

Open & Senior Open AGM Survey  
Feedback Summary  
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## 2022 Open / Senior Open AGM Survey

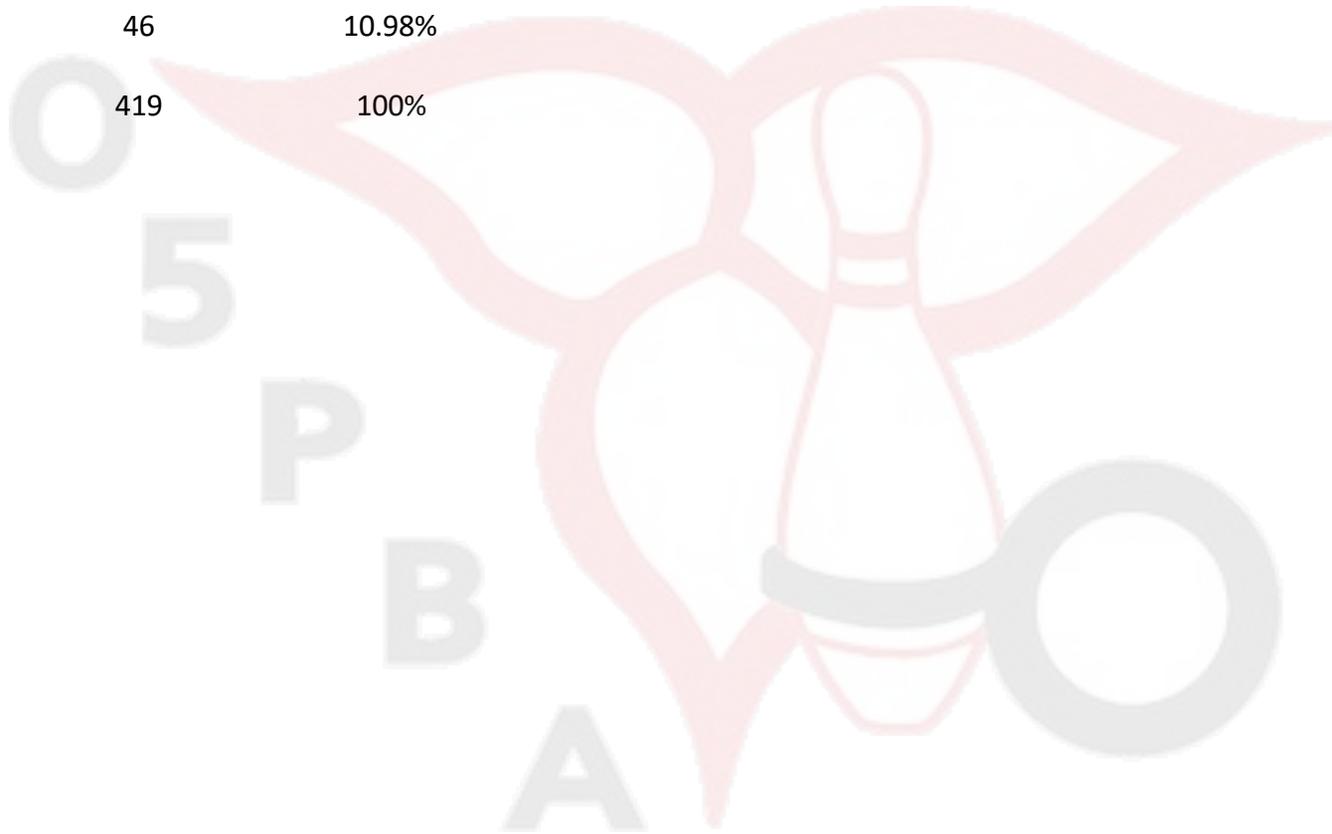
### Personal Information

Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage %
Total	182	100.00%
A - Western Ontario	11	6.04%
B - Middlesex Elgin	18	9.89%
D - Niagara Peninsula	16	8.79%
E - Hamilton	15	8.24%
F - Central Ontario	24	13.19%
G - York Simcoe	9	4.95%
H - Huronia	18	9.89%
J - Ontario Durham	9	4.95%
K - Bay of Quinte	4	2.20%
L - Kawartha Lakes	1	0.55%
P - Metro Toronto	19	10.44%
S - Grand River	11	6.04%
X - Ottawa Valley	25	13.74%
No Reply	2	1.10%

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What Events have you played in before

Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage %
Singles - Mens	55	13.13%
Singles - Ladies	49	11.69%
Teams - Men	78	18.62%
Teams - Ladies	62	14.80%
Teams - Mixed	129	30.79%
Teams - Seniors	46	10.98%
Total	419	100%



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### Open Singles Format

Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage %
Option #1	109	56.77%
Option #2	57	29.69%
No Reply	26	13.54%
Total	192	100.00%

#### OPTION #1 -

Current Format (The top 3 men and 3 ladies from the Zone round will advance to the Provincial Championships, where they will bowl 10 games, with the option to withdraw after 5 games. At the completion of the Singles Qualifying round the top 5 bowlers (men and ladies) based on pinfall, will advance to the stepladder finals.

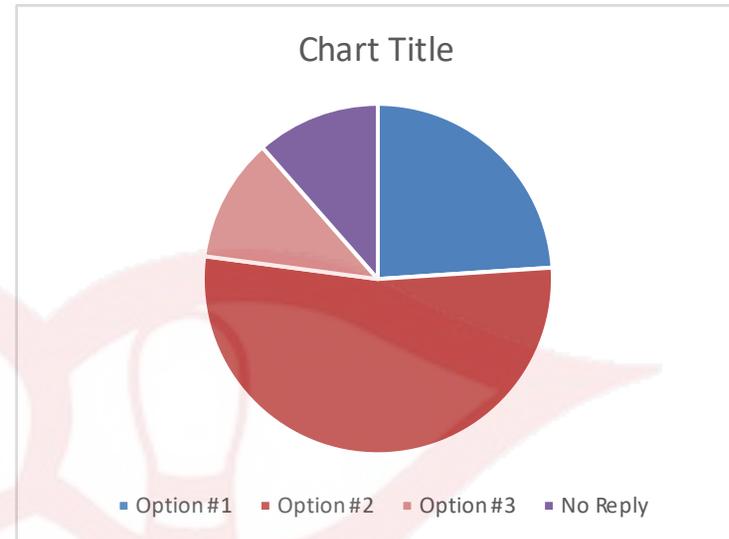
#### Option #2:

The top 3 men and 3 ladies from the zone round will advance to one or two Regional Finals. Additional bowlers from the Zone round may buy a spot at the Regional Finals for \$150.00. The previous year's Champions will have an automatic entry into the Regional Finals (bowlers must have participated in their zones qualifying round to be eligible). All participants in the Regional Finals will bowl 10 games. The top 8 bowlers (men and women) from each Regional Final will proceed to the Pr

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### Open Provincial Team Tournament

Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage %
Option #1	46	23.96%
Option #2	102	53.13%
Option #3	22	11.46%
No Reply	22	11.46%
Total	192	100.00%



#### Option #1

Current Format (Bowl each team once with the top 4 teams advancing to a stepladder final)

#### Option #2

Play each team twice. (Each team will have an away game and a home game).

#### Option #3

Play in 2 Groups, playing each team twice (home and away) and once against the other Group.

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### Open & Senior Open Provincial Team Playoff Format:

Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage %
Option #1	95	49.48%
Option #2	73	38.02%
No Reply	24	12.50%
Total	192	100.00%

#### Option #1

Current Format (Stepladder Finals with the 4th place team bowling the 3rd place team, winner bowling the 2nd place team, winner bowling the 1st place team with the 1st place team needing to be beaten twice).

#### Option #2

Paige Format: Match A-1st place team plays the 2nd place team. Match B-3rd place team plays 4th place team with the loser eliminated in 4th place. Match C-Winner of Match B plays the loser of Match A with the loser eliminated in 3rd place. Match D-Winner of Match C playing the Winner of Match A with the loser eliminated in 2nd place, the winner being declared 1st place.

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### Open & Senior Open Provincial Weekend:

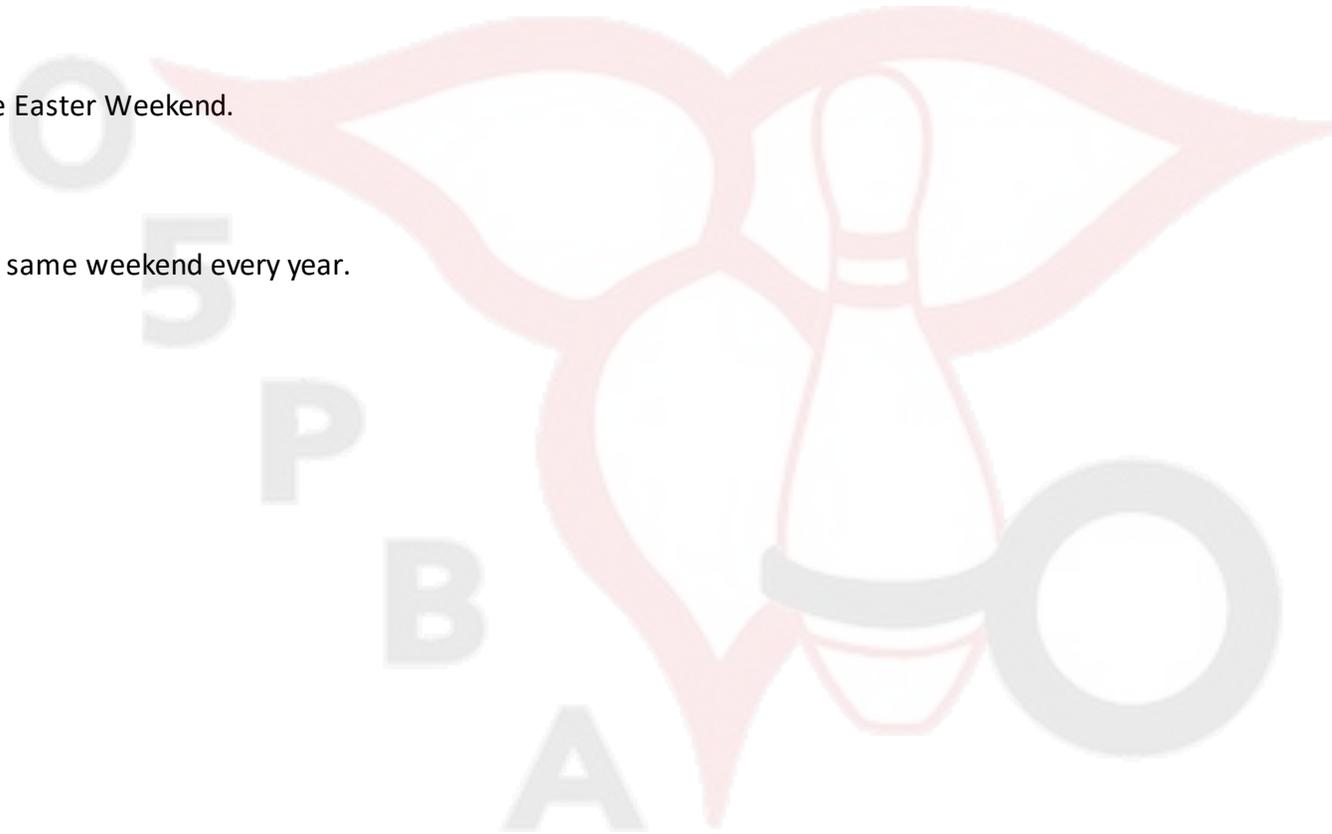
Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage %
Option #1	110	57.29%
Option #2	59	30.73%
No Reply	23	11.98%
Total	192	100.00%

#### Option #1

Leave it on the Easter Weekend.

#### Option #2

Move it to the same weekend every year.



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### Participation in a yearly Discussion Forum:

Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage %
Option #1	70	36.46%
Option #2	57	29.69%
Option #3	42	21.88%
No Reply	23	11.98%
Total	192	100.00%

#### Option #1

I would participate during the Open Weekend.

#### Option #2

I would participate after the Open weekend via a Zoom meeting.

#### Option #3

Would not participate.

Suggestion/Comments for future consideration

Answer

1	Senior teams standings be part of the aggregate
2	This survey was vague and I'm not even sure what the full option was on the question about singles and a regional round. The paragraph ends midway. The seniors should not be the same weekend as the regular open. Lane restrictions won't help. I voted for current format with step ladder because it did not indicate if playing everyone twice then went to a step ladder or not. So I'm not
3	Option 1 re: singles. It would be unfair for players to participate in a regionals (quality of players). Perhaps this could still be executed, but running at the same time at two different centres? The top players (regional scores combined) will make up the A&B brackets. It would be great to open this up for players to pay for their spot, giving some the opportunity they may not otherwise get from a zone round. However, do not agree with separating this to a regionals playoff.  Option 3: needs some clarity. Will there be a stepladder playoff if it is decided to bowl all teams twice?
4	Separate weekend for singles and team event
5	I think the format for singles should be: Only the top man and woman are the singles from each zone. This would eliminate lanes needed, expense, time and bowlers in the same zone competing against each other at provincials. Gives more opportunity to each zone having a single winner at provincials. So depending how many zones there are you would have approx 12 men & 12 women throwing 10 games with the top 4 going into stepladder. They were the top in the zone so they should have the opportunity to go for gold. Also, think to change it up, have the top 3 women & top 3 men form the mixed team. Bottom 6 men & bottom 6 women form the men & ladies team.
6	Maybe cash prizes for provincial winners?
7	Keep Open and Senior on separate weekends or start Seniors a day early, finishing on Wednesday morning before main event. This would allow people the option to play or coach both which would certainly help the coaching shortage.
8	The open needs to be an event again with more to do after bowling. The last few years we have spent way too long in the bowling centre without the after bowling events.
9	Have one person come up with an idea for the betterment of the game and try it, then try something different the next year, then keep trying until get it right. Let's not have fear, let's go all in on things.
10	Whatever changes may be being considered for the Open Provincials, I think that keeping the Zone qualifying rounds is important to make sure that the Open remains equitable to all who wish to compete. I believe that the recent proposal by some to allow teams/singles to buy spots at the Provincials would be a mistake to implement. Doing so would heavily disadvantage bowlers who are less connected within the bowling community, and would rob young and up-and-coming players of the valuable experience that comes with competing in the qualifying rounds.
11	If Open not during Easter weekend move to a weekend in May when leagues are done easier to find lanes availability during week days. Thank you

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12	We have a good system, some tweaking that's all
13	Would like to see play every team twice if it can fit on the weekend
14	I believe that
15	Continue with online polls - not everyone can attend meetings, but would still like to voice an opinion Meetings can be where details are finalized
16	Stop being scared to try things. If you never try things 5pin bowling in Ontario will keep going down hill. Stop being baby and trying to please everyone.
17	If singles is moved just to a Sunday, there would be time enough to play everyone twice and still do a playoff round
18	The Senior division could become a separate event with the provincial round held at a different zone , with suitable facilities, each year. With the limited and dwindling participation from ladies perhaps the qualifying numbers can be adjusted to top 2 women and men with the last 2 bowlers being highest qualifiers in either men or ladies.
19	If there is so much wrong with the current format why are the things that are wrong not listed. May be easier to fix if we knew what was wrong and why.
20	Continue to work towards improved participation (Ladies especially) as the current zone setup numbers create weak mixed teams. Continue to work with the host Proprietor to make the time work for them, and the total cost has to stay reasonable. We are in precarious times in this game, given the reduced bowler numbers and centres that closed. Zone realignment and amalgamation appears to be an obvious reality now.
21	whatever changes are made, it must keep in mind that we need to encourage younger bowler to participated and adapted to the ever changing world.
22	I would highly suggest considering Mitch's suggestion of make your own teams. Participation is dropping but I feel like his way will slow down the drop a little bit because we play with who we want, and atleast the association can make money and hope to atleast stabilize the tournament a little bit to extend the longevity of the tournament. I realize it's not the way it's always been but the way it's always been has never gained participation so at the very least let us enjoy the tournament for a little longer while we still have it.
23	Change provincial location each season
24	Move the senior tournament to a different weekend. More players could participate as you could bowl seniors as well as on a men's ladies or mixed team. Singles don't need a certified level 2 coach in the pit. Just an 05 member. Better awards ceremony. Last years was awful.
25	leave the open the way it has been for years if you change things you could loose more bowlers in this event alot of people dont like change thats just my opinon.
26	I have so many ideas, I haven't actually submitted my open survey because I keep going back to it! I'm just trying to organize my thoughts and ideas so they are able to be clearly understood on paper

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Answer

27	Move the seniors to a different weekend allowing them to compete in both events/make room for more coaches and lane beds
28	Change provincial bowling sites each year, or have the tournament at a neutral site. I have not participated in the Open since the site was forced to move to Ottawa. (Other side of the province from our zone)
29	Make seniors completely separate
30	Do away with declaring which zone one wants to bowl in. Bowlers have moved during the pandemic and sometimes not by choice. Allow bowlers to bowl in any zone without declaring.
31	None at this time
32	Fill any byes with a wild card team.
33	I would like to see a more polished streaming and video quality for this event. Commentary is good, and an ability to see scores will drive attention to the event.
34	More games in provincial round
35	I assume the qualifications for the team events will remain the same? I.E. bowl 20 games in your zone over two weekends and top 6 men/women form men/women's team and the next 3 of each forms the mixed teams. I really enjoy the qualification round - it gives me the best chance at making a team as my game moves up a notch due to the number of games and the competition. I understand that many zones struggle to find enough competitors and if that means combining zones, then I would understand that. I would not want this tournament to become a 'form your own team' tournament as I feel that would shut out many bowlers.
36	Some information missing in survey questions. Format - option A was the only one that explained finals. Would B and C be total points overall is winner? Also schedule - when would set weekend be...March or April?
37	All games to be played at the same center if feasible. Men's, ladies, mixed and singles.
38	no comments
39	I think you could move the open to another weekend if you didn't run the seniors at the same time. Give seniors their own weekend and allow them to play in both the regular and seniors open. Some seniors can still compete in the regular open and shouldn't have to choose one or the other.
40	Cannot respond to Question 6 without knowing what date would be the alternative.
41	I would like to see the Ontario Open/Senior Championships bowled in a more central location than Ottawa. Oshawa is ideal, but if the lineage is higher than expected, pass on to the bowler in the assessment price. OR Try using Towne Bowl Kitchener and Echo Bowl Brantford about 48km from each other Approx 45 min. Just a suggestion.
42	I would not agree to any option that requires bowling more games or more games on the same day. I bowl well at the qualifiers due to 5 games one day and 5 games a week later. At the Senior Open there are six games day one and seven games day two. The location of the Open has a huge effect on time/cost to travel and hotel expenses. The best bowlers may not be able to afford to bowl.
43	Would like to see the Open and Senior Open on different weekends. Seniors should have the option to play in both divisions if they so choose. And with the lack of youth coming to our game, seniors are going to be relied on to keep playing as well.