

PROVINCIAL TRIPLES TOURNAMENT**F O R M A T**

The Provincial Triples Tournament consists of four (4) steps:

- **LEAGUE ROUND**
- **ZONE/DC/HOUSE ROUND**
- **REGIONAL FINALS**
- **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

GENERAL RULES

1. Open to all bowlers who bowl in leagues whose bowling centres are members of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of Ontario.
2. All bowlers must be 19 years of age and over as of **DECEMBER 31, 2005**.
3. Each league may enter as many three (3) player teams as they wish (**minimum of four (4) teams**).
4. Entry deadline shall be **JANUARY 1, 2006**.
5. Entry fee shall be \$12.00 per team (GST included) for all Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association members and \$42.00 per team (GST included) for all non Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association leagues.
6. Format in all rounds will be based on total pinfall plus handicap. Team handicap will be based on 100% of the difference between total of averages and 800. Over 800 will receive 100% minus.
7. **FLAT SCORES (Including Handicap)** shall be used in all rounds.
8. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds of competition except in the League Round, where league rules shall apply.
9. **QUALIFYING ROUND POLICY:**
 - a) Bowlers who qualify to bowl on more than one (1) team in the League Round must bowl on the highest placing team at the Zone/DC/House Round. A substitute bowler must come from the same league as the bowler being replaced and must come from the highest placing team that did not qualify to advance.
 - b) Bowlers who are members in two (2) or more leagues may enter and compete in each League Round. Bowlers, who qualify to advance from more than one (1) league, may bowl on more than one (1) team at the Zone/DC/House Round, only if scheduling permits.

- c) The phrase, "if scheduling permits", grants permission for a bowler to compete in more than one Zone/DC/House Round so long as each of those rounds is a separate and distinct competition, occurring on different days, or at substantially different times.
 - d) Bowlers who qualify to bowl on more than one (1) team at the Zone/DC/House Round, but scheduling does not permit them to bowl on both teams, must bowl on the team from the league in which their average is highest as recorded in the Zone Average Book.
 - e) Bowlers with no average recorded in the Zone Average Book must use their current league average as of the specified average date to determine which league they will represent at the Zone/DC/House Round.
 - f) Bowlers who qualify to bowl on more than one (1) team to advance to the Regional Finals must bowl only on the team from the league in which their average is highest as recorded in the Zone Average Book. Bowlers with no average recorded in the Zone Average Book must use their current league average as of the specified average date to determine which league they will represent at the Regional Finals. No bowler can compete on more than one (1) team at a Regional Final, and no bowler can compete in two (2) separate Regional Finals.
10. At the Zone/DC/House Round, and each subsequent round, each team will consist of three (3) bowlers. All three (3) bowlers shall bowl, and all three (3) bowlers shall count.
11. After the Zone/DC/House Round, advancing teams are allowed to replace a maximum of two (2) bowlers of the team at the discretion of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee, and in accordance with the following:
- a) A substitute bowler must come from the same league as the bowler being replaced and must come from the highest placing team from the preceding roll-off that did not qualify to advance.

EXAMPLES:

If a league had more than one team competing in the Zone/DC/House Round, the substitute bowler or bowlers would come from the highest placing team from their league competing in the Zone/DC/House Round that did not qualify to advance to the Regional Finals.

If a league had only one team competing in the Zone/DC/House Round, the substitute bowler or bowlers would come from the next highest placing team in the League Round that did not qualify to advance to the Zone/DC/House Round.

- b) A substitute team must be the next team in order of finish from the preceding roll-off.
12. Any bowler who, for any reason, vacates their position on a team for the next level of competition forfeits the right to return to competition in this event on that team or any other team. Such withdrawal may result in suspension of tournament/membership privileges of that individual.

13. Any bowler who, for any reason, declines to be a substitute in any round is ineligible to be a substitute at any subsequent round.
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. To conduct a League Round, a league must have paid for a minimum entry of four (4) team entries. **(See General Rule #3)**
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. All teams **MUST** come from the same League.

LEAGUE ROUND

1. Teams shall bowl the number of games normally bowled by that league for three (3) consecutive weeks during regular league play between **JANUARY 2, 2006** and **FEBRUARY 5, 2006**.
2. All bowlers who compete in the League Round must use their highest league average in that Zone, as recorded in the Zone Average Book. Bowlers with no average recorded in the Zone Average Book, must use their average from the league in which they are competing up to and including **DECEMBER 11, 2005**, with a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled.
3. Bowlers qualifying for the Provincial Championships must have bowled a minimum of twenty-one (21) games from the beginning of the 2005-2006 bowling season up to and including **APRIL 9, 2006** in order to compete in the Provincial Championships.
4. Spare bowlers are ineligible unless they can compete for the three (3) week League Round and are members in good standing of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
5. The League Round is a three (3) week total pinfall plus handicap. The team that accumulates the most pinfall including handicap after three (3) weeks shall be declared "League Champions". All other qualifying positions will be based on total pinfall plus handicap for the three (3) week period.
6. Missing bowlers shall be allowed 95% of their average for any games missed during this round.

7. Teams of three (3) bowlers each shall advance to the Zone/DC/House Round from each league according to the following formula:

EXAMPLE:

4 to 5 Teams Entered	1 Team Advances
6 to 7 Teams Entered	2 Teams Advance
8 to 9 Teams Entered	3 Teams Advance
10 to 11 Teams Entered	4 Teams Advance
12 to 13 Teams Entered	5 Teams Advance
14 to 15 Teams Entered	6 Teams Advance
16 to 17 Teams Entered	7 Teams Advance and so on

8. In the event of a tie (two (2) or more teams with the same score including handicap after the final (3rd) week, the team(s) with the highest pinfall including handicap the final (3rd) week shall receive the higher placing. If a tie still exists, the team(s) with the highest pinfall including handicap the preceding (2nd) week shall receive the higher placing.
9. All bowlers who qualify in the League Round to advance to compete in the Zone/DC/House Round will each receive a League Champion certificate. The team that finishes first (1st) will receive Champion Lapel Pins.
10. If the league rules permit bowl-offs for league play, they are permissible for this round only of the tournament.

KEY DATES

Average Date.....	December 11, 2005
Entry Deadline	January 1, 2006
League Rounds	January 2 to February 5, 2006 (THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE WEEKS)
Zone/DC/House Round Average Date.....	February 5, 2006
Zone/DC/House Rounds	February 19 to March 12, 2006
Regional Finals Average Date.....	February 19, 2006
Regional Finals	April 9, 2006
Provincial Championships Average Date.....	April 9, 2006
Provincial Championships	May 27, 2006
