# STRIKE IT BIG TOURNAMENT

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The Strike it Big Tournament consist of three (3) steps:

- I League Finals
- II The Zone/DC Finals
- III The Provincial Championships

## **GENERAL RULES**

- 1. Open to all bowlers 19 years of age and over as of **DECEMBER 31<sup>ST,</sup> 2003**, and who are members of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
- 2. Once thirty-five (35) entry books have been sold, a roll-off should be conducted with thirty-five (35) bowlers (one (1) bowler per entry book(s) sold) to advance one (1) bowler to the Provincial Championships. The Zone/DC or League must be advised as to who the advancing bowler will be for each entry book(s) sold. A roll-off may be conducted for every entry book(s) sold.
- 3. If a person purchases two (2) or more Strike it Big entry books they can bowl once per entry book in the League/Zone/DC Final if scheduling permits.
- 4. A League/Zone/DC must sell thirty-five (35) entry books or multiple of thirty-five (35) entry books to be eligible to advance one (1) bowler per thirty-five (35) entry books to the Provincial Championships. (i.e. 35–69 entry books advances one (1) bowler, 70–104 entry books advances two (2) bowlers).
- 5. Any League/Zone/DC that does not sell thirty-five (35) entry books will advance to a combined roll-off which may or may not be in their respective home zone.
- 6. All leagues that order their entry books through the Provincial Office must inform the Local Association once they have sold thirty-five (35) entry books.
- 7. All entry book(s) must be purchased\* prior to <u>FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004</u> to be eligible to bowl in the Strike it Big tournament. Any entry book(s) purchased after this date, will only be eligible for the promotional draws.
  - \* <u>purchased is defined as monies and entry book(s) stubs in the hands of the O5PBA office.</u>
- 8. Format in all rounds will be based on "Pins-Over-Average".
- 9. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds.
- 10. 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 ¾" to 5" in diameter, 3 lbs. 4 ozs. to 3 lbs. 10 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.

### **LEAGUE FINALS**

NOTE: ONLY THOSE LEAGUES WHO ORDERED THEIR STRIKE IT BIG ENTRY BOOKS DIRECTLY FROM THE PROVINCIAL OFFICE WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO CONDUCT A LEAGUE FINAL PROVIDED THEY HAVE SOLD A MINIMUM OF THIRTY-FIVE (35) ENTRY BOOKS.

- 1. The league finals will consist of three (3) games bowled during regular league play. The winners will be declared on a pins-over-average format. Leagues who bowl more than three (3) games in league play must use only the first three (3) games bowled. All league finals must be completed by **MARCH 28**<sup>TH</sup>, **2004**.
- 2. Once a league has sold thirty-five (35) entry books, they may conduct their league finals anytime prior to **MARCH 28**<sup>TH</sup>, **2004**.
- 3. All bowlers who compete in the League Finals must use their highest league average in that Zone, as recorded in the Zone Average Book. Bowlers with no average recorded in the Zone Average Book, must use their average from the league in which they are competing up to and including the week prior to the scheduled League Finals with a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled.
- 4. Any entry book purchaser can designate a bowler to bowl for him/her. The substitute bowler must be from the League where the Strike it Big entry books are assigned. The substitute bowler must not already be bowling on another Strike it Big entry book.
- 5. Leagues that are advancing winners directly to the Provincial Championships must contact their Local Association for a shirt. The cost of the shirt will be the responsibility of the league.

### **KEY DATES**

Entry Deadline: February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004

League Finals: On or before March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Zone/DC Finals: On or before March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004

**Provincial Championships** 

Average Date: March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Provincial Championships: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004