

ONTARIO OPEN 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

For Ontario's Elite Bowlers!!!

**Entry Fee: Contact Your Local
Association**

Begins: November 17, 2013

A "scratch score" tournament designed for your high average bowler. Competitors bowl a total of twenty (20) games to determine the eighteen (18) men and ladies who will represent their Zones at the Provincial Championships.

The top nine (9) men and the top nine (9) ladies will qualify to make the men's, ladies', and mixed team from your Zone. These teams will advance to the Provincial Championships that will take place over the Easter weekend.

At the Provincial Championships the best bowlers across Ontario will compete in a match play format using scratch scores. This competition will determine a Provincial Champion in each division (Men's, Ladies' and Mixed Teams) as well as a Men's and Ladies' Single Champion.

These individuals will advance to the National Championships to determine the best bowlers in Canada.

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F O R M A T

The Ontario Open 5 Pin Championships consists of three (3) steps:

- **ZONE FINALS**
- **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

GENERAL RULES

1. Open to all bowlers and coaches **19 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER** as of **DECEMBER 31, 2013**, and who are members of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. Entry Deadline to be set by each Zone Association.
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 - a) Entry Fee to be decided by each Zone Association.
 - b) All zones must pay the designated assessment for this event.
 - c) **All bowlers, coaches and assistant coaches participating in the Provincial Championships must pay an additional assessment fee to be determined.**
4. All bowlers wishing to qualify for both the regular open and seniors open must declare prior to the start of the tournament their intent and pay the prevailing entry fee prior to throwing the first ball.
5. **REPLACEMENT OF A BOWLER POLICY:**

 Replacement of a bowler, once qualified for the Zone Contingent, shall not be permitted unless the reason is submitted (**in writing**) and signed by said bowler. Under extenuating circumstances, the Provincial Tournament Committee may waive the requirement for a letter from the bowler however; the reason(s) for withdrawal must be verified in writing by the Zone.
6. Any bowler who withdraws before the next level of competition as in Rule #4 above, is subject to automatic suspension from this event by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association and any further participation in the event.
7. Any bowler suspended under the above rule may have the suspension repealed if an acceptable reason for withdrawal is provided in writing. Such a written appeal must be received in the Provincial Office within ninety (90) days of a bowler being advised of their suspension under this rule.
8. Any bowler who withdraws for any reason at any level of competition forfeits the right to return to competition in this event. (**See General Rules #6 and #7**)
9. Replacement of a bowler on any team may only be made with the approval of the Provincial Tournament Committee. The bowler being replaced shall not be permitted to compete in any event for the balance of the tournament.

10. The replacement bowler(s) for each zone shall be the runner-up man or lady from the Zone Finals.
11. If the replacement bowler(s) for each zone takes on a coaching position, they will forfeit the right to be the replacement bowler(s) for their zone contingent.
12. If a replacement bowler is unable to compete at the Provincial Championships, a zone may designate an "**EMERGENCY SPARE**". The name of the emergency spare (one man and one lady) must be submitted to the Tournament Committee in writing by the coaches' meeting or the team goes without for the remainder of the competition. Emergency spares must have entered the Zone Finals and must be in a shirt of their Zone colour and identification.
13. A replacement bowler or emergency spare cannot be included in the team's starting line-up for the bowler's **FIRST GAME ONLY**. If the team advances to the National Championships, the replacement bowler or emergency spare shall be deemed to be an original qualifier.
14. When replacement of more than one bowler is approved on any team under General Rules 4 through 9 above, the **FIRST** approved substitute(s) shall be deemed to be an original qualifier.
15. The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field and all decisions by the Committee shall be final.
16. The Provincial Tournament Committee may, if deemed necessary, run a Wild Card Tournament to eliminate the need for BYES at the Provincial Championships.
17. 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. 12 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.
18. All coaches are required to abide by the rules of the Coaching Policy.
19. Assistant coaches must have full Level 2 Certification or Trained in Competitive Coach. In the event the coach is unable to participate, the assistant coach will be deemed to be the emergency replacement.
20. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds.
21. In the case of any dispute, or interpretation of any rule, the decision of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee shall be final.
22. Each Zone Association must submit to the Provincial Office no later than **JANUARY 6, 2014**, the entry form for every bowler that entered the tournament.
23. No mechanical noisemakers will be allowed in any round of the event.

ZONE FINALS

1. The Zone Finals shall consist of twenty (20) games bowled between **NOVEMBER 17, 2013** and **DECEMBER 8, 2013** in centres designated by the Local Zone Association. **To qualify for the Open, a bowler must bowl one (1) game to be eligible.**

2. a) All bowlers may bowl in the Zone of their **"PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE"**.

DEFINITION OF PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE:

As a guide, Principal Residence shall be the residence individuals' use for taxation purposes, driver's licence, etc. Bowlers with more than one residence, such as commuters or individuals living away from home for employment reasons, must contact the Provincial Office for a ruling.

- b)
 - i) Bowlers/coaches who only compete in regular league play as registered members of an O5PBA sanctioned or affiliated league in the Zone of their principal residence and individuals who do not compete in an O5PBA sanctioned or affiliated league, must enter the Open in the Zone of their principal residence.
 - ii) Bowlers/coaches who compete in regular league play as registered members of an O5PBA sanctioned or affiliated league in a Zone other than their principal residence and have played the year prior in that other Zone, will be allowed to compete in the Open in that other Zone by filing a **"DECLARATION OF INTENT"** to the Zone Tournament Director by **OCTOBER 31, 2013**. A copy of the current year (2013-14) average sheet confirming their current participation in said league or in another league within that same association must accompany the **"DECLARATION OF INTENT"**.

Please Note: In the prior season a bowler/coach must have bowled a minimum of fifty (50) games in a sanctioned or affiliated league of the zone they wish to declare in, and be listed on the o5pba.ca website average book for that league to be eligible to declare. Once a Declaration of Intent is filed the bowler/coach cannot bowl/coach in the Zone of their principal residence for that year. If a declaration form is not filed by that date, the bowler/coach must compete in the Zone of their principal residence.

DEFINITION OF LEAGUES:

SANCTIONED – A league will be registered and sanctioned providing that 75% of the participating bowlers purchase a membership card.

AFFILIATED – A league will be affiliated providing that at least ten (10) bowlers from the league purchase a membership card. Included with those bowlers must be the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the league.

- c) All qualifiers to the Zone Contingent shall have their residence verified by the Zone Association Tournament Director.
- d) The penalty for bowling in the wrong Zone is an automatic suspension from the event.

- e) All decisions may be appealed. Requests to have suspensions lifted must be made in writing to the Provincial Board of Directors.
3. Other factors that may affect residency rules are as follows:
 - a) Any bowler changing their principal residence from one Zone to another has the option of bowling in the Zone into which they have moved or of bowling in the Zone they have moved from, but for that **ONE YEAR ONLY**. The following year, the bowler must bowl in the Zone in which they reside, except as in Rule #2 b) above.
 - b) If the boundaries of a Zone or Zones are changed by the O5PBA, all bowlers affected by the change may continue to bowl in the Zone in which they were residing prior to the boundary change for a maximum of two (2) years. However, if they choose to bowl in the new Zone in which they now reside prior to the conclusion of the two (2) year grace period they may do so. By doing this they will forfeit all rights to return to bowl in their old/original Zone, except as in Rule #2 b) above.
 - c) If a Zone is "Split" to create two new Zones, bowlers must bowl in the Zone of their Principal Residence, except as in Rule #2 b) above.
 4. The top nine (9) men and the top nine (9) ladies, based on total pinfall at the completion of the Zone Finals, shall qualify for the Provincial Championships.
 5. The top three (3) men and the top three (3) ladies will be recognized as the Singles Competitors for the Provincial Championships.
 6. The next three (3) men and three (3) ladies, along with the singles competitors, shall make up the Men's and Ladies' teams.
 7. The next three (3) men and three (3) ladies shall make up the Mixed Team.
 8. Any bowler who qualifies for both the Open and Senior Open in their Zone Round, must bowl in the Regular Open.
 9. In the event that a Zone Association cannot field a full contingent for the Provincial Championships as noted above, the following will apply:
 - a) Three (3) to four (4) entries will field Singles Competitors only
 - b) Five (5) entries will field a Men's or Ladies' Team with no spare
 - c) Six (6) or seven (7) entries will field a Men's or Ladies' Team
 - d) Eight (8) entries will field three (3) Singles plus a Men's or Ladies' Team and a Mixed Team with no spare
 10. In the event of a tie for any qualifying position, a one (1) game roll-off shall be held to determine the final placing.
 11. Coaches shall be selected by each team (**Men's, Ladies' and Mixed**) at the completion of the Zone Finals. All coaches, including assistants, must have full Level 2 Certification or Certified in Competitive Coach on or before **DECEMBER 31, 2013**, and must be a member in good standing of the O5PBA. Rule #2 b) above may also be applied to choice of coaches. If a team cannot decide on a coach from within their Zone, the O5PBA will appoint one from that Zone if possible.

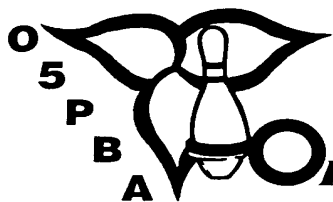
12. In an emergency situation, the Provincial Tournament Committee may exercise the right to “fill the field”.

KEY DATES

Zone Finals **November 17 to December 8, 2013**
(TWENTY (20) GAMES)

Provincial Championships **April 16-19, 2014**

National Championships..... **May 28-31, 2014**



Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association

**2013/2014 ONTARIO OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
DECLARATION OF INTENT**

☐ **BOWLER** ☐ **COACH** ☐ **BOTH**

Date: _____

To: _____, _____ Tournament Director
(Name) (Zone)

I, _____ hereby state my intent to bowl/coach in the Zone
(Print Name)

Open Roll-off for the 2013/2014 bowling season in the above named Zone. I am currently, and was during the 2012/2013 season, a registered member of an O5PBA sanctioned or affiliated league in the

_____ League at _____
(League Name) (Bowling Centre Name)

I am attaching a copy of my current year (2013-14) average sheet confirming my participation in said league or in another league within that same Association. In the prior season I bowled a **minimum of fifty (50) games** in a sanctioned or affiliated league of the zone I am declaring in, and I am listed on the o5pba.ca website average book for said league to verify my eligibility to declare. The League Secretary has signed below to indicate that my current average sheet is a true copy. I understand that the cost of a zone shirt may be at my own expense.

(Signature)

I verify that the information for the above named person is true.

(SECRETARY'S NAME)

(SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

NAME: _____ MEMBERSHIP #: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ TELEPHONE #: () _____

RECEIVED BY _____ DATE _____
(Tournament Director)