



Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association

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TO: TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF BOWLING SCHOOL STUDENTS

SUBJECT: 2013 O5PBA/YBC BOWLING SCHOOL

Well, the time is almost here for the O5PBA/YBC Bowling School, our 22nd year.

Before your son or daughter leaves home for the school, there are several areas that deserve consideration at this time.

Enclosed with this letter you will find:

- a. ***A map to McMaster University;***
- b. ***Directions to REGISTRATION spot at McMaster University;***
- c. ***A map to Sherwood Centre;***
- d. ***Introduction about the Bowling School; and***
- e. ***Schedule of Events.***

THE STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT MCMASTER UNIVERSITY BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 10:45 A.M. ON THURSDAY, JULY 18TH, 2013 (UNLESS YOUR CHILD IS ONE OF THE PRE-AUTHORIZED STUDENTS WHO HAS PAID FOR THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN ADVANCE).

IF YOUR CHILD IS A WEDNESDAY ARRIVAL, HE/SHE IS REQUIRED TO CHECK-IN BETWEEN 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. ONLY with School staff in the lobby of the residence (Les Prince Hall) and at that time he/she will be under school rules commencing that night.

If an issue exists concerning the Wednesday registration time, please contact the office immediately so that alternate arrangements can be discussed.

**** PLEASE SEE THE SEPARATE SHEET FOR REGISTRATION INFO ****

I am happy to report that we are once again using “**Les Prince Hall**” as our residence, so simply follow the signs directing you to “**LPH**”. Les Prince Hall has in room washroom/showers, so please remember to bring your own towel and toiletries for your stay. Some items are provided in room but there is no maid service.

McMaster University has “**PAY PER DAY PARKING**”, so if your child is bringing a vehicle which will be parked on campus there will be a parking charge. Therefore, if at all possible please arrange to have your child dropped off instead of driving or car pool with someone else that is coming to share the cost.

If your child is bringing a vehicle, the following will be the cost for parking:

Wednesday (pre-approved students) to Sunday –	BEFORE 4pm	\$39
	AFTER 4pm	\$33

Thursday to Sunday - \$28

Parking Fees are payable during registration to the Bowling School, so please make sure to have exact change available if possible.

As in past years, the rooms are pre-assigned. The Group to which your child has been assigned determines this and he/she will **NOT** be permitted to change rooms with anyone!

When arriving on campus, please follow the enclosed map and written directions to get you to your registration and residence, but there will also be marker signs on the campus route to point the way (O5PBA Bowling School), so just keep an eye out.

DRESS CODE AND CONDUCT

The following will be the dress code and conduct of all students at the school. We want your child to be comfortable during the bowling school; however, we have drawn up some guidelines in order that the attire supports the play of bowling and the learning environment that is intended.

- a. ***The clothing should also be free of distractions such as exposed underwear or clothing that is suggestive, revealing or immodest. Such as:***
 - ❖ ***No spaghetti-straps. Straps must be wide enough to cover the bra straps;***
 - ❖ ***No shirts or blouses that gape at the arms or neckline.***
 - ❖ ***No bare midriff.***
 - ❖ ***Writing on clothing must be free of: profanity, vulgarity, double-meanings, sexual or suggestive comments, discriminatory comments, and drug or alcohol advertising.***
- b. ***Jeans WILL BE permitted provided they have no rips or tears. Cut-offs will not be permitted during the bowling activities.***

- c. ***Hats are not permitted for any of our “Tournament” events in accordance with O5PBA rules.***
- d. ***For our final tournament, you will be expected to wear a BOWLING SHIRT (which we supply) and DRESS or COTTON PANTS(Khakis) or PLAIN DRESS SHORTS, ideally black (which you supply).***

SUITABLE DRESS CODE: DURING THE OFFICIAL COURSE INSTRUCTION AT THE BOWLING SCHOOL (BOWLING CENTRE), THE SUITABLE DRESS CODE WOULD BE SHORTS (WALKING SHORTS) OR PANTS (JEANS ARE PERMITTED BUT CUT-OFFS ARE NOT) AND EITHER A YBC IDENTIFIED SHIRT, GOLF SHIRT OR PLAIN T-SHIRT. PLEASE REFER TO ITEM “A” ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Although it is still summer time we operate our final Sunday tournament to the same standards that all O5PBA events are held under, therefore we wish to stress the need for the students and staff to conform to the dress code requirements.

Personal bowling shoes and personalized bowling balls may be used at the lanes, so your child should bring them with them. In order to avoid blisters, we would advise your child to bring socks with them. In addition, to avoid confusion, we would suggest that bowling shoes, bags, etc. be properly identified. Since many of us purchase our equipment from similar suppliers, they tend to all look alike. By definition, personalized bowling balls already bear identifying engraving.

Students will also need to bring either a pen/pencil to take notes during the school.

Expensive items such as jewelry, cameras, iPods/iPads, and smartphones etc. should be left at home. We cannot assume responsibility for their security as other groups often use the University residences while our School is in operation.

Each child has already completed a section on their application regarding allergies, physical health problems, and prescription medication. However, that was several months ago and some things may have changed. If any of these has changed in the interim, or your child forgot to note something, please have them speak with one of the bowling school facilitators as soon as possible when they register or report in to the designated office at Sherwood Centre. If your child normally wears a brace or tensor bandage to bowl, please do not forget to pack it.

Enclosed is a copy of the complete O5PBA Bowling School Rules. However, at the student meeting on Thursday morning at 11:00 a.m., your child will be made aware of the rules that we live by at the Bowling School. These have been designed for

our mutual protection and flagrant violators will be asked to leave the school. Any student not dressed in accordance with the approved dress code will be asked to change before leaving the University each morning. Non-compliance will result in restricted participation with their group for the day until the issue has been rectified.

Since your child may not have thrown a ball since the end of the bowling season, it is suggested that during the week prior to the school, your child should get out to your local centre and practice a bit. Each year participants encounter some aches and pains on the first day at the school simply because they are out of condition or have forgotten to do their warm-up exercises.

Although the tone of this letter is serious, we wish to remain proactive to insure that all students have a valuable and safe learning experience. On behalf of the Bowling School Committee, I hope that your child has an enjoyable time at the Bowling School.

In case of emergency the following is a list of contact numbers which could be useful:

Sherwood Centre, Hamilton	905-383-7641
O5PBA Offices, Toronto	416-426-7167
McMaster University	905-525-9140 Service Centre Desk Extension 27222

As the event convener, the Service Centre Desk can contact me with a message need be, if there is an emergency.

I look forward to seeing you and your child when you arrive.

Sincerely,

Mike Wilson
Chair, Bowling School Committee

Enclosures: