

ONTARIO OPEN 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THE SIDNEY L. MORRIS AWARDS

F O R M A T

The Ontario Open 5 Pin Championships consists of three (3) steps:

- **ZONE FINALS**
- **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

GENERAL RULES

1. Open to all bowlers and coaches **19 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER** as of **DECEMBER 31, 2007**, and who are members of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. Entry Deadline to be set by each Zone Association.
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 - a) Entry Fee to be decided by each Zone Association.
 - b) All zones must pay the designated assessment for this event.
 - c) **All bowlers, coaches and assistant coaches participating in the Provincial Championships must pay a \$20.00 assessment fee.**
4. **REPLACEMENT OF A BOWLER POLICY:**

Replacement of a bowler, once qualified for the Zone Contingent, shall not be permitted unless the reason is submitted (**in writing**) and signed by said bowler. Under extenuating circumstances, the Provincial Tournament Committee may waive the requirement for a letter from the bowler however; the reason(s) for withdrawal must be verified in writing by the Zone.
5. Any bowler who withdraws before the next level of competition as in Rule #4 above, is subject to automatic suspension from this event by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association and any further participation in the event.
6. Any bowler suspended under the above rule may have the suspension repealed if an acceptable reason for withdrawal is provided in writing. Such a written appeal must be received in the Provincial Office within ninety (90) days of a bowler being advised of their suspension under this rule.
7. Replacement of a bowler on any team may only be made with the approval of the Provincial Tournament Committee. The bowler being replaced shall not be permitted to compete in any event for the balance of the tournament.
8. The replacement bowler(s) for each zone shall be the runner-up man or lady from the Zone Finals.

9. If a replacement bowler is unable to compete at the Provincial Championships, a zone may designate an “**EMERGENCY SPARE**”. The name of the emergency spare (one man and one lady) must be submitted to the Tournament Committee in writing at the coaches’ meeting. Emergency spares must have entered the Zone Finals and must adhere to the dress code of the event.
10. A replacement bowler or emergency spare cannot be included in the team’s starting line-up for the bowler’s **FIRST GAME ONLY**. If the team advances to the National Championships, the replacement bowler or emergency spare shall be deemed to be an original qualifier.
11. When replacement of more than one bowler is approved on any team under General Rules 4 through 9 above, the **FIRST** approved substitute(s) shall be deemed to be an original qualifier.
12. Any bowler who withdraws for any reason at any level of competition forfeits the right to return to competition in this event. **(See General Rules #5 and #6)**
13. The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers’ Association Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field and all decisions by the Committee shall be final.
14. 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.
15. All coaches are required to abide by the rules of the Coaching Policy.
16. Assistant coaches must have full Level II Certification. In the event the coach is unable to participate, the assistant coach will be deemed to be the emergency replacement.
17. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers’ Association rules shall apply in all rounds.
18. 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.
19. Each Zone Association must submit to the Provincial Office no later than **JANUARY 6, 2008**, the entry form for every bowler that entered the tournament.
20. No mechanical noisemakers will be allowed in any round of the event.

ZONE FINALS

1. The Zone Finals shall consist of twenty (20) games bowled between **NOVEMBER 18, 2007** and **DECEMBER 9, 2007** in centres designated by the Local Zone Association.

2. a) All bowlers may bowl in the Zone of their "**PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE**".

DEFINITION:

As a guide, Principal Residence shall be the residence individuals' use for taxation purposes, driver's licence, etc. Bowlers with more than one residence, such as commuters living away from home for employment reasons and students living away from home for school reasons, must contact the Provincial Office for a ruling.

- b) i) Bowlers/coaches who only compete in regular league play as registered members of an O5PBA affiliated league in the Zone of their principal residence and individuals who do not compete in O5PBA affiliated league play must enter the Open in the Zone of their principal residence.
- ii) Bowlers/coaches who compete in regular league play as registered members of O5PBA affiliated leagues in both the Zone of their principal residence and another Zone and have played the year prior in that other Zone, must indicate in which Zone they will compete in the Open by filing a "**DECLARATION OF INTENT**" along with the appropriate average sheets to the Zone Tournament Director by **OCTOBER 31, 2007**. A copy of both the prior year and current year average sheets confirming their participation in said league must accompany the "**DECLARATION OF INTENT**". If a declaration form is not filed by that date, the bowler must compete in the Zone of their principal residence.
- c) All qualifiers to the Zone Contingent shall have their residence verified by the Zone Association Tournament Director.
- d) The penalty for bowling in the wrong Zone is an automatic suspension from the event.
- e) All decisions may be appealed. Requests to have suspensions lifted must be made in writing to the Provincial Board of Directors.
3. Other factors that may affect residency rules are as follows:
- a) Any bowler changing their principal residence from one Zone to another has the option of bowling in the Zone into which they have moved or of bowling in the Zone they have moved from, but for that **ONE YEAR ONLY**. The following year, the bowler must bowl in the Zone in which they reside, except as in Rule #2 b) above.
- b) Any bowler who has never bowled in the Open must bowl in the Zone in which he/she resides. Any bowler who did not bowl in the Open the previous year must bowl in the Zone in which they presently reside, except as in Rule #2 b) above.
- c) If the boundaries of a Zone or Zones are changed by the O5PBA, all bowlers affected by the change may continue to bowl in the Zone in which they were residing prior to the boundary change for a maximum of two (2) years. However, if they choose to bowl in the new Zone in which they now reside prior to the conclusion of the two (2) year grace period they may do so. By doing this they will forfeit all rights to return to bowl in their old/original Zone, except as in Rule #2 b) above.

- d) If a Zone is "Split" to create two new Zones, bowlers must bowl in the Zone of their Principal Residence, except as in Rule #2 b) above.
 - e) A bowler may bowl in the Zone of their choice in accordance with the change in residency rule passed at the 2001 Convention provided the bowler has filed a duly executed "**DECLARATION OF INTENT**" document by **OCTOBER 31, 2007**.
4. The Zone Finals shall consist of twenty (20) games.
 5. The top nine (9) men and the top nine (9) ladies, based on total pinfall, at the completion of the Zone Finals, shall qualify for the Provincial Championships.
 6. The top three (3) men and the top three (3) ladies will be recognized as the Singles Competitors for the Provincial Championships.
 7. The next three (3) men and three (3) ladies, along with the singles competitors, shall make up the Men's and Ladies' teams.
 8. The next three (3) men and three (3) ladies shall make up the Mixed Team.
 9. In the event that a Zone Association cannot field a full contingent for the Provincial Championships as noted above, the following will apply:
 - a) Three (3) to four (4) entries will field Singles Competitors only
 - b) Five (5) entries will field a Men's or Ladies' Team with no spare
 - c) Six (6) or seven (7) entries will field a Men's or Ladies' Team
 - d) Eight (8) entries will field three (3) Singles plus a Men's or Ladies' Team and a Mixed Team with no spare
 10. In the event of a tie for any qualifying position, a one (1) game roll-off shall be held to determine the final placing.
 11. Coaches shall be selected by each team (**Men's, Ladies' and Mixed**) at the completion of the Zone Finals. All coaches, including assistants, must have full Level II Certification on or before **NOVEMBER 30, 2007**, and must be a member in good standing of the O5PBA. Rule #2 b) above may also be applied to choice of coaches. If a team cannot decide on a coach from within their Zone, the O5PBA will appoint one from that Zone if possible.
 12. In an emergency situation, the Provincial Tournament Committee may exercise the right to "fill the field".

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The Provincial Championships shall be bowled from **MARCH 19-22, 2008** inclusive, in a centre designated by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. The reigning Ontario Singles Champions (Men's and Ladies') shall be seeded each year to defend their titles at the Provincial Championships. There will be no move-ups if the seeded singles competitors qualify in their Zone as a singles representative. Seeded singles competitors who did not qualify as a singles representative for their Zone cannot win aggregate points in this event.

3. All singles competitors (Men and Ladies), shall bowl a five (5) game qualifying round. The top 50% (including ties), shall advance to a second round of five (5) games. At the conclusion of the second round, the top five (5) men and five (5) ladies based on total pinfall for all ten (10) games shall advance to a stepladder match play final.
4. Late singles bowlers shall start to bowl and count only from the time of arrival regardless of the reason for being late.
5. In the event of a tie in the singles competition for any of the five (5) stepladder positions, a one (1) game roll-off shall decide the higher placing.
6. In the event of a tie in the singles competition during the stepladder finals, an extra game shall be bowled to determine the winner.
7. If computer scoring is not available, all Zones must provide two scorekeepers for the first five (5) game block of the singles competition, and should provide their names to the Provincial Office at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the tournament. A penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be assessed to Zones that do not provide scorekeepers.
8. All singles 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.
9. Coaches are permitted for the singles competition. During the first two five (5) game qualifying rounds, the men's and ladies' team coaches may coach their Zone singles competitors. In the stepladder match play finals, a bowler may select a Level II coach of his/her choice. **In all cases, each coach must be dressed in uniform.** (See Provincial Championships Rule #36)
10. If a singles qualifier from the Zone Final is unable to compete at the Provincial Championships, the fourth (4th) place qualifier shall move up into the third (3rd) place qualifying position as a singles competitor. All other positions on the contingent shall be filled by the runner-up man or runner-up lady, whichever the case may be, from the Zone Finals.
11. In all team events, bowl five (5) and count five (5).
12. Each team in the qualifying rounds will bowl a Single Round Robin using the individual team match play system. The number of games will be determined by the number of teams competing.
13. At the conclusion of the qualifying round, the top four (4) teams (Men's, Ladies' and Mixed) with the most points shall advance to a Stepladder Final. In the event of a tie or ties in total points for any of the top four (4) positions after the conclusion of the qualifying rounds for any team event, the ties shall be broken by reverting back to the games bowled between the tied teams and, on a points won or lost basis, the higher placing shall be declared. If a tie still exists, the team with the most pinfall for the games bowled between the tied teams shall receive the higher placing. If a tie still exists, a one (1) game roll-off will be held.
14. During the Stepladder Finals:
 - a) The fourth (4th) place qualifying team will play the third (3rd) place qualifying team.
 - b) The winner of that match will play the second (2nd) place qualifying team.
 - c) The winner of that match will advance to the Championship Finals.
 - d) In the Championship Final the first (1st) place qualifying team must be beaten twice.

Note: In the event of a 4-4 tie in the Stepladder Final, another game will be bowled.

15. The team with the higher placing after the qualifying round will be the **"HOME"** team in the team stepladder finals.
16. A match play format shall be used to determine the champions in all team events. Each bowler who beats their opponent on the opposing team shall receive one (1) point. Three (3) points shall be awarded to the team that has the higher pinfall for the game, making a total of eight (8) points possible for each game.

EXAMPLE:

<u>Team "A"</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Team "B"</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Pts</u>
<u>Little</u>	340	1	Bates	257	0
Labombarbe	219	0	<u>Tuck</u>	258	1
<u>Szucki</u>	305	1	Russell	262	0
Hancock	276	0	<u>Britton</u>	281	1
<u>Meloche</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>1</u>	Dragun	<u>241</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>1397</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>1299</u>	<u>2</u>

RESULTS: Team "A" – 3 + 3 = 6 Points
Team "B" – 2 + 0 = 2 Points

17. In the event of a tie between teams or individuals in any game during the match play of the team events, all available points shall be divided equally between the tied teams or individuals.
18. In each game, the team assigned by lane draw to the right-hand lane shall be the **"HOME"** team, and the team assigned to the left-hand lane shall be the **"AWAY"** team. The coach of the **"AWAY"** team is obligated to submit their line-up for each game before the line-up for the **"HOME"** team is submitted.
19. Any team that does not have a full complement of bowlers shall bowl only with the bowlers on hand. Late bowlers shall start to bowl and count only from the time of arrival, regardless of the reason for being late.
20. In all team events, the order of bowling may be changed for each game (unrestricted line-up and substitution). Mixed team line-ups must consist of a **MINIMUM** of two (2) ladies and two (2) men bowling at all times with a **MAXIMUM** of five (5) bowlers bowling.
21. Substitutions may be made at any time, but the bowler being substituted may not bowl again in the same game. One (1) substitution per game shall be allowed in the Men's, Ladies' and Mixed team events provided Rule #20 is observed.
22. If the starting bowler is ahead when a substitution is made, the starting bowler gets credit for any match point won. If the starting bowler is behind when a substitution is made, the substitute bowler gets credit for any match point won.
23. When any question arises as to whom of any two bowlers bearing corresponding positions in the line-up of opposing teams shall bowl first, the bowler on the right must bowl first.
24. At the completion of each game, teams shall remain at their respective lanes. When instructed to do so, they shall move to their next set of lanes as per the lane draw. The lead-off bowlers shall await the starting signal.

25. Lead-off bowlers shall not start the next frame until their anchor bowler has finished the prior frame. A penalty of fifteen (15) pins shall be assessed said bowler for violating this rule and any ball or balls delivered shall be declared a "dead ball".
26. In all team events, only bowlers and coaches competing in the event shall be permitted in the bowlers' enclosure. Assistant coaches should be positioned behind the enclosure. Any person violating this rule shall be removed from the bowlers' enclosure.
27. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. All other bowlers and the coach must remain off the approach, to the side of or behind the scorestand, ensuring there is no interference with the scorekeeper's line of vision.
28. Only non-playing coaches shall be allowed to coach. **The coach is the only person allowed to discuss, dispute or protest any point pertaining to the Provincial Championships with the Judge of Play.** Coaches are advised to make their bowlers fully aware of this ruling to avoid unnecessary delays. "Coach" designation must appear on the shirt or blouse.
29. Team scoresheets must be signed by the coach after each game. Scoresheets filled out improperly or not signed may result in a penalty of one (1) point being assessed to the team.
30. There shall be a warm-up preceding each block.
31. All games shall start when the Judge of Play gives the starting signal. **(See Rule #24)**
32. Any bowler who throws a ball prior to the starting signal shall be assessed a fifteen (15) pin penalty. If the bowler is not in the starting line-up the penalty shall be assessed against the team. Any ball or balls so delivered shall be declared a "dead ball".
33. Bowlers who wish to leave the bowlers' enclosure should inform their coach who should then inform the Judge of Play.
34. No food or beverage of any kind shall be permitted in the bowlers' enclosure.
35. No crests, symbols, advertising, etc., of any sponsor other than the tournament sponsor may be worn.
36. No restriction shall be placed on the type of apparel except that each team ***(Men's, Ladies' or Mixed)*** must be dressed uniformly. Bowling shirts or blouses to be the same design in registered Zone Association colours with the name of the bowler or coach, and Zone identified on the shirt. Dress slacks and skirts shall be the same colour and design with a straight hemmed bottom (no fluorescent colours, denim, shorts, spandex, leggings, harem, stirrups, sweatpants, cargo pants or warm-up pants of any kind). 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. No pants/slacks with external pockets on the sides will be accepted. No hats, caps or headgear will be allowed in the bowlers' enclosure, unless worn for medical or religious reasons. Any bowler or coach 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 dollars (\$50.00) will be levied against each BOWLER and COACH not conforming to the dress code.**
37. The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association will designate smoking areas in the host bowling centre. Smoking cannot take place outside these areas.

38. All Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules are in effect.
39. 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.
40. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, call the Judge of Play immediately.
41. Flagrant violation of any rules may result in penalties being assessed by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.
42. 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.
43. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.
44. There shall be no use of illegal drugs. Alcoholic beverages will be allowed during breaks and/or picture sessions but **only in designated areas**. Any bowler, coach or assistant coach found to be intoxicated shall be removed from the tournament.
45. The Provincial Aggregate Banner shall be awarded to the Zone Association that finishes with the most aggregate points based on the Contingent's standing in all events; (Men's, Ladies, and Mixed Teams) and (Men's and Ladies' Singles).
46. Replicas of the Aggregate Banner shall be awarded to all members of the Contingent. The Aggregate point system to be used is as follows:

QUALIFYING ROUNDS

1 st	Advance to Finals
2 nd	Advance to Finals
3 rd	Advance to Finals
4 th	Advance to Finals
5 th	11 Points
6 th	10 Points
7 th	9 Points
8 th	8 Points
9 th	7 Points
10 th	6 Points
11 th	5 Points
12 th	4 Points
13 th	3 Points
14 th	2 Points
15 th	1 Point

SINGLES EVENTS

1 st	12 Points
2 nd	8 Points
3 rd	6 Points
4 th	4 Points
5 th	3 Points

STEPLADDER FINALS

1 st	18 Points
2 nd	15 Points
3 rd	14 Points
4 th	13 Points