

The Annual O5PBA Bowling School

Each year, Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association, in partnership with the Bowling Proprietors of Ontario and the Master Bowlers Association of Ontario, hosts a four day youth bowling school in Hamilton in late July. By bringing the expertise of all these organizations together in such an endeavor, the school promotes the sport of 5 pin bowling as well as fostering an atmosphere of camaraderie, sportsmanship and excellence in the best learning forum available. The Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation has been a partner since the school's inception which has allowed O5PBA to keep the student cost at a moderate level.

About the School

Students are housed at McMaster University, while the bowling takes place at Sherwood Lanes. Students share rooms on a two student per room basis. The students are divided into three groups of approximately forty students and then into five person groupings by age and by averages. Each group has one Instructor assigned to them who is responsible for the group for the entire four-day event. On Friday evening each group is joined by a Pro who coupled with the Instructor brings an enhanced degree of expertise and experience to the student population.

School Schedule

The school schedule is full of a number of events. In four days we maintain a balance of activities, from in depth lane instruction, tournament events, to off lane teaching sessions as well as social events such as a baseball game and barbeque on Friday as well as a wrap-up dance on Saturday. A nutritionally sound menu ensures that all participants are properly prepared for their physically demanding program. At Sherwood all activities stop for lunch and dinner breaks. Just to keep everyone going, an assortment of fruit and beverages is available throughout the day. During the course of the school, several tournament events are scheduled with either handicapped or pins-over-average formats to allow players of all skill levels the opportunity to succeed. Although prizes are awarded, these events are more importantly a place where students can put valuable lessons to use.

Staff

Over the past thirteen years, we have assembled some of the top youth coaches from around the province. The majority of our instructors have been associated with the YBC program and all are fully certified Level One coaches. It is a tribute to the quality of the school, to know that almost of all our instructors return each year to provide invaluable consistency to our program. On Friday

evening we are joined by some of the top 5 pin bowlers in Ontario. Many of these bowlers are Provincial and National Champions who share their experiences with all our youth bowlers. The students will have the opportunity to not only talk with these elite bowlers but will also have the chance to bowl against some of them in a one-ball competition.

For additional information, dates and costs along with application forms please contact the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association at 416-426-7167 or email o5pba@o5pba.ca.