

**ONTARIO SENIOR CITIZENS'
(Senior and Junior-Senior Divisions)
SINGLES AND MIXED DOUBLES
5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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The Ontario Senior Citizens' (Senior and Junior-Senior Divisions) Singles and Mixed Doubles 5 Pin Championships consist of two (2) steps:

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

G E N E R A L R U L E S

1. Open to all bowlers 55 years of age and over as of **DECEMBER 31, 2008**, and who are members of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. Bowlers age 55 to 64 will bowl in the Junior-Senior Division. Bowlers age 65 and over will bowl in the Senior Division.
2. Entry Fee shall be \$125.00 (GST included) per League/Bowling Centre and per Division.
3. Entry Deadline shall be **JANUARY 4, 2009**.
4. Format in all rounds to be based on "Pins-Over-Average".
5. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds of competition except in the House Round, where house rules shall apply.
6. If a qualifier is unable to compete in the next round, the position shall be filled by the next eligible bowler from the previous round, provided the substitution is made prior to seven (7) days of the event.
7. In the event of a tie or ties in total pins over or under their average, the bowler beating their average by the most pins over or the least pins under if all bowlers are below their average in the last game, shall receive the higher placing. If a tie still exists, using the same rule, the scores from the preceding game will be used to break the tie.
8. Personal bowling balls may be used if facilities permit. House balls must be used if the bowler's personal bowling balls have not 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, 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.

9. 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.
2. One (1) man and one (1) lady shall advance to the Provincial Championships in each division.
3. The Zone/DC Finals must be completed by **MARCH 8, 2009** and may be bowled during regular league play. If the Zone/DC Finals are not being conducted during regular league play, please contact your Zone/Decentralized Association for the date and time of the roll-off.
4. All bowlers who compete in the Zone/DC Finals 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 highest league average from the Zone/DC Association in which they are competing up to and including **JANUARY 4, 2009** (highest average if a bowler bowls in two (2) or more leagues) with a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled.
5. Bowlers qualifying for the Provincial Championships must have bowled a minimum of twenty-one (21) games from the beginning of the 2008-2009 bowling season up to and including **MARCH 8, 2009** in order to compete in the Provincial Championships.
6. Men and Ladies shall bowl in separate divisions.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The Provincial Championships shall be bowled on **MAY 13, 2009** in a centre designated by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. All bowlers who compete in the Provincial Championships 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 **MARCH 8, 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 **MARCH 8, 2009**, and the average based on the twenty-one (21) games (seven weeks) leading up to **MARCH 8, 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 **MARCH 8, 2009.**
- 3. Only bowlers declared as Zone Champions shall be eligible to compete in the Provincial Championships.
- 4. The Provincial Championships shall consist of three (3) games, and will be based on a pins-over-average format. Winners will be declared in Men's and Ladies' Singles for each age Division.
- 5. The scores of the man and lady from each Zone/DC and each Division shall be combined in order to determine the Mixed Doubles Champions.
- 6. In the event of a tie for first (1st) place overall, and for the purpose of declaring a Provincial Champion, a one (1) game roll-off shall be required to determine the winners.
- 7. In the event of a tie for any other positions, the bowler beating their average by the most pins in the last game bowled shall receive the higher placing. If a tie still exists, using the same rule, the scores of the preceding game shall be used to break the tie.
- 8. The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field if partners are absent from the Provincial Championships, and all decisions by the Committee shall be final.
- 9. 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.**
- 10. There shall be a warm-up prior to the start of the event.
- 11. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.
- 12. All bowlers must initial their lanesheet before it leaves the scorestand 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.
- 13. All Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules are in effect.
- 14. Any article falling from a bowler's person on or over the foul line during 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.

15. 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".
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.
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. 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.