

**ONTARIO 5 PIN BOOSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS****F O R M A T**

The Ontario 5 Pin Booster Club Championships consist of two (2) steps:

- **ZONE/DC FINALS**
- **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**GENERAL RULES**

1. Open to all bowlers **18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER** as of **DECEMBER 31, 2007**, and who are members of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. Entrants must be paid up members of the Local Association Booster Club (sanctioned by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association and operated by the chartered Zone or Decentralized Association) to be eligible for this tournament.
3. Format in all rounds will be based on "Pins-Over-Average".
4. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds of competition.
5. 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 3/4" 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.

**ZONE/DC FINALS**

1. The Zone/DC Finals must be completed by **APRIL 13, 2008**. Time and date to be set by the Local Association, and may be bowled during regular league play.
2. The Zone/DC Finals shall consist of three (3) games with the winner being declared on a pins-over-average total.
3. One (1) bowler shall advance to the Provincial Championships for every \$300.00 returned to the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers Association. Local Association Booster Clubs may consist of \$20, \$30, or \$40 dollar memberships and be in quantities of 75, 100, 150, 200, 250, or 300.

4. All bowlers competing in the Zone/DC Finals must use the following criteria for determining averages:

**AVERAGE BOOK:** Bowlers must use their highest league average in that Zone, as recorded in the Zone Average Book.

**NON-AVERAGE BOOK:** Bowlers with no average recorded in the Zone Average Book, must use their highest league average in that Zone or Decentralized Association up to and including **MARCH 9, 2008** (highest average if a bowler bowls in two (2) or more leagues), with a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If the Zone/DC Final is prior to **MARCH 9, 2008**, the average date for Non-Average Book competitors shall be **the last day of the month prior to the tournament.**

5. All bowlers qualifying for the Provincial Championships must have bowled a minimum of twenty-one (21) games from the beginning of the 2007-2008 bowling season up to and including **MARCH 9, 2008** in order to compete in the Provincial Championships.
6. All bowlers must bowl in the Zone/DC Finals where they purchased a Local Booster Club Membership.
7. A bowler who purchases a Local Association Booster Club Membership in two (2) or more Zone or Decentralized Associations may enter and compete in each Zone/DC Final, providing scheduling of same permits, but shall be permitted to bowl only once in the Provincial Championships.
8. Teams or groups of bowlers, who purchase a Local Association Booster Club Membership, shall select a designated bowler from the team or group to bowl on their behalf.
9. Individuals or groups who do not bowl and who purchase a Local Association Booster Club Membership shall select a qualified designated bowler to bowl on their membership. The bowler **not the membership holder**, will receive the appropriate prize at the Provincial Championships.
10. A bowler who purchases more than one (1) membership in a Local Association Booster Club may bowl on each membership if scheduling permits. If scheduling does not permit, the bowler may bowl on behalf of one (1) membership, and select a designated bowler(s) to bowl on the other membership.

The phrase "if scheduling permits" grants permission for a bowler to compete two or more times in a Zone/DC Final provided there is more than one shift.

11. Bowlers or designated bowlers who do not bowl in the Zone or Decentralized Association where the Local Association Booster Club Membership was purchased shall be permitted to bowl in that Zone/DC Final.
12. All designated bowlers must be members of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association and be **18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER** as of **DECEMBER 31, 2007.**
13. In the event of a tie or ties for the last qualifying position, a one (1) game roll-off shall be required to determine the bowler(s) that advances.

<b>PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>
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1. The Provincial Championships shall be bowled on **MAY 24, 2008** in a centre designated by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championships must use the following criteria for determining averages:
  - a) **AVERAGE BOOK:** Bowlers must use their highest league average as recorded in the Average Book, and as established in any league in Ontario.
  - b) **NON-AVERAGE BOOK:** Bowlers with no average recorded in the Average Book, must use **the highest of the following as determined by the Provincial Office:**

Use their highest league average up to and including **APRIL 13, 2008** (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 **APRIL 13, 2008**, and the average based on the twenty-one (21) games (seven weeks) leading up to **APRIL 13, 2008**.
  - 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 2007-2008 bowling season with a minimum of twenty-one (21) games bowled up to and including **APRIL 13, 2008**.
3. The Provincial Championships shall consist of three (3) games, and the winner will be declared on a total pins-over-average basis.
4. If a qualifier is unable to compete in the Provincial Championships, the position shall be filled by the next eligible bowler from the Zone/DC Finals.
5. The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field, and all decisions by the Committee shall be final.
6. In the event of a tie for first (1<sup>st</sup>) place, a one (1) game roll-off will be held between the tied players to determine the winner.
7. In the event of a tie or ties for any other positions, the bowler beating their average by the most pins in the last game, shall receive the higher placing. If the tie still exists, using the same rule, the scores from the preceding game shall be used to break the tie.
8. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.

9. All bowlers must wear shirts in their registered Zone Association colours with a logo identifying the Association the bowler represents. Bowlers must wear straight hemmed bottom dress slacks. 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, shorts, 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 (\$50.00) will be levied against each BOWLER not conforming to the dress code.**
10. There shall be a warm-up prior to the start of the event.
11. All bowlers must initial their lanesheet before it leaves the scorestand after each game. This acknowledges that their score is correct. No changes can be made to the score after it has been initialled and leaves the scorestand.
12. There shall be no use of alcohol or illegal drugs. Any bowler found to be intoxicated or consuming alcoholic beverages shall be removed from the tournament.
13. All Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules are in effect.
14. Any article falling from a bowler's person on or over the foul line during the delivery of a ball is a foul. A penalty of fifteen (15) pins shall be deducted for such an infraction. Call the Judge of Play to retrieve any such articles.
15. Any bowler who throws a ball prior to the starting signal may be assessed a fifteen (15) pin penalty. Any ball or balls delivered shall be declared a "dead ball".
16. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, call the Judge of Play immediately.
17. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings and all decisions may be subject to appeal to the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.
18. No substitutions are allowed within seven (7) days of the event 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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