



Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association

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Dear Bowler,

Congratulations on winning a position on your Zone's Contingent to the Ontario Open 5 Pin Bowling Championships. The Ontario Open 5 Pin Bowling Championships will be held at Sherwood Centre, 1095 Fennell Avenue East, Hamilton, Ontario from **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7TH - SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2004.**

While only one team or individual can win in each event, we wish you the best of luck in the Provincial Championships. Winners this year (**with the exception of the Senior Mixed Team**) will advance to the Canadian Championships scheduled from **JUNE 2ND - 5TH, 2004** in Gatineau, Quebec.

Enclosed for your information is the following:

- Map of Hamilton
- Rules and Regulations
- Bowlers' Investment Seminar Information
- Schedule of Events
- Open Triples Event - **(SINGLES BOWLERS ONLY)**

PERSONALIZED BOWLING BALLS

Sherwood Centre will allow bowlers to use their own personalized bowling balls.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been arranged at the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, 116 King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario. **Please note that check-in time at the hotel is 3:00 p.m.** We will be booking rooms on a **first come first served basis.** When the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel is full, all bowlers and coaches requiring rooms will be responsible for finding their own hotel accommodations. **No rooms will be booked without the appropriate payment.**

All rooms **MUST** be booked through the Coach or Zone Tournament Director. **No rooms will be booked on an individual basis. POST-DATED CHEQUES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** If your cheque is post-dated, your room will not be booked until the date of your cheque.

The room rate will be \$70.00 plus 5% PST (\$3.50) and 7% GST (\$4.90) for a total of \$78.40 per night based on single, double, triple or quad occupancy. **NO ROOMS WILL BE BOOKED FOR MORE THAN FOUR PEOPLE IN A ROOM.**

If you will not share a double bed, I would suggest that you book your own room. There will be a very limited number of cots available at a cost of \$28.00 (tax included) per cot per night.

Corner rooms are considered to be deluxe rooms by the hotel. The room rate for corner rooms will be \$85.00 plus 5% PST (\$4.25) and 7% GST (\$5.95) for a total of \$95.20 per night.

Please Note: Corner rooms only have one bed in them and these rooms will be subject to availability.

Your Coach or Zone Tournament Director will be providing you with a Participant Information Form. **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM.** Once you have completed this form give it to your Coach or Zone Tournament Director along with the appropriate payment immediately. The Coach or Zone Tournament Director will return it to the Provincial Office prior to the deadline date of **MONDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2004.**

We will accept payment by cheque, money order or VISA. If paying by cheque or money order please make the cheque payable to the "Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association".

ASSESSMENT FEE

ALL BOWLERS, COACHES AND ASSISTANT COACHES PARTICIPATING IN THE ONTARIO OPEN 5 PIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS MUST PAY A \$10.00 ASSESSMENT FEE. The assessment fee **MUST** be paid in advance on the Participant Information Form provided by the Coach or Zone Tournament Director.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DRESS CODE FORM

Attached to the Participant Information Form is an Acknowledgement of Dress Code Form. Each participant **MUST** complete and sign this form to acknowledge they understand and agree to abide by the dress code as outlined. This form **MUST** be returned to your Coach or Zone Tournament Director as part of your Participant Information Form. **Failure to sign this form may result in not being permitted to compete in the event.**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

Also attached to the Participant Information Form 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.

Please read the form carefully and initial each item. Upon completion of the form please print and sign your name. This form **MUST** also be returned to your Coach or Zone Tournament Director as part of your Participant Information Form. **Participants who do not complete and sign the form will not be allowed to bowl.** This is an action that may seem drastic but is necessary for the well being of your Association.

VICTORY BANQUET AND AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

All Competitors and Coaches must wear their full uniforms to the Victory Banquet

The Victory Banquet and Awards Presentations will be held on **SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2004** at the Hamilton Convention Centre, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton, Ontario in Chedoke Ballrooms A & B. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a \$25.00 cost to all Bowlers, Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Guests to attend the Victory Banquet. Tickets **MUST** be ordered and paid for in advance on the Participant Information Form provided. All tickets ordered will be sent directly to the Coach or Zone Tournament Director.

The winning teams and singles champions will be refunded the \$25.00 cost provided they have pre-paid for their banquet ticket. A cash bar will also be available at the banquet. **Please Note: There will be no banquet tickets available on the day of the banquet.**

GUEST PASSES

For guests who plan to attend the Open Championships, the following prices will apply:

4-Day Passes	\$ 6.00 (GST Included)
Victory Banquet and Awards Presentations	\$25.00
Bowlers' Investment Seminar	Free Admission with 4-Day Pass

The above passes and tickets **MUST** be ordered and paid for in advance on the Participant Information Form provided. Please keep in mind that you are ordering passes and tickets for guests only, with the exception of the Victory Banquet tickets. All guest passes will be sent to the Coach or Zone Tournament Director. The deadline date for ordering passes and tickets will be **MONDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2004.**

Daily admission passes can be purchased at the bowling centre at a cost of \$3.00 per day (GST included). **Note: Daily passes cannot be pre-ordered.**

Complimentary competitor lane passes for all contingent members (bowlers, coaches and assistant coaches) will be distributed through the Coach along with any guest passes and tickets ordered.

PLEASE NOTE:

NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE BOWLING CENTRE WITHOUT A PASS. ANYONE WHO LOSES THEIR LANE PASS WILL BE CHARGED TO HAVE IT REPLACED.

THURSDAY NIGHT RECEPTION

The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association **WILL NOT** be conducting the Thursday Night Reception this year due to the escalating cost of insurance to cover this event. However, Sherwood Centre will be holding a function on Thursday night. Details regarding this function to follow.

PERFECT GAME POOL

The concept, introduced at the 1996 National Championships, allows each bowler the chance to pay \$20.00 and the entire pool will be available to anyone who bowls a perfect game, at any time, during the 2004 Open. Naturally, if more than one "450" game is bowled, the pot will be split among those bowlers. However, if a perfect game is not bowled, the pool will be split among the male and female entries and 25% (twenty-five per cent) of the money contributed for this year only will be distributed to the men's and ladies' high single from the tournament. If a perfect game is not bowled, the remaining 75% will be carried over to make an even larger pool for next year.

Example:

250 Bowlers @ \$20.00 = \$5,000.00

Any or all perfect game(s) would win or share \$5,000.00

If a perfect game is not bowled, let's assume our 250 entries are 150 men and 100 women.

Men's High Single

150 @ \$20.00 = \$3,000.00
25% to High Single = \$750.00

Ladies' High Single

100 @ \$20.00 = \$2,000.00
25% to High Single = \$500.00

From this example, \$3,750.00 would be carried over to the 2005 pool.

It is the responsibility of the bowler to enter themselves in the Perfect Game Pool on the Participant Information Form provided. You can also enter the Perfect Game Pool at Sherwood Centre prior to the teams starting on **THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2004**.

Please Note: Singles competitors MUST be entered in the Perfect Game Pool prior to bowling on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7TH, 2004 to be eligible.

BOWLERS' INVESTMENT SEMINAR

We have enclosed information regarding the Bowlers' Investment Seminar. **It is the responsibility of the Singles Competitors to enter themselves in the Bowlers' Investment Seminar**. All singles competitors have been mailed an entry form.

TEAM PICTURES

We will be taking team pictures again this year. The cost of the pictures will be \$6.00 (GST included). These pictures **MUST** be ordered and paid for in advance on the Participant Information Form provided. The deadline date for picture orders will be **MONDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2004**.

PARKING AT SHERWOOD CENTRE

Parking at Sherwood Centre is limited and therefore we would ask that you please try and car pool whenever possible. **If you park across the street in the plaza, your car may be towed and you will be responsible to pay all fines incurred.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS

Please be advised that the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association **WILL NOT** tolerate any acts of vandalism or loud noises in the hotel of any kind during these Open Championships.

With regards to any noise complaints, please be advised that the Sheraton Hotel will give **ONE WARNING ONLY!** If there is a 2nd complaint about a room, the hotel will ask the person(s) involved to leave the hotel. **There will be no room rebates issued if this occurs.**

Violators will be reported to the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association and could result in automatic suspension of their membership privileges.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact your Coach or Zone Tournament Director.

We look forward to seeing you in Hamilton and wish you the best of luck in the Provincial Championships.

Yours truly,

ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

Rhonda Gifford
Program Coordinator

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