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Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association

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Dear Coach:

Congratulations on having been selected to coach a team at the Provincial Championships of the Youth Challenge. These Championships are being held on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016** at NEB's Fun World in Oshawa.

We have provided you with a package of information regarding the Provincial Championships as follows:

- Schedule of Events
- Map of the Area
- Rules & Regulations
- Six (6) Code of Conduct and Dress Code Forms – **(Bowlers & Coaches)**
- Six (6) Waiver of Liability Forms – **(Bowlers & Coaches)**
- Five (5) Winning Bowler Packages – **(One for each member of your team)**

CALL A TEAM MEETING IMMEDIATELY!!!

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU CALL A TEAM MEETING IMMEDIATELY TO DISTRIBUTE THE WINNING BOWLER PACKAGES TO YOUR TEAM AND TO REVIEW THE ENCLOSED INFORMATION. ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE PROVINCIAL OFFICE AT THE ABOVE NOTED ADDRESS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 11, 2015. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been arranged at the Quality Hotel & Conference Centre, 1011 Bloor Street East, Oshawa, Ontario. Their telephone number is (905) 576-5101.

The room rate is \$109.00 plus 13% HST (\$14.17) for a total of \$123.17 per night, based on single or double occupancy.

If you require a room please contact the hotel directly at (905) 576-5101 or (877) 398-9252 and tell them you are booking a room under the **Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Prov. Youth Challenge** room block. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and check-out is at 12:00 noon.

Please be advised that the hotel will only guarantee the room price until **DECEMBER 18, 2015**. After this date, the hotel will be releasing the balance of our rooms under our block. **Please contact the hotel before the deadline date to avoid any disappointment.**

COACHES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COACHING YOUTH BOWLERS

We appreciate the time and energy you will spend on the youth bowlers who have qualified for the Youth Challenge/Winter Games. The following guidelines are to be used to ensure both the success of this tournament and the welfare of our youth bowlers.

1. Your responsibility first and foremost lies with the health and welfare of the young competitors under your jurisdiction. The youth bowlers will look up to you for guidance and leadership. Please set a good example.
2. You must accompany the youth bowlers to all functions organized for these Championships.
3. You as a coach must abide by all O5PBA rules and conduct yourself in a manner befitting a YBC coach.
4. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs or stimulants will not be allowed from the time you leave for the tournament until the time you arrive home. **Any coach found breaking these rules shall be removed from the tournament and could have their O5PBA membership suspended.**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CODE OF CONDUCT AND DRESS CODE FORM

Attached is an Acknowledgement of Code of Conduct and Dress Code Form. Each participant and Coach **MUST** complete and sign this form to acknowledge they understand and agree to abide by the dress code as outlined below. **Parents/Guardians are required to sign the bowler's form for those bowlers who are 17 years of age and under.**

Each team (**Men's, Ladies' or Mixed**) must be dressed uniformly by gender. **Individuals on a team must wear bottoms in the same colour but each may wear a different length style bottom.** Bowling shirts with collars or blouses to be the same design in registered Zone Association colours with the name of the bowler or coach (optional), and Zone identified on the shirt. A female coaching a Men's or Mixed Team can wear dress pants, skirts, skorts, dress shorts or capris however a male coaching a Ladies' team must wear dress pants or dress shorts. Dress pants, skirts, skorts, dress shorts or capris shall be of the same colour with straight hemmed bottom (no fluorescent colours, no denim of any colour, stirrups, leggings, harem, cargo, ruggers or sweatpants of any kind). No draw strings or no elastic at the hem of any kind. The dress pants, skirts, skorts, capris or dress shorts shall not be faded, torn, ripped, contain studs, buttons or pockets on the leg. The skirts, skorts or dress shorts may not be shorter than just below the fingertips when placing your arms at your side. No hats, caps or headgear will be allowed in the bowlers' enclosure, unless worn for medical or religious reasons. **A commercially made "Coach" pin must be worn on the front or sleeve and be visible at all times, unless the word "Coach" is embroidered on the shirt sleeve or chest. The first offence is a uniform violation. Subsequent violations during the same event, is removal from the tournament.**

Any bowler or coach 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 and COACH not conforming to the dress code. A tournament official will discuss a dress code violation issue with the coach only. (It will be up to the coach to rectify the problem)**

These forms **MUST** be returned to the Provincial Office no later than **DECEMBER 11, 2015.** **Failure to sign this form may result in not being permitted to compete in the event.**

Please contact your Local Zone Association to arrange for your bowling shirts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

Also enclosed is an Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability Form. In order to ensure our Association of liability coverage, our insurance company has insisted that an Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability Form be signed by **ALL PARTICIPANTS** in our Provincial Championships. **Parents/Guardians are also required to sign the bowler's form if they are 17 years of age and under.**

Please read the form carefully and initial the box after reading and understanding the statements and conditions. Upon completion of the form please print and sign your name. **These forms MUST be completed by ALL PARTICIPANTS in the Youth Challenge or they will not be permitted to bowl.** This is an action that may seem drastic but is necessary for the well being of your Association. These forms **MUST** be returned to the Provincial Office no later than **DECEMBER 11, 2015.**

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Coaches are required to have their full team present for registration no later than 8:15 a.m. on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016.** There will be a Coaches Meeting at 8:45 a.m. with bowling to begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. **Please be advised that there is no banquet scheduled for this event. Winners will be announced and awards presented upon completion of the event at the bowling centre.**

The Provincial Championships shall be comprised of, and declare champions in five (5) events: Men's, Ladies' and Mixed team events; and Men's and Ladies' singles events.

All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championships (Men's, Ladies' and Mixed Teams) shall have their scratch scores count in all games of the round robin and these scores will be used to determine the Provincial Singles Champions. We will recognize 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Men's and Ladies' singles competition.

The top three (3) men and top three (3) ladies based on scratch scores for all round robin games, will form the Southern Ontario team which will advance to compete in the National Championships to be held **MARCH 17-19, 2016** in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

I will be sending you the Lane Draw along with the Team Rosters once we have received all the results in the Provincial Office. Once again, please call a team meeting as soon as possible. **It is the responsibility of the Coach to see that all completed forms are returned to the Provincial Office no later than DECEMBER 11, 2015.**

We look forward to greeting you in Oshawa, and wish your team the best of luck in the Provincial Championships. If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the Provincial Office at (416) 426-7167.

Yours truly,

ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

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