

ONTARIO OPEN 5 PIN SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS

For Bowlers 50 Years of Age and Over

Entry Fee: **Contact Your Local
Association**
Begins: **November 17, 2013**

A "scratch score" tournament designed for bowlers fifty (50) years of age and over. Competitors will bowl a total of ten (10) games in conjunction with the Open Qualifying Round in your Zone to determine the five (5) men and ladies who will represent their Zones at the Provincial Championships.

The top two (2) men and the top two (2) ladies plus the next highest qualifier based on total pinfall at the completion of the Zone Finals shall make up the Senior Mixed Team from your Zone. These teams will advance to the Provincial Championships that will take place over the Easter weekend.

At the Provincial Championships a match play format using scratch scores shall be used to determine the Senior Mixed Team Champions as well as a Men's and Ladies' Single Champion.

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The Ontario Open 5 Pin Seniors Championships consists of two (2) steps:

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

GENERAL RULES

1. Open to all bowlers 50 years of age and over as of **DECEMBER 31, 2013**, 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 participating zones (**minimum of six (6)**) must pay the designated assessment for this event.
 - c) **All bowlers, coaches and assistant coaches participating in the Provincial Championships must pay an additional assessment fee to be determined.**
4. All bowlers wishing to qualify for both the regular open and seniors open must declare prior to the start of the tournament their intent and pay the prevailing entry fee prior to throwing the first ball.
5. **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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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 #6 and #7**)
9. 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.

10. The replacement bowler(s) for each zone shall be the runner-up man or lady from the Zone Finals.
11. If the replacement bowler(s) for each zone takes on a coaching position, they will forfeit the right to be the replacement bowler(s) for their zone contingent.
12. 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 by the coaches' meeting or the team goes without for the remainder of the competition. Emergency spares must have entered the Zone Finals and must be in a shirt of their Zone colour and identification.
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. The Provincial Tournament Committee may, if deemed necessary, run a Wild Card Tournament to eliminate the need for BYES at the Provincial Championships.
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. 12 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. All coaches are required to abide by the rules of the Coaching Policy.
17. Assistant coaches must have a minimum Level 1 Certification or have taken the Community Coach Course. In the event the coach is unable to participate, the assistant coach will be deemed to be the emergency replacement.
18. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds.
19. In case of any dispute, or interpretation of any rule, the decision of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee shall be final.
20. Each Zone Association must submit to the Provincial Office no later than **JANUARY 6, 2014** the entry form for every bowler that entered the tournament.
21. No mechanical noisemakers will be allowed in any round of the event.

ZONE FINALS

1. The Zone Finals shall consist of ten (10) games bowled in conjunction with the Open Qualifying Round in your Zone between **NOVEMBER 17, 2013** and **DECEMBER 8, 2013** in centres designated by the Local Zone Association. **To qualify for the Senior Open, a bowler must bowl one (1) game to be eligible.**

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

DEFINITION OF PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE:

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 or individuals living away from home for employment 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 sanctioned or affiliated league in the Zone of their principal residence and individuals who do not compete in an O5PBA sanctioned or affiliated league, must enter the Open in the Zone of their principal residence.
- ii) Bowlers/coaches who compete in regular league play as registered members of an O5PBA sanctioned or affiliated league in a Zone other than their principal residence and have played the year prior in that other Zone, will be allowed to compete in the Open in that other Zone by filing a "**DECLARATION OF INTENT**" to the Zone Tournament Director by **OCTOBER 31, 2013**. A copy of the current year (2013-14) average sheet confirming their current participation in said league or in another league within that same association must accompany the "**DECLARATION OF INTENT**".

Please Note: In the prior season a bowler/coach must have bowled a minimum of fifty (50) games in a sanctioned or affiliated league of the zone they wish to declare in, and be listed on the o5pba.ca website average book for that league to be eligible to declare. Once a Declaration of Intent is filed the bowler/coach cannot bowl/coach in the Zone of their principal residence for that year. If a declaration form is not filed by that date, the bowler/coach must compete in the Zone of their principal residence.

DEFINITION OF LEAGUES:

SANCTIONED – A league will be registered and sanctioned providing that 75% of the participating bowlers purchase a membership card.

AFFILIATED – A league will be affiliated providing that at least ten (10) bowlers from the league purchase a membership card. Included with those bowlers must be the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the league.

- 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) 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.
 - c) 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.
4. The top two (2) men and the top two (2) ladies plus the next highest qualifier (man or lady) based on total pinfall at the completion of the Zone Finals, shall make up the Senior Mixed Team and will advance to the Provincial Championships.
 5. Any bowler who qualifies for both the Open and Senior Open in their Zone Round, must bowl in the Regular Open.
 6. In the event of a tie for the last qualifying position, a one (1) game roll-off shall be held to determine the final placing.
 7. A coach shall be selected by the team at the completion of the Zone Finals. All coaches, including assistants, must have a minimum Level 1 Certification or have taken the Community Coach Course on or before **DECEMBER 31, 2013**, 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.

KEY DATES

Zone Finals **November 17 to December 8, 2013**
(TEN (10) GAMES)

Provincial Championships **April 16-19, 2014**