

HIGH-LOW DOUBLES 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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The High-Low Doubles 5 Pin Championships consists of four (4) steps:

- **LEAGUE ROUND**
- **ZONE/DC FINALS**
- **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- **INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

GENERAL RULES

1. Open to all bowlers **19 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER** as of **DECEMBER 31, 2010**, and who are members of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. Entry fee shall be \$7.00 per bowler (HST included).
3. Entry Deadline shall be **OCTOBER 10, 2010**.
4. Each league, by using bowlers' averages, will select their doubles teams as follows:
 - a) High average bowler in the league paired with the lowest average bowler.
 - b) Second highest average bowler in the league paired with the second lowest average bowler, and so on until all of the bowlers have been paired.

EXAMPLE:

37 BOWLERS IN A LEAGUE

Number bowlers from #1 to #37 according to their averages with the highest bowler being #1.

The #1 bowler (highest average) is paired with the #37 bowler (lowest average).

The #2 bowler is paired with the #36 bowler, and so on, which will leave the #19 bowler without a partner. This bowler will be paired with the #18 bowler thus giving bowler #18 two (2) partners.

5. **QUALIFYING ROUND POLICY:**
 - a) Bowlers who are members in two (2) or more leagues may enter and compete in each League Round. Bowlers who qualify to advance from more than one (1) league may bowl on more than one (1) doubles team at the Zone/DC Finals, only if scheduling permits.

- b) The phrase "if scheduling permits", grants permission for a bowler to compete in more than one Zone/DC Final so long as each of those finals is a separate and distinct competition, occurring on different days, or at substantially different times.
 - c) Bowlers who qualify to bowl on more than one (1) doubles team at the Zone/DC Finals, but scheduling does not permit them to bowl on both doubles teams, must bowl on the team from the league in which their average is highest as of the specified average date.
 - d) No bowler will be permitted to compete on more than one (1) doubles team at the Provincial Championships. Bowlers qualifying on more than one (1) doubles team for the Provincial Championships must bowl on the team from the league in which their average is highest as recorded in the Average Book(s) or as of the specified average date if not listed in the Average Book(s).
- 6. This event is a doubles pins-over-average tournament.
- 7. **FLAT SCORES (No Handicap)** shall be used in all rounds.
- 8. A league must have a minimum of eight (8) paid entries in order to participate.
- 9. Replacements shall be allowed in all rounds except the League Round.
- 10. Any bowler who, for any reason, vacates their position on a team for any level of competition forfeits the right to return to competition in this event on that team or any other team. Such withdrawal may result in suspension of tournament/membership privileges of that individual.
- 11. A replacement **TEAM** must be the next eligible team in order of finish from the preceding round.
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 - a) A replacement **BOWLER** must be the next eligible bowler in order of finish from the preceding round provided that the replacement bowler is from the same league and also of equal average rating as the bowler being replaced.
 - b) Equal average rating means the high average bowler on the team may only be replaced by the high average bowler from another team. This rule also applies to the low average bowler.
 - c) If the next eligible bowler from the preceding round is not from the same league as the bowler being replaced, then revert back to each preceding round until the criteria is met.
- 13. If a bowler misses a game or games they shall be allowed 95% of their average for any games missed for all rounds except the Provincial Championships.
- 14. Scores and averages of winners in all rounds will be authenticated and checked thoroughly. Any falsification or misrepresentation of scores or averages, knowingly or unknowingly, shall result in automatic disqualification.

15. 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, and 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.
16. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds of competition except in the League Round, where league rules shall apply.
17. In the case of any dispute, or interpretation of any rule, the decision of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee shall be final.
18. No mechanical noisemakers of any kind will be allowed in any round of the event.

LEAGUE ROUND

1. Doubles teams shall bowl the number of games normally bowled by that league for four (4) consecutive weeks during regular league play between **OCTOBER 18, 2010** and **NOVEMBER 21, 2010**.
2. Leagues will advance one (1) team of two (2) bowlers each to the Zone/DC Finals according to the following formula:

EXAMPLE:

8 to 11 Entries	1 Team Advances
12 to 19 Entries	2 Teams Advance
20 to 27 Entries	3 Teams Advance
28 to 35 Entries	4 Teams Advance
36 to 43 Entries	5 Teams Advance
44 to 51 Entries	6 Teams Advance and so on
3. All bowlers who compete in the League Round must use their 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 **OCTOBER 10, 2010** with a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled.
4. Bowlers qualifying for the Provincial Championships must have bowled a minimum of twenty-one (21) games from the beginning of the 2010-2011 bowling season up to and including **JANUARY 2, 2011** in order to compete in the Provincial Championships.
5. Spare bowlers are ineligible unless they can compete for the four (4) week League Round and are members in good standing of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
6. The League Round is a four (4) week total pins-over-average event. The doubles team beating their average by the most pins over or the least pins under if all doubles teams are below their average after four (4) weeks shall be declared the "League Champions". All other qualifying positions will be decided by pins-over-average for the four (4) week period.

7. In the event of a tie (two (2) or more teams are the same number of pins over or under their average) after the final (4th) week, the team(s) beating their average by the most pins the final (4th) week shall receive the higher placing. If a tie still exists, the team(s) beating their average by the most pins the preceding (3rd) week shall receive the higher placing.
8. The team that finishes first (1st) in the league round will receive Champion Lapel Pins.
9. If the league rules permit bowl-offs for league play, they are permissible for this round only of the tournament.

KEY DATES

Entry Deadline **October 10, 2010**

Average Date **October 10, 2010**

League Rounds **October 18 to November 21, 2010**
(FOUR (4) CONSECUTIVE WEEKS)

Zone/DC Finals
 Average Date **November 21, 2010**

Zone/DC Finals **On or before January 2, 2011**

Provincial Championships
 Average Date **January 2, 2011**

Provincial Championships **February 26, 2011 – AFTERNOON**

Inter-Provincial Championships **April 14-16, 2011**
