

## HOLIDAY CLASSIC 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### FORMAT

The Holiday Classic 5 Pin Championships consists of three (3) steps:

- **LEAGUE ROUND**
- **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. Entry deadline is **JANUARY 20, 2025**.
3. Entry fee is \$15.00 per bowler.
4. Any bowler having participated in week one of the League Round that wishes to re-enter the competition during the second week will be permitted to do so, provided they pay an additional entry fee of \$15.00.
5. Format in all rounds will be based on pins-over-average (**No Handicap**).
6. A league must have a minimum of ten (10) paid entries in order to participate.
7. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds of competition except in the League Round, where league rules shall apply.
8. **QUALIFYING ROUND POLICY:**
  - a) Bowlers who are members in two (2) or more leagues may enter and compete in each League Round. Bowlers, who qualify to advance from more than one (1) league, may bowl on more than one (1) team at the Zone/DC Finals, only if scheduling permits.
  - b) The phrase if scheduling permits grants permission for a bowler to compete in more than one Zone/DC final so long as each of those rounds is a separate and distinct competition, occurring on different days, or at substantially different times.
  - c) Bowlers who qualify to bowl on more than one (1) team at the Zone/DC Finals, but scheduling does not permit them to bowl on both teams, must bowl on the team from the league that placed higher in the league qualifying round. If a tie exists, the bowler must bowl on the team from the league in which their average is highest as of the specified average date.

- d) No bowler will be permitted to compete on more than one (1) team at the Provincial Championships. Bowlers qualifying on more than one (1) team for the Provincial Championships must bowl on the team from the league that placed higher in the Zone/DC qualifying round. If a tie exists, the bowler must bowl on the team from the league in which their average is highest as of the specified average date.
9. Any bowler who, for any reason, vacates their position on a team for the next level of competition forfeits the right to return to competition in this event on that team or any other team. Such withdrawal may result in suspension of tournament/membership privileges of that individual.
10. a) A substitute bowler for the Zone/DC finals must come from the same league as the bowler being replaced and must be the runner-up bowler from the League Round that did not qualify to advance. League Executives shall go down the list of participants in order of finish until a substitute is found.
- b) After the Zone/DC finals, a substitute bowler must come from the same league as the bowler being replaced, and must come from the highest placing team at the Zone/DC finals if two (2) or more teams competed from that league. If only one (1) team competed from that league, the substitute bowler must be the runner-up bowler from the League Round that did not qualify to advance to the Zone/DC finals.
- c) Any bowler who, for any reason, declines to be a substitute in any round is ineligible to be a substitute at any subsequent round.
11. 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.
12. All coaches are required to abide by the rules of the Coaching Policy and Coaches' Instructions. See Coaching Policy page 1-11.
13. 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.
14. 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. If a Tournament Director encounters a dispute or needs an interpretation of a rule in any event, they can contact the Provincial Office at (416) 426-7167 any time during the event and you will be connected to a Provincial Tournament Committee member. Phones are monitored on Sundays. In the event that a Local Tournament Director is unable to reach the Provincial Office immediately, the benefit of the doubt must be given to the bowler. The bowler must be permitted to compete and the subsequent results are to be held "unofficial" until the problem or question has been referred to the Provincial Office.

15. The following rule will apply to any bowler who is injured during competition:

When a player is unable to complete a game because of injury, the team of which the bowler is a member shall count his/her actual score for the frames completed in the game total, plus one tenth of his/her absentee score (95% of average) for each of the remaining frames.

**EXAMPLE:**

Bowler CS is a member of a team. He has an average of 169.

Frame 1 – CS rolls a strike

Frame 2 – CS rolls a strike

Frame 3 – CS rolls a strike

Frame 4 – On the first ball, CS slams the ball onto his toe and the ball hits the right corner pin. On the second and third balls, CS misses. CS informs the Tournament Director that he is unable to continue.

For the first four frames, CS has scored 96. The format for missing bowler (absentee score) is 95% of average = 161. Therefore, CS score is:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 96 \\
 + 161/10 \times 6 = \underline{96} \\
 \text{Equals} \quad 192
 \end{array}$$

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	
CS	X	15	15	X	15	2	X	2	-	2	-	-
	45	77	94	96								

**LEAGUE ROUND**

- All entrants shall bowl a one (1) week league round during regular league play, during the weeks of **JANUARY 6-19, 2025**. Bowlers wishing to better their scores from week one will be permitted to re-enter the competition by paying an additional entry fee of \$15.00 and bowl during regular league play during this timeframe.
- The top five (5) qualifiers in the League Round shall form the first team and the next five (5) qualifiers in the League Round shall form the second team, and so on.
- All bowlers who compete in the League Round 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 average from the league in which they are competing up to and including **JANUARY 5, 2025**, with a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled.

- Bowlers qualifying for the Provincial Championships must have bowled a minimum of twenty-one (21) games from the beginning of the 2024-2025 bowling season up to and including **MARCH 23, 2025**, in order to compete in the Provincial Championships.

5. Leagues will advance one (1) team of five (5) bowlers each to the Zone/DC finals according to the following formula:

**EXAMPLE:**

10 to 15 Entries .....	1 Team Advances
16 to 22 Entries .....	2 Teams Advance
23 to 29 Entries .....	3 Teams Advance
30 to 36 Entries .....	4 Teams Advance
37 to 43 Entries .....	5 Teams Advance
44 to 50 Entries .....	6 Teams Advance
51 to 57 Entries .....	7 Teams Advance
58 to 64 Entries .....	8 Teams Advance
65 to 71 Entries .....	9 Teams Advance
72 to 78 Entries .....	10 Teams Advance

**Please Note:** Leagues with less than the minimum of ten (10) paid entries, but with five (5) or more entries may submit the entry fee covering ten (10) centres (10 x \$15.00) in order to advance a team to the Zone/DC finals. Leagues may also submit the entry fees covering 16, 23, 30, 37, 44 entries and so on in order to advance additional teams to the Zone/DC finals as above.

6. In the event of a tie or ties in total pins over or under their average for purposes of determining qualifiers for the Zone/DC finals, 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.
7. Teams may select any individual to coach their team at the Zone/DC finals. However, after the Zone/DC finals, all coaches must be **COMMUNITY COACH TRAINED** on or before **DECEMBER 31ST OF THE CURRENT BOWLING SEASON**, and must be a member in good standing of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
8. If league rules permit bowl-offs for league play, they are permissible for this round only of the tournament.

**ZONE/DC FINALS**

1. All League Round qualifiers in a Zone/DC Final shall bowl three (3) games on or before **MARCH 9, 2025** in centres designated by the Local Association.
2. Each team shall consist of five (5) bowlers.
3. The order of bowling may be changed for each game in an unrestricted line-up.
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) Team with the most pins-over-average in the last game
  - b) Retrogression method (reverting back to game 2, then game 1)
  - c) A one (1) game roll-off

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

5. In the event of a tie for any other positions, the team with the most pins over or the least pins under, if all teams are below their team average in the last game, 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.
6. 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 **FEBRUARY 9, 2025** (highest average if a bowler bowls in two (2) or more leagues) with a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled.

7. The team beating their total team average by the most pins shall be declared the Zone Champions and shall advance to the Provincial Championships. **Zone/DC Associations have the option of advancing additional teams to the Provincial Championships (based on the advancement chart) at a cost to be determined by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.**
8. If a bowler misses a game or games they shall be allowed 95% of their average for any games missed. Any absent bowler will be replaced for the Provincial Championships if their team advances.
9. All teams advancing to the Provincial Championships must have a coach that is **COMMUNITY COACH TRAINED** on or before **DECEMBER 31 OF THE CURRENT BOWLING SEASON**, and must be a member in good standing of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. Contact your coaching coordinator for a list of certified coaches. **(See Coaching Policy Page 1-11)**

<b>PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>
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1. The Provincial Championships shall be bowled on **MAY 10, 2025** 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 2024-2025 bowling season up to and including **MARCH 23, 2025** 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 three (3) 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 **MARCH 23, 2025** (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 23, 2025**, and the average based on the twenty-one (21) games (seven weeks) leading up to **MARCH 23, 2025**.

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 2024-2025 bowling season with a minimum of twenty-one (21) games bowled up to and including **MARCH 23, 2025**.

3. All teams competing at the Provincial Championships shall be comprised of all advancing teams from the Zone/DC Finals.
4. All teams competing in the Provincial Championships shall compete against all other teams.
5. If a bowler is unable to participate in the Provincial Championships, the team roster must be filled by the next eligible bowler from the same league as the bowler withdrawing. **(See General Rule 10)**
6. 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.
7. The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field, and all decisions by the Committee shall be final.
8. Teams shall bowl with five (5) and will count five (5).
9. The Provincial Championships shall consist of four (4) games. The team that finishes in first (1<sup>st</sup>) place based on a total team pins-over-average basis will be declared our Provincial Champions.
10. If a bowler misses any game or games, they shall receive 95% of their average.
11. Any team that does not have a full complement of bowlers shall bowl only with the bowlers on hand. All bowlers shall be included in the line-up, however, any late bowlers shall start to bowl and count only from the time of arrival, regardless of the reason.
12. In the event of a tie for first (1<sup>st</sup>) place, and for the purpose of declaring a Provincial Champion, a one (1) game roll-off will be required to determine the winner. In the event of a tie or ties for any other positions, the team beating their average by the most pins in the last game 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.
13. The order of bowling may be changed for each game in an unrestricted line-up.
14. At the completion of each game, teams shall remain at their respective lanes. When instructed to do so, they shall move to their next lanes as per the lane draw. The lead-off bowler shall await the starting signal.

15. Lead-off bowlers shall not start the next frame in any game until their anchor bowler has finished the prior frame. A penalty of fifteen (15) pins shall be assessed said bowler for violating this rule and any ball or balls delivered shall be declared a "dead ball".
  16. Only bowlers and coaches competing in the event shall be permitted in the bowlers' enclosure. Assistant coaches should be positioned behind the enclosure. Any person violating this rule shall be removed from the bowlers' enclosure.
  17. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. All other bowlers and the coach must remain off the approach, to the side of or behind the scorestand, ensuring there is no interference with the scorekeeper's line of vision.
  18. Only non-playing coaches shall be allowed to coach. **The coach is the only person allowed to discuss, dispute or protest any point pertaining to the Provincial Championships with the Judge of Play.** Coaches are advised to make their bowlers fully aware of this ruling to avoid unnecessary delays.
  19. 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.
  20. 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.** 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.**
- Note: As approved at the 2024 AGM "Middlesex Elgin will have a two (2) year grace period to get shirts for those who advance to the Provincials from the old Western Ontario Association, but teams must be dressed uniformly (all one colour or the other)"**
21. Team lanesheets are to be signed by the coach after each game. Lanesheets filled out improperly or not signed may result in a fifteen (15) pin penalty being assessed to the team. No changes can be made to the score after it has been signed and leaves the scorestand.
  22. There shall be a fifteen (15) minute warm-up prior to the start of the event.
  23. All games shall start when the Judge of Play gives the starting signal.
  24. 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".

25. Flagrant violation of any rules may result in penalties being assessed by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.
26. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.
27. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, call the Judge of Play immediately.
28. 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.
29. 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.

30. **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.

31. **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.