests who plan to attend the Open Championships, the following prices will apply:

4-Day Passes (**Guests Only**) .....\$ 6.00 (Includes HST)  
Victory Banquet and Awards Presentations.....\$42.00 (Includes HST)

The above passes and banquet tickets **MUST** be ordered and paid for in advance on the "Participation Information Form" provided. Please keep in mind that you are ordering 4-day passes for your guests only. The deadline date for ordering passes and banquet tickets will be **FEBRUARY 22, 2016**.

Complimentary competitor lane passes for all contingent members (**bowlers, coaches and assistant coaches**) will be distributed through the team coach along with any guest passes and tickets ordered.

**PLEASE NOTE: NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE BOWLING CENTRE WITHOUT A PASS. ANYONE WHO LOSES THEIR LANE PASS WILL BE CHARGED TO HAVE IT REPLACED.**

Daily admission passes can be purchased at the bowling centre at a cost of \$3.00 per day (HST included). **NOTE: DAILY PASSES CANNOT BE PRE-ORDERED.** There will also be 4-day passes available for sale at the bowling centre.

**In addition, any YBC Youth Bowler who wishes to attend the Championships will receive a complimentary day pass to the bowling centre with proof of their YBC membership.**

### **PERFECT GAME POOL**

The concept, introduced at the 1996 National Championships, allows each bowler the chance to pay \$20.00 and the entire pool will be available to anyone who bowls a perfect game, at any time, during the 2016 Open Championships. If more than one "450" game is bowled, the pot will be split among those bowlers.

However, if a perfect game is not bowled, the pool will be split among the male and female entries and 25% (twenty-five per cent) of the money contributed for this year only will be distributed to the men's and ladies' high single from the tournament. If a perfect game is not bowled, the remaining 75% will be carried over to make an even larger pool for next year.

#### **EXAMPLE:**

250 Bowlers @ \$20.00 = \$5,000.00

#### **ANY OR ALL PERFECT GAME(S) WOULD WIN OR SHARE \$5,000.00**

If a perfect game is not bowled, let's assume our 250 entries are 150 men and 100 women.

#### **MEN'S HIGH SINGLE**

150 @ \$20.00 = \$3,000.00  
25% to High Single = \$750.00

#### **LADIES' HIGH SINGLE**

100 @ \$20.00 = \$2,000.00  
25% to High Single = \$500.00

From this example, \$3,750.00 would be carried over to the 2017 pool.

**It is the responsibility of the bowler to enter themselves in the Perfect Game Pool** on the "Participant Information Form" provided. You can also enter the Perfect Game Pool at Sherwood Centre prior to teams starting on **THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016.**

**PLEASE NOTE: SINGLES COMPETITORS MUST BE ENTERED IN THE PERFECT GAME POOL PRIOR TO BOWLING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016 IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE.**

### **TEAM PICTURES**

We will be taking team pictures again this year. The cost of the pictures will be \$6.00 (HST included). These pictures **MUST** be ordered and paid for in advance on the "Participant Information Form" provided. The deadline date for picture orders will be **FEBRUARY 22, 2016.**

## HIGH SINGLE GAME POOL

This is a pool for the Ontario Open and Ontario Senior Open bowlers. There will be a separate pool for the Men and Ladies who bowl in the Regular and/or Seniors Open. The pool will be conducted during the team event only (not during the Singles Event). Pay-outs will be after each game during the single round robin. The cost to enter the High Single Game Pool will be \$20.00 per bowler. **It is the responsibility of the bowler to enter themselves in the High Single Game Pool** on the "Participant Information Form" provided. The deadline for entering the High single Game Pool will be **FEBRUARY 22, 2016. ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE OPEN.**

## SENIOR OPEN SINGLES FORMULA

All competitors (men and ladies) will have the opportunity to advance to a singles stepladder match play final. At the conclusion of the Single Round Robin, the top five (5) men and top five (5) ladies based on the following will advance:

To be eligible for the stepladder finals all bowlers will have to bowl a minimum 98 out of 130 frames

The top five (5) averages, men and ladies (rounded down to two decimal points) will advance.

## ONTARIO OPEN SINGLES \$100.00 SHOOT-OUT

Following on the success of the 2015 event, we are going to run an optional singles event with a buy in cost of \$100.00. This is open to all mens and ladies singles and is payable in **CASH ONLY** on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 before the singles competition begins.

### **Rules:**

1. Entry must be paid by the singles bowler or zone coach only. If the bowler does not wish to enter, but gives permission to someone else to enter them, the bowler or zone coach must still submit the entry. Payment to be made to either John Cresswell or Terry Farrell on Wednesday, March 23, 2016. You will receive a receipt acknowledging your entry into the Ontario Open Singles \$100.00 Championships (No receipt you are not entered).
2. Results will be based on standings at the completion of the stepladder finals on Saturday, March 26, 2016. If one of the top five did not enter, the next highest person who entered earns the cash for the higher spot. If a paid spot is not part of the stepladder finals and are tied, the prize money will be split between the tied spots.
3. There is a separate men's and ladies' pool.
4. Prize list is: 1<sup>st</sup> – 40%, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 25%, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 20%, 4<sup>th</sup> – 10%, 5<sup>th</sup> – 5%.

## PARKING AT SHERWOOD CENTRE

Parking at Sherwood Centre is limited and therefore we would ask that you please try and car pool whenever possible. **If you park across the street in the plaza, your car may be towed and you will be responsible to pay all fines incurred.**

<b>IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS</b>
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Please be advised that the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association **WILL NOT** tolerate any acts of vandalism or loud noises in the hotel of any kind during these Open Championships.

With regards to any noise complaints, please be advised that the Sheraton Hotel will give **ONE WARNING ONLY!** If there is a 2nd complaint about a room, the hotel will ask the person(s) involved to leave the hotel. Violators will be reported to the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association and could result in automatic suspension of their membership privileges.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact your team coach. We look forward to seeing you in Hamilton and wish you the best of luck in the Provincial Championships.

Yours truly,

ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

*Rhonda Gifford*

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Program Coordinator

Enclosures: