

# **MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION POLICY**

**NOTE: Only the O5PBA and the C5PBA Board of Directors have the authority to suspend a person's membership.**

## **Grounds for Automatic Membership Suspension**

1. Any bowler who places the sport of 5 Pin Bowling in jeopardy of unfair criticism by engaging in dishonest or disreputable tactics or conduct in connection with the sport of 5 Pin Bowling or in violation with the spirit and/or intent of the Associations purposes, objectives and policies.
2. Any bowler who fails to pay fees due for participation in a sanctioned league or tournament.
3. Any officer of a sanctioned C5PBA league or an officer of a chartered C5PBA provincial, local or affiliated association who misuses any funds entrusted to him/her.
4. Any bowler who fails to distribute team prize money in accordance with previous verbal or written agreements.
5. Any bowler shall not libel or utter slanderous accusations against any official or any officer of any Association, league, or team affiliated with the C5PBA that cannot be substantiated by sworn facts.

## **Membership Suspension for Repeat Offenses**

1. Any bowler who displays conduct which can be deemed unsportsmanlike which includes:
  - Using the ball in expression of emotion by bouncing the ball or striking other balls on the rack;
  - Throwing balls in an extreme lofting manner in an underhand or overhand motion;
  - Loud and abusive language
  - Kicking of ball racks or other bowling center equipment, throwing of furniture or other bowling center equipment, or striking of walls or posts.
2. Any bowler (Provincial Tournaments only) who bowls under the influence of alcohol or chemical depressants or stimulants.
3. Any bowler who attempts to gain an unfair advantage by:
  - Directly or indirectly tampering with the lanes, bowling pins and/or balls;
  - Misrepresenting an average, either to gain a greater handicap or to qualify for a lower classification;

- Establishing an average below his/her ability and thereby gaining an unfair advantage in handicap, pins-over-average or classified competition.
4. No bowler should use another bowler's personalized bowling balls without the permission of the owner.
  5. No bowler shall use a foreign substance on his/her fingers or hands or bowling balls to aid their grip when a league or tournament official has ruled that the said foreign substance is affecting the bowling ability of other bowlers who have previously lodged a legitimate complaint.
  6. No bowler shall use any substance on his/her shoes or on the lane approach to aid his/her slide when a league or tournament official has ruled that said foreign substance is affecting the bowling ability of other bowlers who have previously lodged a legitimate complaint.

### **Suspension Procedures**

1. When a league or tournament official has cause to recommend suspension of a bowler, the League Executive or Tournament Official must notify the bowler(s) in writing of the suspension charges that are being preferred and the reasons therefore.
2. The League Executive or Tournament Official must also send such notification via registered mail to the Local Association and shall specifically state the cause of the action and the length of time the suspension should be enforced.
3. On the evidence submitted the Local Association shall submit their recommendation to the Provincial Association for subsequent action.
4. The Provincial Association will schedule and conduct a hearing. All parties shall be invited to attend this hearing and if the evidence proves valid shall be suspended for a time period as defined by the Board of Directors of the Provincial Association.
5. All suspensions may be appealed to the Board of Directors of the Provincial Association.

**When a bowler has been suspended from or denied C5PBA Membership, the bowler shall be prohibited and deemed ineligible to hold office, bowl or pace in any sanctioned league, tournament or special event until re-instated by the C5PBA. When a team knowingly or unknowingly uses a suspended bowler, it shall forfeit all games in which the suspended bowler was used and all involved and found guilty shall be liable for membership suspension.**