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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 **APRIL 1-4, 2015** 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 3-6, 2015** in Oshawa, Ontario.

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 \$99.00 plus 13% HST (\$12.87) for a total of \$111.87 per night, based on single, double, triple or quad occupancy. The room rate for a corner room is \$109.00 plus 13% HST (\$14.17) for a total of \$123.17 per night (***subject to hotel availability***).

If you require a room please contact the hotel directly through their 24-Hour Central Reservation Line at 1-888-627-8161 and tell them you are booking a room under the O5PBA block "**PROVINCIALOPEN2015**". Please be advised that the hotel will only guarantee the room price until **FEBRUARY 27, 2015**. 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 **MARCH 2, 2015**.

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.

THIS ASSESSMENT FEE MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE ON THE "PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM" PROVIDED TO YOU BY YOUR TEAM COACH. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST COMPLETE A PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM.

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, APRIL 4, 2015** 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 \$40.00 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 (\$40.00) 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, APRIL 4, 2015) 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.....\$40.00 (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 **MARCH 2, 2015**.

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 2015 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 2016 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 the teams starting on **THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015.**

PLEASE NOTE: SINGLES COMPETITORS MUST BE ENTERED IN THE PERFECT GAME POOL PRIOR TO BOWLING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015 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 **MARCH 2, 2015.**

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 **MARCH 2, 2015**. **ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE OPEN.**

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.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS

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

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Enclosures: