

## MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION

Good Morning/Afternoon, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am the \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. I would like to thank \_\_\_\_\_ for giving me this opportunity to speak to you on behalf of our Zone and the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.

I would like to start by giving you a short history in 5 Pin Bowling. There are three organizations involved in our sport. There is the Bowling Proprietors' Association of Ontario, BPAO for short, which was formed 50 years ago, and is a registered trade association, incorporated in 1996. The mandate of the Association is to act as the provincial voice for owners and operators of bowling centres in Southern Ontario and to facilitate the exchange of ideas and information as well as providing beneficial programs and events to encourage growth and prosperity to all members. The BPAO operates the Youth Bowling Council, which provides a program for all our Youth Bowlers.

The Master Bowlers Association is a non-profit organization, which was formed in 1964 to provide top-flight competition for the best bowlers in the Province. Since that time they have introduced the Teaching Division. The primary job for Teaching Masters is to work as instructors with the Youth Bowling Council. A few years ago they introduced a seniors division for those competitive bowlers over the age of 50. The MBAO is responsible for the implementation of the instruction and coaching program for all coaches through the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP for short).

The other organization and the reason that I am here today/tonight is the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. The O5PBA is recognized by the Provincial Government as the Provincial Sport Organization for 5 pin bowling in Ontario under the auspices of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers Association. The O5PBA was incorporated in 1963 and is a registered Non-Profit Corporation under the Ontario Corporation Act. The corporation, through its affiliated Zone and Decentralized Associations, is represented in communities across Southern and Central Ontario, where it offers programs, training, and competitive opportunities to 5 pin bowlers of all ages. Our mission is to develop and enhance 5 pin bowling as a sport throughout Ontario for all ages and abilities through membership, education, promotion, tournaments, volunteer recognition and award programs.

Why should your league join the O5PBA? Every year we are asked this question. I would now like to list some of the benefits that are offered to all O5PBA members and leagues:

When your league joins the O5PBA you will receive the following:

- Each member of your league will be eligible to enter any or all tournaments sanctioned by the O5PBA

- Each league will be eligible for League Bonding Protection
- Each member will receive approximately \$25.00 worth of free bowling **(one free game per month)**
- Each league will receive a League Sanction Certificate or decal
- Each league will receive a Secretary's Handbook containing a handicap chart, league and individual standing sheets, program formats and a complete agenda of this year's activity
- Each league will receive a Secretary Helper, which contains average calculator and league scheduling chart upon request
- Each league will receive upon request a copy of the C5PBA Rule Book
- Each member will be eligible for all awards administered by the O5PBA, as well as any awards administered by our Local Association
- Each member will be eligible for the Perfect Game Award

Each bowler will receive a Truca\$h Rewards membership card offering discounts at various outlets and restaurants, vacations and car rentals. **(NOTE: If possible, take a Truca\$h pamphlet with you)**

We have organized competitions for bowlers of all skill levels, leading from House and Zone Rounds to Provincial and National Championships. These include:

### **Ontario \$10,000.00 Shoot-Out (Provincial)**

This is our newest tournament introduced this year where all O5PBA members who have purchased their membership card by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> will have the opportunity to bowl for \$ 10,000.00. Bowlers will compete in a 3-week league qualifying round based on pins over average. One bowler from every 10 bowlers registered in your league, will advance to the Zone/DC Finals. Winners will then advance to the Provincial Championships where the winning bowler will receive \$10,000.00.

### **High-Low Doubles Tournament (Provincial & National)**

This is our most popular tournament. It begins at the league level where high and low average bowlers are paired up in your league and compete in a five-week pins over average tournament. Following the league round the league champions will be declared and will advance to the Zone Finals. **(NOTE: DC league winners go to a DC House Round).**

The winner from the Zone/DC Finals will then go onto the Provincial Championships, where the teams finishing first and second will each win a trip for two to a Sun destination. The first place team will also represent Ontario at the National Championships.

### **League Executive Tournament ( Provincial)**

This is an exclusive tournament for all member league executives. Competitors participate in one of three divisions at a Zone or DC qualifying round with the winners, based on pins over average, advancing to the Provincial Championships. At the Provincials all competitors will bowl 3 games. At the completion of the 3 games each of the three divisional winners will compete in a one game roll off based on pins over average to determine the overall winner who will win a trip for two to a Sun destination in the fall.

### **Holiday Classic (Provincial)**

This exciting tournament gives participants two chances to qualify for the Zone/DC House Round. Participants will bowl during league play against their own average. Those who bowl in week one may re-enter during week two in an attempt to beat their previous weeks score. After the two-week league round, a team of five will be formed in order of finish. The high five pins over average bowlers will be declared League Champions and will compete at the next round. Additional teams may advance based on the number of entries from each league. League round competition is followed by a Zone and Regional Round and culminating at the Provincial Championships where the winning team and their coach will all receive a trip for two to a Sun destination in the fall.

### **Provincial Team Tournament (Provincial)**

The Team Tournament gives every league an opportunity to enter specific teams into a pins over average tournament. Teams compete in a five-week league round in order to qualify for a DC/House Round. The team with the highest pins over average will be declared League Champions and will move onto the next round. Additional teams may advance, again based on the number of entries from each league. League round competition will be followed by a Zone Round and a Regional Round and culminating at the Provincial Championships. A trip for two to a Sun destination will be awarded to the winning team and coach at the Provincial Championships.

### **Booster Club Tournament (Provincial)**

This tournament is also a pins over average tournament. All members who purchase a Zone/DC Booster Club ticket have the opportunity to bowl in a Zone/DC qualifying tournament, with the winner advancing to the Provincial Championships.

At the Provincials the winner will win a trip for two to a Sun destination in the fall. Kit sizes run from 75 ticket kits to 400 ticket kits and can range from \$20.00 to \$40.00 a ticket. If any of your bowlers or leagues are interested in purchasing a ticket, contact your Local Association Booster Club Chair.

### **Strike It Big Tournament (Provincial)**

This new tournament introduced this year, combines the excitement of competition for a Provincial Championship with the proven revenue-generating capability of the Strike it Big Promotion. This could offset the cost for your bowler's membership fees as well as their tournament entries. This Strike it Big Promotion gives the purchaser a chance at winning promotional trips, promotional prizes and free bowling or \$5,000.00 cash. In fact for every 35 books sold, not only will your league make \$350.00, you will be able to send one bowler directly to the Provincial Championships, where they will have a chance to win an all inclusive trip for two to a Sun destination in the fall. You can order as many Strike it Big Promotion books as you want. For more information and to order your Strike it Big books you can contact your Local Association.

### **Youth Challenge/Ontario Winter Games**

This is the premier event for all Youth Bowlers age 13 to 19. Bowlers compete in a Zone Final where the top five men will form a Men's Team; the top five ladies will form the Ladies' Team and the next highest two men and two ladies and the next highest qualifier (male or female) will form the Mixed Team. These teams will then compete in January at a Regional Round. Each winner in the three categories will go on to compete in the Provincial Championships. Every two years the Provincial Championships are held in conjunction with the Ontario Winter Games, which is being held this year in London. The top three men and top three ladies at the Provincial Championships will form a team which will represent Ontario at the National Championships in Winnipeg.

### **Open Championships (Provincial & National)**

A scratch tournament designed for your higher average bowlers. Competitors will bowl a twenty (20) game qualifying round to determine the eighteen (18) qualifiers who will represent their Zone at the Provincial Championships to take place on Easter weekend. At the Provincial Championships each Zone will compete against the other fifteen (15) Zones in the Province using a match play scratch totals. The winning teams and the Singles Champion will then be Ontario's representative at the National Championships.

### **Open Seniors Championships (Provincial)**

A new tournament introduced this year will be open to all bowlers 50 years of age and over. The format is similar to the Open concept however a ten (10) game Zone roll-off

will be held and the top two men and top two ladies and the next highest qualifier will represent their Zone at the Provincials. Again this is a scratch event.

**At this point you might want to mention any local Tournaments or benefits that you might have for your Zone/DC members.**

In the High–Low Doubles, the Team Tournament, the Holiday Classic and the Shoot-Out, certificates are given out to all league round winners. Prizes are awarded for the Zone/DC Finals of the High-Low Doubles as well as the DC/House Round of the Truca\$h Holiday Classic. All participants who advance to any Provincial Championship receive a souvenir t-shirt.

Other functions of the O5PBA include:

- Develop and monitor uniform rules and regulations of the sport of 5 pin bowling
- Organize and promote the game of 5 pin bowling at the High School and College levels
- Aid and assist senior citizens, blind and Intellectually Disabled Bowlers
- Work in harmony with all 5 Pin Bowling organizations
- Responsible for the setting and monitoring of the Standards and Specifications for the sport, which includes certifying all bowling lanes and equipment
- Sanction all tournaments
- Provide leagues with any and all information on conducting a successful league
- Govern the conduct of all affiliated members
- Honor founders, Proprietors, technicians, suppliers and bowlers in our Bowlers Hall of Fame
- Recognize and keep accurate records of special achievements such as perfect game awards and record scores program
- Organize the Annual Youth Bowling School
- Represent all 5 Pin Bowlers in Ontario for the purpose of obtaining government grants to further the sport of 5 pin bowling

By purchasing a Membership Card in the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association you are joining one of the most organized and respected amateur sport organizations in Ontario. This Association is made up of bowlers who work strictly as volunteers, providing countless hours of "volunteer time" to bowling in Ontario every year.

As a member of the 5 Pin Association you have a voice in your sport. Through a democratic process, you get to choose who represents you in the dealings of the sport and you can initiate and make changes happen in such things as the rules and specifications.

I hope this helps you better understand what the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers Association is all about. It is an Association...of bowlers....working with and for bowlers'... for the betterment of the sport of 5 pin bowling. I hope your leagues become members of this exciting organization. Are there any questions?