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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 Holiday Classic 5 Pin Championships. These Championships are being held on **SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015** at Sherwood Centre in Hamilton.

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

- Rules & Regulations
- Map of Hamilton
- Schedule of Events
- Six (6) Bowler & Coach Information Forms – (One for you and each member of your team)
- 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 MARCH 23, 2015. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been arranged at the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, 116 King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario. Their telephone number is (905) 529-5515.

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

If you require a room please contact the hotel directly at (905) 529-5515 or 1-888-627-8161 and tell them you are booking a room under the O5PBA block code "**HOLIDAYCLASSIC2015**".

Please be advised that the hotel will only guarantee the room price until **MARCH 23, 2015**. After this date, the hotel will be releasing the balance of rooms under our block. **Please contact the hotel before the deadline date to avoid any disappointment.**

PLEASE NOTE: PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THERE IS NO BANQUET SCHEDULED FOR THIS EVENT. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED UPON COMPLETION OF THE EVENT AT THE BOWLING CENTRE.

AVERAGE CLARIFICATION

All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championships must have bowled a minimum of twenty-one (21) games during the 2014-2015 bowling season up to and including **FEBRUARY 8, 2015**, and must use the following criteria for determining averages:

- AVERAGE BOOK:** Bowlers must use their rolling average as recorded in the Average Book or on the O5PBA website at www.o5pba.ca, and as established in any league in Ontario.
- NON-AVERAGE BOOK:** Bowlers with no rolling average in the Average Book or on the O5PBA website, must use **the highest of the following as determined by the Provincial Office:**

Use their highest league average up to and including **FEBRUARY 8, 2015** (highest average if a bowler bowls in two (2) or more leagues), and as established in any league in Ontario.

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Use their average based on the median between their highest league average up to and including **FEBRUARY 8, 2015**, and the average based on the twenty-one (21) games (seven weeks) leading up to **FEBRUARY 8, 2015**.

SEE EXAMPLE BELOW:

DATE	GAME 1	GAME 2	GAME 3	3 GAME TOTAL	TOTAL GAMES	TOTAL PINFALL	AVG.
Sept. 3-14	194	137	130	461	3	461	153
Sept. 10-14	175	139	183	497	6	958	159
Sept. 17-14	199	142	236	577	9	1535	170
Sept. 24-14	199	142	236	577	9	1535	170
Oct. 1-14	199	200	189	588	12	2123	176
Oct. 8-14	171	111	157	439	15	2562	170
Oct. 15-14	137	187	195	519	18	3081	171
Oct. 22-14	158	202	185	545	21	3626	172
Oct. 29-14	272	190	157	619	24	4245	176
Nov. 5-14	240	246	230	716	27	4961	183
Nov. 12-14	133	208	168	509	30	5470	182
Nov. 19-14	176	142	189	507	33	5977	181
Nov. 26-14	183	197	179	559	36	6536	181
Dec.3-14	244	252	240	736	39	7272	186

Average Calculation:

Average as of specified average date: **186**

Average over last 21 games (seven weeks): **199** (4191 pinfall divided by 21 games)

199 minus 186 = 13 divided in half = 6.5 186 + 6 = **192**

Average for Provincial Championships: **192**

PLEASE NOTE: BANK SCORES SHOULD NOT BE USED TO CALCULATE A BOWLER'S AVERAGE AS NO GAMES SHOULD BE COUNTED MORE THAN ONCE. (SEE SCORES OF SEPT. 24-14 IN EXAMPLE SHOWN ABOVE)

- c) All bowlers not in the Average Book must provide the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association with an original or a photocopy of their Individual Average Sheet. The average sheet must be obtained from all leagues they bowl in, and must show scores bowled in all games from the opening of the 2014-2015 bowling season with a minimum of twenty-one (21) games bowled up to and including **FEBRUARY 8, 2015**. **A hand-copied facsimile of this average sheet is not acceptable.** If you cannot get a photocopy, send the original to the Provincial Office and we will photocopy it and return the original to you immediately.

Please Note: Only bowlers who are not listed in the Average Book or on the O5PBA Website are required to submit copies of their Individual Average Sheet(s). The Average Sheet(s) must be submitted with the "Bowler Information Form".

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CODE OF CONDUCT AND DRESS CODE FORM

Attached to the Bowler and Coach Information Form is an Acknowledgement of Code of Conduct and 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 below:

All bowlers and coaches must wear shirts with collars in their registered Zone Association colours with a logo identifying the Association the bowler represents. Bowlers must wear straight hemmed bottom dress slacks, dress shorts, skirts, skorts or capris. (The skirts, skorts or dress shorts may not be shorter than just below the fingertips when placing your arms at your side). Cotton pants will be permitted provided they are not faded, have no rips, tears or studs on them and have no slits up the side of them. Jeans, harem, spandex, leggings, stirrups, sweatpants, cargo pants or warm-up pants of any kind are prohibited. No pants/slacks with external pockets on the sides will be accepted. Hats, caps or headgear of any kind are prohibited unless worn for medical or religious reasons.

Any bowler 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.**

This form **MUST** be returned to the Provincial Office as part of your Bowler and Coach Information Form. **Failure to sign this form may result in not being permitted to compete in the event.**

Please contact your Local Association to arrange for your bowling shirts. It is up to you as Coach to ensure that your bowlers adhere to the dress code.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

Also attached to the Bowler and Coach 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 the box after reading and understanding the statements and conditions. Upon completion of the form please print and sign your name. This form **MUST** be returned to the Provincial Office as part of your Bowler and Coach Information Form. **Participants who do not complete and sign the form will not be permitted to bowl.** This is an action that may seem drastic but is necessary for the well being of your Association.

You will be competing for merchandise prizes at the Provincial Championships. The Provincial Championships shall consist of four (4) games. The team that finishes in first (1st) place based on a total team pins-over-average basis will be declared our Provincial Champions.

Once again, please call a team meeting as soon as possible. **It is the responsibility of the Coach to see that all Bowler and Coach Information Forms and individual average sheets (if applicable) are completed and returned to the Provincial Office no later than MARCH 23, 2015.**

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

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Provincial Office at (416) 426-7167.