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TO: ALL ZONE ASSOCIATION COACHING COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: 2008-2009 "GRASS ROOTS" AND "ELITE" COACH OF THE YEAR

Since 1980, the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association has selected a Coach of the Year. Our criterion has been driven by the many tournaments that we conduct and our nominees' success in these events. This program has been expanded nationally and each year the winner is presented the Ernie Roggie Coach of the Year Award.

While this process has its merits, we also fully realize that there are literally thousands of coaches here in Ontario who work with other bowling programs and have not been recognized because they have not specifically coached teams at the Provincial or National level.

## "GRASS ROOTS" COACH OF THE YEAR

The coaches we wish to honour for the "Grass Roots" Coach of the Year are the individuals who are dedicated to their programs, identified with their youth bowlers and bring a positive learning experience to the coaching process. At this year's Semi-Annual Meeting in November, we will be announcing our "Grass Roots" Coach of the Year and his/her name will then be forwarded to the C5PBA for consideration at the National level. A nomination form is attached and all nominations are to be received in the office by the **OCTOBER 1, 2009** deadline. The individual should be nominated based on their achievements for the 2008-2009 season.

## "ELITE" COACH OF THE YEAR

The coaches we wish to honour for the "Elite" Coach of the Year are the individuals who are recognized for their day to day commitment to basic skill development as for their occasional success in competition. At this year's Semi-Annual Meeting in November, we will be announcing our "Elite" Coach of Year and his/her name will then be forwarded to the C5PBA for consideration at the National level. A nomination form is attached and all nominations are to be received in the office by the **OCTOBER 1, 2009** deadline. The individual should be nominated based on their achievements for the 2008-2009 season.

The selection and a suitable presentation will be made at the upcoming O5PBA Semi-Annual Meeting on **NOVEMBER 8, 2009** in Hamilton, Ontario. It would be appreciated if all Zone Coaching Coordinators wishing to submit a nomination on behalf of your Zone Association complete the enclosed forms and return them to the office **no later than OCTOBER 1, 2009**. While in the past only a few zones participate, it is hoped that all zones will submit a nomination for both categories this year. The Board of Directors will make a decision at their October meeting.