



Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association

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Dear Coach:

With the Regional Finals of the TruCa\$h Holiday Classic quickly drawing near, we are pleased to provide you with this package of information. Please read it over very carefully, and if you have any questions, call the writer in the Provincial Office at (416) 426-7163.

The date of the Regional Final is **SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2004**. Confirmation of the site, time and lineage cost is indicated on the enclosed roster sheet. **Please have your team members pay for their lineage upon arrival at the bowling centre on March 7th, 2004.**

Also shown on the roster sheet is a complete list of all teams' personnel and their averages as recorded in the Average Book (or up to and including **FEBRUARY 1ST, 2004** if not in the Average Book). We have also enclosed a lane draw and the rules and regulations governing the Regional Finals.

KEY RULES TO REMEMBER

This being the "Holiday Classic", the rules for the Regional roll-off and Provincial Championships may seem more complicated to your team members than they would to the top bowlers. **PLEASE HOLD AT LEAST ONE MEETING WITH YOUR TEAM BEFORE MARCH 7TH, TO MAKE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND THE TOURNAMENT AND THE MATCH PLAY, PINS-OVER-AVERAGE FORMAT.**

In each game, the team assigned by lane draw to the right-hand lane by means of the lane draw, shall be known as the "**HOME**" team and the team on the left-hand lane shall be known as the "**AWAY**" team. The coach of the away team is obligated to submit the line-up for each game before the line-up for the home team is submitted. There is no restriction by sex on the line-up. Ladies may bowl against men and vice-versa.

AVERAGES

It is your duty as coach to make sure that your bowlers are bowling with their highest average as recorded in the Average Book, or their highest average up to and including **FEBRUARY 1ST, 2004** if the bowler is not in the Average Book. Confirm each team member's average individually. **YOUR ENTIRE TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF A BOWLER USES AN AVERAGE LOWER THAN THEIR HIGHEST AVERAGE.**

Following are the instructions for roll-offs with four (4), six (6) and eight (8) teams competing:

ROLL-OFFS WITH FOUR (4) TEAMS

In a roll-off with four (4) teams, the letters "A", "B", "C" and "D" have been randomly assigned to each team. This will coincide with the four (4) team lane draw and will determine if you bowl one or two games as the **"HOME"** team. The coach of the **"AWAY"** team must put their line-up down first.

Regional roll-offs with four (4) teams shall use a **SINGLE ROUND ROBIN** format. Each team will bowl one game against each of the other teams, for a total of three (3) games. At the end of the three (3) games, the team with the most points (see point information below) will advance to the Provincial Championships.

ROLL-OFFS WITH SIX (6) TEAMS

In a roll-off with six (6) teams, the letters "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", and "F" have been randomly assigned to each team. This will coincide with the six (6) team lane draw and will determine if you bowl two or three games as the **"HOME"** team. The coach of the **"AWAY"** team must put their line-up down first.

Regional roll-offs with six (6) teams shall use a **SINGLE ROUND ROBIN** format. Each team will bowl one game against each of the other teams, for a total of five (5) games. At the end of the five (5) games, the team with the most points (see point information below) will advance to the Provincial Championships.

ROLL-OFFS WITH EIGHT (8) TEAMS

Roll-offs with eight (8) teams competing have been placed into two groups of four. **These groupings must not be changed.** The teams in Group #1 have been randomly assigned a letter, either "A", "B", "C" or "D". This will coincide with the eight (8) team lane draw and will determine if your team will bowl one or two games as the **"HOME"** team. The coach of the **"AWAY"** team must put their line-up down first.

Group #2 teams have been randomly assigned letters "E", "F", "G" or "H" which will also coincide with the eight (8) team lane draw, and will determine if your team will bowl one or two games as the **"HOME"** team. The coach of the **"AWAY"** team must put their line-up down first.

Each group will use a **SINGLE ROUND ROBIN** format. Each team will bowl one game against each of the other teams in their Group, for a total of three (3) games. At the end of the three (3) games, the team in each group with the most points (see point information below) will advance to a one-game roll-off to determine which team will advance to the Provincial Championships. A toss of the coin will determine the **"Home" and "Away" Teams for the Group Winners.**

POINT SYSTEM

A TOTAL OF EIGHT (8) POINTS WILL BE WON IN EACH GAME

One (1) point will be awarded in each match on a pins-over-average basis. Lead-off bowlers will bowl against lead-off bowlers, second bowler versus second bowler, and so on, for a possible total of five (5) match points. Three (3) additional points will be awarded to the team that bowls the most pins over its combined average, making a total possible of eight (8) points maximum for each game.

IN THE EVENT OF A TIE...

In the event of a tie, match points will be split evenly. In other words, each individual bowler on your team will earn one (1) point for a win, one-half (1/2) point for a tie, or no (0) points for a loss.

Each team will also earn either three (3) points for a win, one-and-one-half (1 1/2) points for a tie, or no (0) points for a loss.

In the event of a tie or ties in total points for first place at the completion of the round robin, the tie or ties shall be broken by reverting back to the game bowled between the tied teams, and on a points won or lost basis, the higher placing shall be decided. If a tie still exists, the team with the most pins over or least pins under if all teams are below their average for the game bowled between the tied teams shall receive the higher placing. If a tie still exists, the team with the most pins over or least pins under its average for all its games shall receive the higher placing.

Team coaches are responsible for accurately filling out their own official score sheets which will be handed to you at registration. Please consult with your opposing coach at the end of each game to make sure that between the two of you, you are claiming a total of eight (8) points, and no more or less than eight (8) points in total. The tournament scoreboard will be posted from your official score sheet.

All other rules and regulations of the Canadian and Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Associations will be in effect for the Regional Final, and will be reviewed briefly on site, with particular emphasis on **Foul Lines and Deadwood**.

IF YOUR TEAM WINS...

If your team wins the Regional Final on March 7th, 2004, you and each of the five (5) bowlers on the team will advance to the Provincial Championships which will take place on **SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2004** at Waterloo Lanes in Waterloo, Ontario.

Do not let your bowlers leave the bowling centre on March 7th, 2004 until the "Winner's Report Form" has been completed by the Tournament Director.

This must be returned to the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Office **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ROLL-OFF.**

It is important to you and your bowlers that we receive your Bowler and Coach Information Forms for hotel accommodations and banquet tickets by **MONDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2004**. We have obtained a special room rate with the hotel. Reservations must be made well in advance in order to be eligible for our reduced rate.

Also, should your team win the 2004 Provincial Championships, then you as coach, and each of the five (5) bowlers on your team, will all win a holiday trip for two to a Sun Destination! Twelve (12) trips in all will be awarded.

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| GOOD LUCK |
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While only one team can win in each Regional Final, we wish you all good luck. Win, lose, or draw, it's your job as a coach to ensure that this experience is exciting, rewarding, and fun for all of your team members. That's a challenge, and we wish you well.

Again, if you have any questions regarding any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact the writer in the Provincial Office at (416) 426-7163.

Yours truly,

ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

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