



Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association

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Dear Coach:

Congratulations on having been selected to coach a team at the Provincial Championships of the Youth Challenge. These Championships are being held on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024** at Echo Bowl, 760 Colborne Street, Brantford, Ontario, N3S 3S1.

Please be aware that all bowlers and coaches who qualify for our Provincial Championships will be responsible for booking their own hotel accommodations.

We have provided you with a package of information regarding the Provincial Championships as follows:

- Schedule of Event
- Six (6) Code of Conduct and Dress Code Forms – **(Bowlers & Coaches)**
- Six (6) Waiver of Liability Forms – **(Bowlers & Coaches)**
- Five (5) Winning Bowler Packages – **(One for each member of your team)**

CALL A TEAM MEETING IMMEDIATELY!!!

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU CALL A TEAM MEETING IMMEDIATELY TO DISTRIBUTE THE WINNING BOWLER PACKAGES TO YOUR TEAM AND TO REVIEW THE ENCLOSED INFORMATION. ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND E-MAILED TO results@o5pba.ca NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 8, 2023. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

COACHES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COACHING YOUTH BOWLERS

We appreciate the time and energy you will spend on the youth bowlers who have qualified for the Youth Challenge/Winter Games. The following guidelines are to be used to ensure both the success of this tournament and the welfare of our youth bowlers.

1. Your responsibility first and foremost lies with the health and welfare of the young competitors under your jurisdiction. The youth bowlers will look up to you for guidance and leadership. Please set a good example.
2. You must accompany the youth bowlers to all functions organized for these Championships.
3. You as a coach must abide by all O5PBA rules and conduct yourself in a manner befitting a YBC coach.
4. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs or stimulants will not be allowed from the time you leave for the tournament until the time you arrive home. **Any coach found breaking these rules shall be removed from the tournament and could have their O5PBA membership suspended.**
5. For the safety of the coach as well as the youth bowler, at no time should a coach be alone with any bowler 17 years of age or younger, as per the Coaching Association of Canada's Rule of Two Policy.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CODE OF CONDUCT AND DRESS CODE FORM

Attached is an Acknowledgement of Code of Conduct and Dress Code Form. Each participant and Coach **MUST** complete and sign this form to acknowledge they understand and agree to abide by the dress code as outlined below. **Parents/Guardians are required to sign the bowler's form for those bowlers who are 17 years of age and under.**

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. **A commercially made "Coach" pin must be worn on the front or sleeve and be visible at all times, unless the word "Coach" is embroidered on the shirt sleeve or chest. The first offence is a uniform violation. Subsequent violations during the same event, is removal from the tournament.**

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. A tournament official will discuss a dress code violation issue with the coach only. (It will be up to the coach to rectify the problem).**

Please Note: Teams that have multiple Zone winners, will be allowed to wear a shirt from the Zone they are representing.

These forms **MUST** be e-mailed to results@o5pba.ca no later than **DECEMBER 8, 2023**. **Failure to sign this form may result in not being permitted to compete in the event.**

Please contact your Local Zone Association to arrange for your bowling shirts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

Also enclosed is an Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability Form. In order to ensure our Association of liability coverage, our insurance company has insisted that an Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability Form be signed by **ALL PARTICIPANTS** in our Provincial Championships. **Parents/Guardians are also required to sign the bowler's form if they are 17 years of age and under.**

Please read the form carefully and initial the box after reading and understanding the statements and conditions. Upon completion of the form please print and sign your name. **These forms MUST be completed by ALL PARTICIPANTS in the Youth Challenge or they will not be permitted to bowl.**

This is an action that may seem drastic but is necessary for the well being of your Association. These forms **MUST** be e-mailed to results@o5pba.ca no later than **DECEMBER 8, 2023**.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Coaches for the Men's and Ladies' teams are required to have their full team present for registration no later than 8:00 a.m. at Echo Bowl in Brantford on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024**. Bowling will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. **A Coaches meeting will be held via ZOOM, on Sunday, January 8, 2024. Please be advised that there is no banquet scheduled for this event. Winners will be announced and awards presented upon completion of the event at the bowling centre.**

The Provincial Championships shall be comprised of, and declare champions in five (5) events: Men's, Ladies' and Mixed team events; and Men's and Ladies' singles events. All bowlers competing

in the Provincial Championships (Men's, Ladies' and Mixed teams) shall have their scratch scores count in all games of the round robin and these scores will be used to determine the Provincial Singles Champions.

The top three (3) men and top three (3) ladies, based on scratch scores for all round robin games will form the Southern Ontario team which will advance to compete in the National Championships. In the event of a tie for the last qualifying position, a one (1) game roll-off will be used to break the tie. The National Championships will be held as a virtual tournament from **MAY 24-26, 2024** in a centre in Ontario.

In each event, teams will bowl a Single Round Robin format against each team in their division (Men's, Ladies and Mixed teams). A match play plus FIELD points format shall be used to determine the teams that will advance to the Championship Finals, in all team events. Each bowler who beats their opponent on the opposing team will receive one (1) point. One (1) point shall be awarded for each team that you beat, based on total team pinfall, for an additional seven (7) FIELD points, making a total of twelve (12) points possible for each game.

The top four (4) teams in each group of the three (3) divisions (Men's, Ladies' and Mixed teams) which amasses the highest point total at the conclusion of the Single Round Robin will advance to the Championship Finals. The Championship Finals will consist of a one (1) game roll-off with the first place team bowling the second place team to determine the Provincial Champions and the third place team bowling the fourth place team to determine the Bronze medal winners. Winners will be determined by using a match play format. Each bowler who beats their opponent on the opposing team will receive one (1) point. Three (3) points shall be awarded to the team that has the highest pinfall making a total of eight (8) points. **In the event of a 4-4 tie another game will be bowled.**

As this is a Winter Games year, the teams advancing to the Ontario Winter Games Championships will be determined by the Ontario 5 Pin Tournament Committee. The Ontario Winter Games will take place from **FEBRUARY 23-24, 2024** in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

For all the rules and regulations governing this tournament, please refer to Page 4-1 in the Green Book which is posted on our website.

I will be sending you the Lane Draw along with the Team Rosters once we have received all the results in the Provincial Office. Once again, please call a team meeting as soon as possible. **It is the responsibility of the Coach to see that all completed forms are e-mailed to results@o5pba.ca no later than DECEMBER 8, 2023.**

We look forward to greeting you in Brantford and wish your team the best of luck in the Provincial Championships. If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the Provincial Office at (416) 426-7167.

Yours truly,

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