

## TOURNAMENT WITHDRAWAL POLICY

1. Due to some misunderstanding as to the requirement should a bowler have to withdraw from advancing to the next round in team events, a policy was introduced for clarification.
2. Previously, it was an unwritten rule that all bowlers who withdrew from an event prior to a Regional or Provincial Championship, had to submit a letter in writing to the Provincial Office stating why they were forfeiting their position in the tournament.
3. This has caused some concern as it was not a written policy and was often disputed. Therefore, the following policy is now in effect for all bowlers who withdraw from any event:
  - a) A bowler who qualifies at a League, DC/House or Zone Round and for some reason does not wish to continue on to the next round may do so without penalty.  
  
In this case, it is the responsibility of the Zone or Decentralized Association to replace the bowler who withdrew with a proper substitute based on the substitution rule for that event.
  - b) A bowler who qualifies for a Regional or Provincial Championship and does not wish to continue or cannot continue must state in writing why they are withdrawing from the event and may do so without penalty. The letter must be sent to the office of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
  - c) The O5PBA, upon receipt of such a letter will consult with the Zone or Decentralized Association to determine the substitute bowler.
  - d) Bowlers who refuse to write such a letter may have their membership with the O5PBA suspended; however, the team shall have the right to another bowler so they can compete.
4. There are no substitutions allowed within seven (7) days of a Regional or Provincial Championship except in extreme circumstances, such as a deceased bowler, a death in the immediate family, or a disabling injury. Please contact the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association for any further rulings.

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