



Updates for 2024-2025

Why now?

- To address the feedback from the Open Participant surveys over the past few years.
- To align with the restructuring to 12 Provincial Zones.

When and where were these decisions made?

- At the O5PBA Annual General Meeting (AGM), in June 2024
 - Several Open-related motions and recommendations from Zones and the O5 Board were brought forward for discussion. (The integration of Zone A - Western Ontario into Zone B - Middlesex-Elgin was an additional factor).

Who was involved in the decision making?

- The voting delegation of members across the O5
 - Based on membership numbers, each Zone and DC Association is assigned a voting delegate(s) who discuss the current state of O5 items (e.g., budget, publicity, membership, tournaments, etc.) and vote on any motions brought to the floor. A motion is carried when votes in favour are 50% plus one.
- For the Open and Senior Open, an Ad-Hoc Committee of past and present tournament participants discussed, at-length, the format of the tournaments and were tasked with presenting proposals for the voting delegation.
 - Considerations discussed by the group included, but were not limited to, tournament format (including number of games to be played), costs, travel, timing (including work-related considerations for those required to take time off to participate), experience as tournament participants, and survey feedback from across the O5.
 - The Ad-Doc Committee was comprised of Sarah G, Meghan B, Kevin S, Ron R, Brenda H, Nancy F, Shirlee K, Steph F, Sarah D, Paul B, Christina C, Bob B, Natalie L, Maria I, Melissa L, Andrea P, Sarah C, Lori B. This group has from three to over 35 years of Open / Senior Open experience, and in total, the group has over 240 years of combined participation experience.



Ontario Senior Open - Changes for 2024-2025

Tournament format to be a single round robin.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schedule to be determined by the tournament committee.
Teams Stepladder Finals - the top 4 teams advance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Third v. fourth stepladder match to be completed on Friday, following the round robin qualification round.• Remaining stepladder to be completed on Saturday.
Introduction of a prize structure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In lieu of advancement to a national event, a monetary prize is to be awarded to the winning team.

