

## **TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING PROCEDURE**

### **WHY HAVE YOUR TOURNAMENT SANCTIONED?**

1. For Proprietors' protection against non-payment of entry fees, and conduct that is detrimental to your bowling centre and the sport of 5 Pin Bowling.
2. For the bowlers' protection against non-payment of 100% of the prize fund, and discrimination.

### **DOES YOUR TOURNAMENT REQUIRE A SANCTION**

#### **AND IF SO**

#### **WHOSE SANCTION IS REQUIRED**

A tournament held in one (1) bowling centre for only bowlers in that establishment does not require a sanction. This tournament must be publicized as a **RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT** and cannot accept entries from bowlers who do not belong to a bowling league in the bowling centre conducting the tournament.

This is called a **HOUSE TOURNAMENT**. No sanction is required.

#### **LOCAL ASSOCIATION SANCTION**

1. An **OPEN** tournament conducted within the boundaries of a Zone, requires a **LOCAL ASSOCIATION SANCTION ONLY**. The rules, regulations, etc. must be sent to the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association for record purposes only.
2. Tournaments sanctioned by Local Associations must be for members only. Membership cards may be sold to non-members at the **current membership fee**.

#### **ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION SANCTION**

1. Any bowling centre conducting a tournament open to bowlers who do not bowl regularly in that centre requires a sanction. **THIS CALLED AN OPEN TOURNAMENT**.
2. Any tournaments conducted by a Proprietor, Sponsor, Local Association or any other parties open to bowlers in two (2) or more Local Associations require an Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Sanction. This must be applied for as outlined on the Tournament Sanction Application Form.
3. Tournament sanctioned by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association can only be participated in by members of Local Associations or any affiliates of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.

4. Any affiliated member of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association participating in a non-sanctioned tournament is liable for a suspension of up to one (1) year.
5. Moral sanctions will be granted to church groups, no-prize tournaments etc. upon request at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
6. Special event tournaments, Canada-wide sponsored tournament and provincially sponsored tournaments where non-members may be involved will be sanctioned only at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Special fees may be applied if deemed necessary.

### **HOW DO I HAVE MY TOURNAMENT SANCTIONED?**

1. Fill in the Tournament Sanction Application Form along with a proof copy of your poster and/ or entry form, and send to:

#### **ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**3 Concorde Gate, Suite 302**

**Toronto, Ontario, M3C 3N7**

This form to be sent in fifteen (15) days prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month the tournament is being held.

2. If your bowling centre is a member in good standing with Bowl Ontario and your tournament meets with Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules and regulations (see tournament rules) an O5PBA Sanction Number will be forwarded to you for inclusion on your poster and entry forms. This proclaims to all bowlers that you are conducting a proper event and have guaranteed to return 100% of the prize money received.

### **TOURNAMENT CHECK-OFF LIST**

1. Name of Tournament
2. Name of establishment, address and telephone number
3. Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Sanction Number
4. Beginning and ending dates
5. Closing date for entries
6. Eligibility requirements, if any, must be stated in detail on the entry form and post
7. Breakdown.....entry fee
8. 100% return of prize fees
9. Prize Ratio – one in ten
10. Avoid guaranteed prizes

11. Name, address and telephone number of tournament director

If you do not receive your Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Sanction Number within seven (7) days from date of submission, telephone the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association at (416) 426-7167.

### **TOURNAMENT SANCTION RULES**

1. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules to apply.
2. 100% return of prize fund to bowlers.
3. Prize fund ratio – one prize for every ten bowlers participating (minimum).
4. Prize distribution (cash awards only) for non-guaranteed prize fund.  
  
1<sup>st</sup> prize.....not to exceed 40% of the prize fund  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize....must be equal to at least one half of 1<sup>st</sup> prize  
  
Balance of prize fund must be distributed to reflect 100% return and one in ten prizes ratio.
5. Guaranteed prize funds could be an exception to the above, but must be approved by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
6. Money for special awards, such as perfect games, etc. cannot be paid from the prize fund.
7. Applications must be made for sanctioning of a tournament on official Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Application Forms prior to the publishing of any literature.
8. The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Sanction Number must appear on all tournament literature.
9. In all sanctioned tournaments, all participants must be members of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association or purchase a Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association membership card prior to bowling.
10. It is the proprietor's responsibility to ensure that each bowler's membership card number is recorded on the tournament entry form list. Any cash prizes paid to other than members in good standing of the above mentioned association must be added to the prize fund by the proprietors.

11. Any bowler who knowingly produces or causes a membership card number other than his or her own to be placed on an entry form or list, is subject to disqualification and other penalties as provided for in the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Constitution.
12. For the protection of the Proprietor, all prize lists should be approved by the sanctioning chair of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association prior to any money being paid.
13. A completed financial statement of all tournament funds must be submitted to the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association office within thirty (30) days of completion of tournament, and included complete prize list. The prize must contain each bowler's name, address, city/town, full association membership card number, and amount won. Failure to do so may result in a loss of future sanctioning privileges.
14. Prize money must be paid within thirty (30) days of completion of the tournament.
15. Lanes must be certified, or application for certification must be made prior to sanction being granted.
16. Personalized bowling balls will be allowed at the discretion of the bowling establishment. Otherwise, if personalized balls are not allowed in the centre, only the house balls can be used.
17. **CANCELLATION OF TOURNAMENT.** The Proprietor or Tournament Director must inform all entrants by wire or registered mail **WITHIN 24 HOURS OF CANCELLING A TOURNAMENT.** All monies must be returned within ten (10) days.
18. Should a tournament be cancelled, a cash bond must be posted by the sponsoring agency before the tournament receives a sanction the following year.
19. In all **OPEN TOURNAMENTS** the lanes immediately adjacent to the tournament must not be occupied.