

ONTARIO OPEN WILDCARD TOURNAMENT**F O R M A T**

The Ontario Open Wildcard Tournament will consist of one (1) step:

➤ **PROVINCIAL QUALIFYING ROUND**

GENERAL RULES

1. Open to all bowlers **19 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER** as of **DECEMBER 31, 2013** who had bowled all twenty (20) qualifying games in their respective Zone Rounds.
2. Entry deadline shall be **FEBRUARY 9, 2014**.
3. The entry fee will be **\$15.00, plus lineage**. All bowlers and coaches participating in the Provincial Championships must pay an additional assessment fee (to be determined) and will be responsible for the cost of the shirt.
4. Any bowler wishing to qualify for both the regular open and seniors open wildcard team(s) must have attempted to qualify for both in their respective Zone qualifying round and must declare prior to the start of the tournament, their intent and pay the entry fee of \$25.00 prior to throwing the first ball.
5. Any bowler who qualifies for both the Open and Senior Open wildcard team must bowl on the regular Open wildcard team.
6. Any bowler who withdraws, after qualifying for a wildcard team, for any reason, before the next level of competition, 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 Any bowler suspended under the above rule may have their suspension repealed if an acceptable reason for withdrawal is provided in writing.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. The replacement bowler(s) shall be the next highest qualifier (man or lady) based on total pinfall at the completion of the qualifying round. If a replacement bowler is unable to compete at the Provincial Championships, the Provincial Tournament committee will designate the "Emergency Spare"
9. The coach(s) will be selected by the team(s) at the completion of the qualifying round from a list of eligible coaches. If the team(s) can't decide on a coach, the O5 Tournament Committee will appoint one. All coaches must have full Level 2 Certification or be Certified Competitive Coach on or before NOVEMBER 30, 2013 and must be a member in good standing of the O5PBA.
10. All coaches are required to abide by the rules of the Coaching Policy.
11. In case of any disputes, or interpretation of any rule, the decision of the Provincial Tournament Committee shall be final.

12. 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.

WILD CARD PROVINCIAL QUALIFYING ROUND
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1. The Wild Card Provincial Qualifying round shall be bowled on **FEBRUARY 16, 2014** in a centre designated by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association and will consist of ten (10) games.
2. The number of teams advancing (Men's, Ladies or Mixed) will be determined after the completion of all Zone Rounds by the Provincial Tournament Committee.
3. The top 6 men and top 6 ladies based on total pinfall at the completion of the tournament shall make up the first men's and ladies teams and compete in the Provincial Championships as Team Ontario.
4. If there is only a need for one (1) Mixed team the top three (3) men and three (3) ladies based on total pinfall at the completion of the tournament shall make up the Mixed Team.
5. In the event that more than one (1) team is needed (Men's, Ladies, Mixed) the following will apply. Two (2) or more Men's or Ladies teams, the top twelve (12) bowlers (man or lady) based on total pinfall will make up the teams and the next qualifiers will make up the Mixed team(s). If we need a Men's or Ladies team AND a Mixed team, the top nine (9) bowlers (man or lady) based on total pinfall will make up the teams.
6. In the event of a tie or ties for the last qualifying position, a one (1) game Roll-off shall be required to determine the bowler that advances.
7. If the wildcard tournament is necessary and there is not a full complement of bowlers to make up the required number of teams the Tournament Committee reserves the right to determine the filling of the team.
8. Only bowlers and Tournament Officials shall be permitted in the bowlers' enclosure. Any person violating this rule shall be removed from the bowlers' enclosure.
9. All bowlers must initial their lanesheet after each game before it leaves the scorestand. This acknowledges that all scores are correct. No changes can be made to the score after it has been initialled and leaves the scorestand.
10. There shall be a warm-up prior to the start of the event.
11. All games shall start when the Judge of Play gives the starting signal.

12. Any bowler who throws a ball prior to the starting signal may be assessed a fifteen (15) pin penalty. Any ball or balls delivered shall be declared a "dead ball".
13. Flagrant violation of any rules may result in penalties being assessed by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.
14. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.
15. 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.
16. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, call the Judge of Play immediately.
17. 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. All Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules are in effect.
18. There shall be no use of illegal drugs.
19. Alcoholic beverages will be allowed during this roll-off but only in licensed areas. Any bowler found to be intoxicated or becomes obnoxious shall be removed from the tournament.