

**ONTARIO \$10,000 SHOOT-OUT****- F O R M A T -**

The Ontario \$10,000 Shoot-Out consist of three (3) steps:

- I The League Round
- II The Zone/DC Finals
- III The Provincial Championships

**GENERAL RULES**

1. Open to all bowlers 19 years of age and over as of **DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2003**, and who are **registered league members** of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. Entrants must be paid up members of the Local Zone/Decentralized Association no later than **NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2003** in order to be eligible for this tournament.
3. **Qualifying Round Policy:**
  - a) Bowlers who are members in two (2) or more leagues may enter and compete in each League Round. Bowlers who qualify to advance from more than one (1) league may bowl at the Zone/DC Finals, only if scheduling permits.
  - b) The phrase "if scheduling permits", grants permission for a bowler to compete in more than one Zone/DC Final so long as each of those finals is a separate and distinct competition, occurring on different days, or at substantially different times.
  - c) No bowler will be permitted to compete more than once at the Provincial Championships.
4. This event is a pins-over-average tournament.
5. **FLAT SCORES** shall be used in all rounds. **(NO HANDICAP)**
6. Replacements shall be allowed in all rounds except the League Round.
7. Any bowler who, for any reason, vacates their position for the next level of competition, forfeits the right to return to competition in this event.
8. A replacement bowler must be the next eligible bowler in order of finish from the preceding round.
9. If a bowler misses a game or games they shall be allowed 95% of their average for any games missed for all rounds except the Provincial Championships.
10. Scores and averages of winners in all rounds will be authenticated and checked thoroughly. Any falsification or misrepresentation of scores or averages, knowingly or unknowingly, shall result in automatic disqualification.

11. 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 3/4" to 5" in diameter, and 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.
12. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds except in the League Round, where league rules shall apply.
13. In case of any dispute, or interpretation of any rule, the decision of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee shall be final.

<b>LEAGUE ROUND</b>
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1. Bowlers shall bowl three (3) games each week during regular league play for three (3) consecutive weeks between **NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2003** and **FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2004**. Leagues that bowl more than three (3) games a week shall use the first three (3) games each week.
2. One (1) bowler shall advance to the Zone/DC Finals from each league as per the example below:
 

**EXAMPLE:**     1 to 10 Members.....1 Bowler Advances  
                          11 to 20 Members.....2 Bowlers Advance  
                          21 to 30 Members.....3 Bowlers Advance  
                          31 to 40 Members.....4 Bowlers Advance and so on
3. All bowlers who compete in the League Round 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 **NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2003** with a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled.
4. Bowlers qualifying for the Zone/DC Finals must have bowled a minimum of twenty-one (21) games from the beginning of the 2003-2004 season up to and including **FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2004** in order to compete in the Zone/DC Finals.
5. Spare bowlers are ineligible unless they can compete for the three (3) week League Round and are members in good standing.
6. The League Round is a three (3) week total pins-over-average event. The bowler(s) beating their average by the most pins, or closest to their average (if all bowlers are under their average), after three (3) weeks shall be declared the "League Champion" and will receive League Champion certificates. All other qualifying positions will be decided by pins-over-average for the three (3) week period.
7. In the event of a tie (two (2) or more bowlers are the same number of pins over or under their average) after the final week, the bowler(s) beating their average by the most pins the

final (3<sup>rd</sup>) week shall receive the higher placing. If a tie still exists, the bowler(s) beating their average by the most pins the preceding (2<sup>nd</sup>) week shall receive the higher placing.

8. Only the bowler finishing **FIRST** in the League Round, regardless of how many bowlers advance to the Zone/DC Finals, shall be declared "League Champion" and receive a League Champion certificate.
9. If the league rules permit bowl-offs for league play, they are permissible for this round only of the tournament.

<b>ZONE/DC FINALS</b>
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1. All League Round qualifiers (bowlers) in a Zone/DC shall bowl three (3) games between **FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2004** and **MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2004** in centres designated by the Local Association or the Provincial Office.
2. Each Zone and Decentralized Association shall conduct its own Zone/DC Final (conducted at a single bowling centre) provided the minimum membership and participation levels are maintained:

**Membership**

- a) Each Zone Association in the previous (2002-2003) season must have met the Constitutional membership requirements of at least 1,000 paid members (including DC membership).
  - b) Each Decentralized Association in the previous (2002-2003) season must have met the minimum Constitutional requirements of 500 members or 30 members per lanebed or recognized as having 100% membership.
  - c) Each Zone and Decentralized Association which meets minimum membership requirements as in (a) and (b) above will conduct its own Zone/DC Final.
3. One (1) bowler shall advance from the Zone/DC Finals to the Provincial Championships as per the example below:

**EXAMPLE:**

1 to 250 Members .....	1 Bowler Advances
500 Members .....	2 Bowlers Advance
750 Members .....	3 Bowlers Advance
1,000 Members .....	4 Bowlers Advance
1,250 Members .....	5 Bowlers Advance and so on

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The number of bowlers eligible to advance to the Provincial Championships will be based on membership figures processed by the Provincial Office as of **NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2003.**

4. In the Zone/DC Finals, all entrants must use the following criteria for determining averages:

**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 average in that Zone or Decentralized Association up to and including **FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2004** (highest average if a bowler bowls in two (2) or more leagues), with a minimum of twenty-one (21) games having been bowled.

5. The bowler beating their average by the most pins shall be declared the Zone Champion and shall advance to the Provincial Championships.
6. In the event of a tie or ties for any qualifying position, a one (1) game roll-off shall take place. The bowler that bowls the most pins over or least pins under if both bowlers are below their average shall be declared the winner.
7. If a bowler misses a game or games they shall be allowed 95% of their average. **(See General Rule #9)**

<b>PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>
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1. The Provincial Championships shall be bowled on **MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2004** in a centre designated by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championships must have bowled a minimum of twenty-one (21) games during the 2003-2004 season up to and including **MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2004**, and use the following criteria for determining averages:

**Average Book:** Bowlers must use their highest average as recorded in the Average Book, and as established in any league in Ontario.

**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 **MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2004** (highest average if a bowler bowls in two (2) or more leagues), and as established in any league in Ontario.

**- OR -**

Use their average based on the median between their highest league average up to and including **MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2004**, and the average based on the twenty-one (21) games (seven weeks) leading up to **MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2004**.

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 2003-2004 season with a minimum of twenty-one (21) games bowled up to and including **MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2004**.

3. The Provincial Championships shall consist of three (3) games.
4. All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championships shall bowl three (3) games to qualify for the Stepladder Finals, for the purpose of determining the Provincial Champion

and the winner of \$10,000.00. Cheque will be presented at the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Convention in June 2004.

5. The top three (3) qualifiers shall bowl a single game Stepladder Final, based on pins-over-average.
6. The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place qualifiers will bowl a one (1) game match play, based on pins-over-average. The bowler that bowls the most pins over or least pins under if both bowlers are below their average, shall advance to the Finals to determine the Provincial Champion.
7. The top qualifier and the winner of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place qualifiers, shall bowl a single game Stepladder Final, based on pins-over-average. The bowler that bowls the most pins over or least pins under if both bowlers are below their average, shall be declared the Provincial Champion.
8. In the event of a tie for any qualifying position, a one (1) game roll-off shall take place. The bowler that bowls the most pins over or least pins under if both bowlers are below their average shall be declared the winner.
9. The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field if bowlers are absent from the Provincial Championships, and all decisions by the Committee shall be final.
10. 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 or warm-up pants of any kind are prohibited. 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 an Association for each bowler not conforming to the dress code.
11. There shall be a five (5) minute warm-up prior to the start of the event.
12. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.
13. All bowlers must initial their lanesheet before it leaves the scorestand. This acknowledges that their score is correct. No changes can be made to the score after it has been initialled and leaves the scorestand.
14. All Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules are in effect.
15. 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.
16. 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".

17. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, call the Judge of Play immediately.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.

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