

STRIKE IT BIG TOURNAMENT

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The Strike it Big Tournament consists of three (3) steps:

- **LEAGUE FINALS**
- **ZONE/DC FINALS**
- **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

GENERAL RULES

1. Open to all bowlers **18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER** as of **DECEMBER 31, 2006**, and who are members of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. Once thirty-five (35) entry books have been sold, a roll-off should be conducted with thirty-five (35) bowlers **(one (1) bowler per entry book(s) sold)** to advance one (1) bowler to the Provincial Championships. The Zone/DC or League must be advised as to who the advancing bowler will be for each entry book(s) sold. A roll-off may be conducted for every entry book(s) sold.
3. If a person purchases two (2) or more Strike it Big entry books they can bowl once per entry book in the League/Zone/DC Final if scheduling permits.
4. A League/Zone/DC must sell thirty-five (35) entry books or multiple of thirty-five (35) entry books to be eligible to advance one (1) bowler per thirty-five (35) entry books to the Provincial Championships. (i.e. 35–69 entry books advances one (1) bowler, 70–104 entry books advances two (2) bowlers).
5. Any League/Zone/DC that does not sell thirty-five (35) entry books will advance to a combined roll-off which may or may not be in their respective home zone.
6. All leagues that order their entry books through the Provincial Office must inform the Local Association once they have sold thirty-five (35) entry books.
7. All entry book(s) must be purchased* prior to **FEBRUARY 18, 2007** to be eligible to bowl in the Strike it Big tournament. Any entry book(s) purchased after this date will be eligible for the promotional draws only. * **purchased is defined as monies and entry book(s) stubs in the hands of the O5PBA office.**
8. Format in all rounds will be based on "Pins-Over-Average".
9. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds.
10. Personal bowling balls may be used if facilities permit. House balls must be used if the bowler's personal bowling balls have not been returned (no delay of game). Personal bowling balls may be randomly inspected at any time during the tournament or on completion of the tournament. The use of personal bowling balls is at the bowler's own risk. The proprietor shall not be liable for any damages to personal bowling balls.

Personal bowling balls shall be 4 ¾" to 5" in diameter, 3 lbs. 4 ozs. to 3 lbs. 10 ozs. in weight, and must be engraved with the bowler's identifying initials or symbols. Should a question arise regarding the legality of a ball, the Tournament Director has the final say. Appeals/complaints regarding personal bowling balls may be made to the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.

LEAGUE FINALS

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY THOSE LEAGUES WHO ORDERED THEIR STRIKE IT BIG ENTRY BOOKS DIRECTLY FROM THE PROVINCIAL OFFICE WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO CONDUCT A LEAGUE FINAL PROVIDED THE LEAGUE HAS PURCHASED A MINIMUM OF THIRTY-FIVE (35) STRIKE IT BIG ENTRY BOOKS PRIOR TO THE FEBRUARY 18, 2007 ENTRY DEADLINE.

1. The League Finals will consist of the number of games normally bowled by that league for a one (1) week period during regular league play. The winners will be declared on a pins-over-average format. All League Finals must be completed by **MARCH 18, 2007**.
2. Once a league has sold thirty-five (35) entry books, they may conduct their League Finals anytime prior to **MARCH 18, 2007**.
3. All bowlers who compete in the League Finals must use their highest league average in that Zone, as recorded in the Zone Average Book. Bowlers with no average recorded in the Zone Average Book, must use their average from the league in which they are competing up to and including **the week prior to the scheduled League Finals** with a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled.
4. Any entry book purchaser can designate a bowler to bowl for him/her. The substitute bowler must be from the League where the Strike it Big entry books are assigned. The substitute bowler must not already be bowling on another Strike it Big entry book.
5. Leagues that are advancing winners directly to the Provincial Championships must contact their Local Association for a shirt. **The cost of the shirt will be the responsibility of the league.**

ZONE/DC FINALS

1. The Zone/DC Finals must be completed by **APRIL 1, 2007**. Time and date to be set by the Local Zone/DC Associations.
2. The Zone/DC Finals shall consist of three (3) games with the winner being declared on a pins-over-average basis. **In Zone Finals, all competitors must bowl these three (3) games in the same bowling centre.**
3. All bowlers competing in the Zone/DC Finals will have their average based on the following:

AVERAGE BOOK: Bowlers must use their highest league average in that Zone, as recorded in the Zone Average Book.

NON-AVERAGE BOOK: Bowlers with no average recorded in the Zone Average Book, must use their highest league average in that Zone or Decentralized Association up to and including **the week prior to the scheduled Zone/DC Finals** (highest average if a bowler bowls in two (2) or more leagues), with a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled.

4. All bowlers qualifying for the Provincial Championships must have bowled a minimum of twenty-one (21) games from the beginning of the 2006-2007 bowling season up to and including **APRIL 1, 2007** in order to compete in the Provincial Championships.
5. All bowlers must bowl in the Zone/DC Finals where they purchased their Strike It Big entry book(s).
6. A bowler who purchases Strike It Big entry book(s) in two (2) or more Associations, may enter and compete in each Zone/DC Final, providing scheduling of same permits, but shall be permitted to bowl only once in the Provincial Championships.
7. Teams or groups of bowlers who purchase Strike It Big entry book(s) shall select a designated bowler from the team or group to bowl on their behalf.
8. Individuals or groups who do not bowl and have purchased Strike It Big entry book(s) may select a qualified designated bowler to bowl on their behalf. The bowler, **not the entry book(s) holder**, will receive the appropriate prize at the Provincial Championships.
9. A bowler may bowl on each Strike It Big entry book(s) purchased only if scheduling permits. If scheduling does not permit, the bowler may bowl on behalf of one (1) entry book and select a qualified designated bowler(s) to bowl on the other entry book(s). The phrase "if scheduling permits" grants permission for a bowler to compete two or more times in a Zone/DC Final provided there is more than one shift.
10. All designated bowlers must be members of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association and be **18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER** as of **DECEMBER 31, 2006**, with an established average in the year-end Average Book or a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled in the current 2006-2007 bowling season prior to the roll-off date.
11. In the event of a tie or ties for the last qualifying position, a one (1) game roll-off shall be required to determine the bowler(s) that advances.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The Provincial Championships shall be bowled on **MAY 26, 2007** in a centre designated by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championships must use the following criteria for determining averages:
 - a) **AVERAGE BOOK:** Bowlers must use their highest league average as recorded in the Average Book, and as established in any league in Ontario.
 - b) **NON-AVERAGE BOOK:** Bowlers with no average recorded in the Average Book, must use **the highest of the following as determined by the Provincial Office:**

Use their highest league average up to and including **APRIL 1, 2007** (highest average if a bowler bowls in two (2) or more leagues), and as established in any league in Ontario.

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Use their average based on the median between their highest league average up to and including **APRIL 1, 2007**, and the average based on the twenty-one (21) games (seven weeks) leading up to **APRIL 1, 2007**.

- c) All bowlers not in the Average Book must provide the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association with an original or a photocopy of their Individual Average Sheet. The average sheet must be obtained from all leagues they bowl in, and must show scores bowled in all games from the opening of the 2006-2007 bowling season with a minimum of twenty-one (21) games bowled up to and including **APRIL 1, 2007**.
3. The Provincial Championships shall consist of three (3) games, and the winner will be declared on a total pins-over-average basis.
4. If a qualifier is unable to compete in the Provincial Championships, the position shall be filled by the next eligible bowler from the Zone/DC Finals.
5. The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field, and all decisions by the Committee shall be final.
6. In the event of a tie for first (1st) place, a one (1) game roll-off will be held between the tied players to determine the winner.
7. In the event of a tie or ties for any other positions, the bowler beating their average by the most pins in the last game, shall receive the higher placing. If a tie still exists, using the same rule, the scores from the preceding game shall be used to break the tie.
8. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.
9. All bowlers must wear shirts in their registered Zone Association colours with a logo identifying the Association the bowler represents. Bowlers must wear straight hemmed bottom dress slacks. Cotton pants will be permitted provided they are not faded, have no rips, tears or studs on them and have no slits up the side of them. Jeans, harem, spandex, leggings, stirrups, shorts, sweatpants, cargo pants or warm-up pants of any kind are prohibited. No pants/slacks with external pockets on the sides will be accepted. Hats, caps or headgear of any kind are prohibited unless worn for medical or religious reasons. Any bowler not conforming to the dress code may not be permitted to compete in the event as determined by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee. **A fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be levied against each BOWLER not conforming to the dress code.**
10. There shall be a warm-up prior to the start of the event.
11. All bowlers must initial their lanesheet before it leaves the scorestand after each game. This acknowledges that their score is correct. No changes can be made to the score after it has been initialled and leaves the scorestand.

12. There shall be no use of alcohol or illegal drugs. Any bowler found to be intoxicated or consuming alcoholic beverages shall be removed from the tournament.
13. All Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules are in effect.
14. Any article falling from a bowler's person on or over the foul line during the delivery of a ball is a foul. A penalty of fifteen (15) pins shall be deducted for such an infraction. Call the Judge of Play to retrieve any such articles.
15. Any bowler who throws a ball prior to the starting signal may be assessed a fifteen (15) pin penalty. Any ball or balls delivered shall be declared a "dead ball".
16. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, call the Judge of Play immediately.
17. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings and all decisions may be subject to appeal to the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.
18. No substitutions are allowed within seven (7) days of the event except in extreme circumstances, such as a deceased bowler, a death in the immediate family, or a disabling injury. Please contact the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association for any further rulings.
