

EXECUTIVES' 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS
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The Executives' 5 Pin Championships consists of two (2) steps:

- **ZONE/DC FINALS**
- **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

GENERAL RULES

1. Open to all bowlers **18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER** as of **DECEMBER 31, 2008**, and who are members of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. Entrants must be duly elected to a League Executive position to be eligible for this tournament (i.e. **President, Vice-President, Secretary, Statistician, Tournament Director and Treasurer**) **OR** must hold an Executive position on a Zone or Decentralized Association. All Executives must be registered in that position with the Provincial Office to be eligible for this tournament.
3. Both the League Executive Registration Form and the Zone/DC Association Executive listings must be completed and received by the Provincial Office no later than **OCTOBER 26, 2008** in order to be eligible to participate.
4. Each Zone and Decentralized Association will determine the entry fee up to a maximum of \$30.00 per entry. Please contact your Local Zone/Decentralized Association for further information.
5. Entry deadline shall be **OCTOBER 26, 2008**.
6. Format in all rounds will be based on "Pins-Over-Average".
7. **FLAT SCORES (No Handicap)** shall be used in all rounds.
6. All League and Zone/Decentralized Association Executives shall compete together. The top three (3) bowlers will advance to the Provincial Championships.
7. Entries will only be accepted from Zone and Decentralized Associations that have already submitted their three (3) post-dated cheques payable to the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association to cover the 2008-2009 bowling season membership fees.
8. If a **FINAL** copy of the Zone's Average Book (*both an electronic and a hard copy*) has not been received in the Provincial Office by **OCTOBER 6, 2008, no bowlers from that Zone or Decentralized Association will be permitted to compete in this event**.
9. Bowlers who hold a League Executive position in two (2) or more leagues in the same centre shall only be permitted to bowl once in the Zone/DC Finals.

Bowlers who hold a League Executive position and a Zone/DC Association Executive position in the same Zone/DC shall only be permitted to bowl once in the Zone/DC Finals.

12. Bowlers who hold a League Executive position in two (2) or more centres may enter in each centre and compete in the Zone/DC Finals in each, provided the scheduling of same permits; but shall only be permitted to bowl once in the Provincial Championships.
13. If a qualifier is unable to compete in the next round, the position shall be filled by the next eligible bowler from the preceding round, provided the substitution is made prior to seven (7) days of the event.
14. Scores and averages of winners in all rounds will be authenticated and checked thoroughly. Any falsification or misrepresentation of scores or averages, knowingly or unknowingly, shall result in automatic disqualification.
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. 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.
16. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds of competition.
17. 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.

ZONE/DC FINALS

1. The Zone/DC Finals shall consist of three (3) games and must be completed on or before **NOVEMBER 23, 2008**. Decentralized Associations have the option of conducting this tournament during regular league play or as a one day roll-off. **Please Note: Zone Associations MUST conduct this tournament as a one day roll-off.**
2. If a Decentralized Association conducts its own Zone/DC Final, all entrants must use the following criteria for determining averages:

AVERAGE BOOK: Bowlers must use their highest league average in that Zone, as recorded in the Zone Average Book.

NON-AVERAGE BOOK: Bowlers with no average recorded in the Zone Average Book, must use their highest league average in that Decentralized Association up to and including **OCTOBER 12, 2008** (highest average if a bowler bowls in two (2) or more leagues) with a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled.
3. If a combined roll-off is conducted (***one in which more than one association or bowling centre participates***), all entrants must use the following criteria for determining averages:

AVERAGE BOOK: Bowlers must use their highest league average in that Zone, as recorded in the Zone Average Book.

NON-AVERAGE BOOK: Bowlers with no average recorded in the Zone Average Book, must use their highest league average in that Zone Association up to and including **OCTOBER 12, 2008** (highest average if a bowler bowls in two (2) or more leagues) with a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled.

4. Substitutions are not allowed in the Zone/DC Finals. If an Executive position cannot be filled, then that position is left vacant. Executive positions are not inter-changeable for this event.
5. In the event of a tie for the last qualifying position (two (2) or more bowlers are the same number of pins over or under their average), a one (1) game roll-off shall be required to determine the winners.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The Provincial Championships shall be bowled on **FEBRUARY 28, 2009** in a centre designated by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championships must have bowled a minimum of twenty-one (21) games during the 2008-2009 bowling season up to and including **JANUARY 4, 2009** and must use the following criteria for determining averages:
 - a) **AVERAGE BOOK:** Bowlers must use their highest league average as recorded in the Average Book, and as established in any league in Ontario.
 - b) **NON-AVERAGE BOOK:** Bowlers with no average recorded in the Average Book, must use **the highest of the following as determined by the Provincial Office:**

Use their highest league average up to and including **JANUARY 4, 2009** (highest average if a bowler bowls in two (2) or more leagues), and as established in any league in Ontario.

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Use their average based on the median between their highest league average up to and including **JANUARY 4, 2009**, and the average based on the twenty-one (21) games (seven weeks) leading up to **JANUARY 4, 2009**.
 - c) All bowlers not in the Average Book must provide the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association with an original or a photocopy of their Individual Average Sheet. The average sheet must be obtained from all leagues they bowl in, and must show scores bowled in all games from the opening of the 2008-2009 bowling season with a minimum of twenty-one (21) games bowled up to and including **JANUARY 4, 2009**.
3. The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field, and all decisions by the Committee shall be final.

4. The Provincial Championships shall consist of three (3) games. The top three (3) bowlers based on a pins-over-average basis will each win a one (1) week trip for two (2) to a Sun Destination. **Trips have no cash value and must be taken as awarded.**
5. In the event of a tie (two (2) or more bowlers are the same number of pins over or under their average) for the last qualifying trip winner, a one (1) game roll-off shall be required to determine the higher placing.
6. In the event of a tie for any other positions the bowler beating their average by the most pins in the last game shall receive the higher placing. If a tie still exists, the tie shall be broken by reverting back to the scores of the preceding game.
7. No substitutions are allowed within seven (7) days of the event except in extreme circumstances, such as a deceased bowler, a death in the immediate family, or a disabling injury. Please contact the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association for any further rulings.
8. If a qualifier is unable to compete, the position shall be filled by the next eligible bowler from the Zone/DC Finals, provided the substitution is approved by the Tournament Committee. **(See Rule #7 above)**
9. There shall be a warm-up prior to the start of the event.
10. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.
11. All bowlers must initial their lanesheet before it leaves the score stand 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.
12. All Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules are in effect.
13. 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.
14. 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".
15. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, call the Judge of Play immediately.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. There shall be no use of alcohol or illegal drugs. Any bowler found to be intoxicated or consuming alcoholic beverages shall be removed from the tournament.
19. Scores and averages of winners will be authenticated and checked thoroughly. Any falsification or misrepresentation of scores or averages, knowingly or unknowingly, shall result in automatic disqualification.

20. 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.
21. All bowlers must wear shirts in their registered Zone Association colours with a logo identifying the Association the bowler represents. Bowlers must wear straight hemmed bottom dress slacks. 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. Jeans, harem, spandex, leggings, stirrups, shorts, sweatpants, cargo pants or warm-up pants of any kind are prohibited. No pants/slacks with external pockets on the sides will be accepted. Hats, caps or headgear of any kind are prohibited unless worn for medical or religious reasons. Any bowler 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 not conforming to the dress code.**