

## EXECUTIVES 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### F O R M A T

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 31ST OF THE CURRENT BOWLING SEASON**, and must be a member in good standing 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 29, 2023** 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.
5. Entry deadline is **OCTOBER 29, 2023**.
6. Format in all rounds will be based on pins-over-average (**No Handicap**).
7. All League and Association Executives shall compete together with the top three (3) bowlers advancing to the Provincial Championships.
8. 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 2023-2024 bowling season membership fees.
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  - a) If a copy of the Zone's Average Book (***electronic copy ONLY***) has not been received in the Provincial Office by **JUNE 30, 2023, no bowlers from that Zone or Decentralized Association will be permitted to compete in this event.**
  - b) Any league(s) that have not provided their pinfall/games to the Zone will not be permitted to bowl in the Executives 5 Pin Championships.
10. 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.

11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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 an automatic disqualification.
14. 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). **Two (2) personal bowling balls per competitor will be allowed on the rack at a time.** 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 damage 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.
15. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds of competition.
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.

<b>ZONE/DC FINALS</b>
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1. The Zone/DC Finals shall consist of three (3) games and must be completed on or before **NOVEMBER 19, 2023**. 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. All bowlers who compete in the Zone/DC Finals must use the following criteria for determining averages:  
  
**AVERAGE BOOK:** Bowlers must use their rolling average as recorded in the Zone Average Book or on the O5PBA website at [www.o5pba.ca](http://www.o5pba.ca).  
  
**NON-AVERAGE BOOK:** Bowlers with no rolling average recorded in the Zone Average Book or on the O5PBA website, must use their highest league average in that Zone or Decentralized Association up to and including **OCTOBER 29, 2023** (highest average if a bowler bowls in two (2) or more leagues) with a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled.
3. Substitutions are not allowed in the Zone/DC finals. If an Executive position cannot be filled, then that position is left vacant.

4. In the event of a tie for first (1<sup>st</sup>) place or the final advancing position, the Zone/DC will decide the tie breaking method from one of the following:
  - a) Individual with the most pins-over-average in the last game
  - b) Retrogression method
  - c) A one (1) game roll-off

**Note: The tie breaking method must be announced before the tournament starts.**

5. Zone/DC Association Executives have the option of advancing directly to the Provincial Championships at a cost to be determined by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. (See General Rules #3)

<b>PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>
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1. The Provincial Championships shall be bowled on **MARCH 3, 2024** 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 2023-2024 bowling season up to and including **JANUARY 21, 2024** and must use the following criteria for determining averages:

**AVERAGE BOOK:** Bowlers must use their rolling average as recorded in the Average Book or on the O5PBA website at [www.o5pba.ca](http://www.o5pba.ca), and as established in **all sanctioned or non-sanctioned leagues** in Ontario. **The tournament committee reserves the right to adjust a bowler's average at a Provincial Championship, based on all leagues and sanctioned tournaments that they bowled in during the past four (4) seasons to ensure that their average reflects the bowler's true ability.**

**NON-AVERAGE BOOK:** Bowlers with no rolling average recorded in the Average Book or on the O5PBA website, must use **the highest of the following as determined by the Provincial Office:**

Use their highest league average up to and including **JANUARY 21, 2024** (highest average if a bowler bowls in two (2) or more leagues), and as established in any league in Ontario.

**- OR -**

Use their average based on the median between their highest league average up to and including **JANUARY 21, 2024**, and the average based on the twenty-one (21) games (seven weeks) leading up to **JANUARY 21, 2024**.

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 2023-2024 bowling season with a minimum of twenty-one (21) games bowled up to and including **JANUARY 21, 2024**.

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 four (4) games. The bowler that finishes in first (1<sup>st</sup>) place based on a total pins-over-average basis will be declared our Provincial Champion.
5. In the event of a tie for first (1<sup>st</sup>) place overall, and for the purpose of declaring a Provincial Champion, a one (1) game roll-off shall be required to determine the winner.
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 fifteen (15) minute warm-up prior to the start of the event.
10. Any late bowler shall start to bowl and count only from the time of arrival, regardless of the reason.
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 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.
13. All Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules are in effect.
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. There shall be no use of alcohol, non-prescribed drugs or vapour cigarettes. Any bowler found to be intoxicated, consuming alcoholic beverages or using non-prescribed drugs, stimulants or vapour cigarettes shall be removed from the tournament.
18. Participants may have an unlimited amount and unlimited sizing of sponsorship logos and/or identification anywhere on their team's shirts while maintaining a clear view of participants association and name. Sponsors may vary between individuals. Sponsors may not be in conflict with sponsors of the O5PBA or C5PBA.

19. All participants must wear shirts with collars in their registered Zone Association colours with a logo identifying the Association they represent. Participants will present themselves in a neat and clean appearance. No cut-offs, jeans or denim. All clothing must cover the "bottoms area". **Individuals on a team may wear a different length style bottom.** Skirts/shorts/skorts (both genders), should be 2 inches below finger tips. Teams should wear a consistent colour or pattern. Hats, caps or headgear of any kind are prohibited unless worn for medical or religious reasons. Any participant 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 PARTICIPANT not conforming to the dress code.**

20. **IRRETRIEVABLY LOST SCORES**

- a) A Tournament game(s) or frame(s) within a game, which is irretrievably lost in the scoring process, is null and void. The game(s) or frame(s) must be re-bowled unless one of the following conditions is met:
- i) Scores of any players that have been lost can be documented.
  - ii) The team captains/coaches can completely agree on one or more scores lost.
  - iii) The Tournament Committee rules that the game(s) or frame(s) are not to be re-bowled.

If scores on a pair of lanes can be documented or agreed upon, the game shall be continued from the point of agreement. If some but not all of the scores can be documented or agreed upon, the bowlers whose scores cannot be substantiated, shall re-bowl the game to the point of agreement/interruption, at which time the game shall be continued in regular order.

21. **INTERRUPTED GAME OR SERIES**

- a) The Tournament Officials may authorize the completion of a game and series on another pair of certified lanes when equipment failure on the starting lanes would delay the normal progress of the game or series.
- b) An interrupted game and series, which cannot be completed on the same lane, must be resumed from the point of interruption.