

**MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
PERTAINING TO TOURNAMENTS**

**ONTARIO OPEN 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Zone Finals Rule 9 c, located in the Green Book, be split into two sections.

**Example:**

Six (6) entries will field three (3) Singles Competitors plus a Men's or Ladies' team.

Seven (7) Entries will field three (3) Singles Competitors, plus a Men's, Ladies and Mixed Team (with no spares on either team)

**REASON**

This will allow Zones that have lower entries the opportunity to advance a full contingent.

**MIDDLESEX ELGIN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION**

Bowlers/coaches will be eligible to compete in the Open in the Zone of their choice, if they have a rolling average in that Zone, with a minimum of fifty (50) games over three (3) years, as published in the Zone Average Book and on the O5PBA website every year. That average will be based on 50 games over regular league play and/or O5 tournament play within that zone.

**REASON**

Not all bowlers participate in bowling leagues yet still would like the opportunity to compete in the Open.

<b>ONTARIO OPEN/SENIOR OPEN 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>
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**ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****RECOMMENDATION**

That the following wording be added to the Green Book. When a player is unable to complete a game, and a qualified substitution is not available, the team which the bowler is a member, shall count a zero (0) for each of the frames that the bowler missed.
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**REASON**

There needs to be something in writing in the Green Book to cover this situation.

**OPEN & SENIOR OPEN AD HOC COMMITTEE****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Singles Provincial qualifying round re-vert back to 10 Games.
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**REASON**

It was felt that there is enough time in the schedule to bowl 10 games.

**OPEN & SENIOR OPEN AD-HOC COMMITTEE****RECOMMENDATION**

That the top 4 team in all divisions (Men's, Ladies, Mixed and Seniors) advance to the Stepladder Finals
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**OPEN & SENIOR OPEN AD-HOC COMMITTEE****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Senior Open be held separately at a different time.
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**REASON**

Since the Senior Open is considered at separate event, it should be held at a different time on a different week-end. This would eliminate the problems of getting coaches and would allow bowlers the opportunity to bowl in both, therefore potentially increasing the entries.

**OPEN & SENIOR OPEN AD-HOC COMMITTEE****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Paige system be used for the Stepladder Finals for all divisions (Men's Ladies, Mixed, Seniors)

**OPEN & SENIOR OPEN AD-HOC COMMITTEE****RECOMMENDATION**

The number of games for the round robin consist of no more than 18 games.

**REASON**

It was felt that 22 games were too much.

**MIDDLESEX ELGIN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****MOTION**

Bowlers/coaches will be eligible to compete in the Senior Open in the Zone of their choice, if they have a rolling average in that Zone, with a minimum of fifty (50) games over three (3) years, as published in the Zone Average Book and on the O5PBA website every year. That average will be based on 50 games over regular league play and/or O5 tournament play within that zone.

**REASON**

Not all bowlers participate in bowling leagues yet still would like the opportunity to compete in the Senior Open.

**SUNSET 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****MOTION**

Open Qualifying be reduced to 16 games 8 games per day.

**REASON**

All the major cash tournaments have 8 games. Open Singles Provincials 8 games would help keep costs down. Make holding zone rounds more appealing to proprietors as it would free up time for them to book other events.

**HAMILTON 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****MOTION**

Change the format of the Open Championships from the current double round robin format to one where there are 2 random pods. The teams play the teams in their pod twice and then play teams in the other pod once.

**REASON**

This season's double round robin of 22 games, plus the additional 8 games played by the singles competitors was exhausting. The teams spent 3 days in a bowling alley with no time at the end of the day to relax and unwind in any kind of social environment – bowl, eat, sleep. Many found this not conducive to getting some needed rest and socializing, even with their own team. Further, if we reduce the number of games, this will lower the overall cost of the event.

Proposed Open Format for 2026

2 Divisions	
Group A	Group B
1	2
2	4
5	6
7	8
9	10

Play everyone in your own division twice – 8 games

Play everyone in the opposite division once – 5 games

Top team in each division gets a bye to 1 vs 1 First Semi-Final game

2<sup>nd</sup> place and 3<sup>rd</sup> place team play in page system playoff

2<sup>nd</sup> Group A vs 3<sup>rd</sup> Group B – elimination game

2<sup>nd</sup> Group B vs 3<sup>rd</sup> Group A – elimination game

Page Play-off

1<sup>st</sup> semi-final = 1<sup>st</sup> group A vs 1<sup>st</sup> Group B – winner goes directly to Championship game

Quarterfinal = W of Playoff 1 vs W of playoff 2

Second Semi-final game = loser of 1<sup>st</sup> semi-final vs winner of quarterfinal game

Winner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semi-final vs winner of first semi-final for championship

**HAMILTON 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****MOTION**

Change the number of qualifying games at the zone round of the Open to be 10 games (from 20).

**REASON**

1. Rising costs are making the tournament unaffordable. By changing it to 10 games, bowlers will save at least \$70 in lineage.

2. Eliminates people potentially “playing games” by waiting to see who comes out to qualify. All games bowled one day so everyone must show up that day and bowl all 10 games.
3. Bowling centres are hesitant to give up their lanes for an entire day, twice, so will make it easier if only one day.
4. Eliminating a Sunday prior to Christmas can be valuable to many families.

### **OTTAWA VALLEY 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

#### **MOTION #1**

That all O5 Board members not bowling be available to work this event and not coach with the exception of the singles stepladder.

#### **REASON**

In past years (before Dave Post was president) board members did not put their names forward in their zone to coach. We acknowledge that there is a shortage of coaches in some areas and it's a comfort zone in others to have certain individuals' coach. However, we believe it is incumbent on the O5PBA Board to provide the best tournament experience for all of their members and this year that was not the case. This event requires a number of volunteers in addition to the board members and everyone was spread too thin. Also, in the past if a coach has had to withdraw a qualified board member has stepped in for the remainder of the tournament. If that happened at C & D Lanes this could not have been possible as there were only two running the tournament. As it is a requirement for each team to have a coach the worst-case scenario would be that the team would have to forfeit the rest of the tournament. We would hate to see that happen and the fallout would have an adverse effect on the O5.

### **OTTAWA VALLEY 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

#### **MOTION #2**

The Senior Open Champions receive an Ontario Shirt (similar to the Team Ontario Open shirts) in recognition of their victory as they too are Provincial Champions.

#### **REASON**

The Senior Open Champions won money this year which was wonderful and well received. However, in speaking with all of them they really want an Ontario shirt as a memento of their victory that they would wear with pride. They were able to purchase an Ontario jacket if they wished but were not able to purchase an Ontario shirt.

**ONTARIO DURHAM 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****RECOMMENDATION**

To have the players names listed on the sheet, with an additional column for lineup position.

**REASON**

The sheets would be easier and quicker for the coaches to fill out before each game plus they'd be much neater and less confusing for data entry after each game as the names would already be in the same order and format. These new sheets could also simplify things in cases where teammates have the same first or last name. The C5 and Masters use similar sheets for their Nationals as does the 5PL for their pro league.

**YOUTH CHALLENGE****ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****RECOMMENDATION**

Eliminate Field points and revert back to match play points for totals.

**REASON**

Consensus from the Bowlers and Coaches surveys prefer the three (3) points for team totals as opposed to the field points.

**ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****RECOMMENDATION**

Revert back to an "in person" coaches meeting, prior to the start of the tournament.

**REASON**

Every year there are coaches who are unable to attend the "ZOOM" meetings due to prior commitments. This way everyone will be there for the meeting.

**ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****RECOMMENDATION**

Change the coach selection process for the Youth Challenge to be new coaches each year, selected by the players, and to add a Team Manager who will travel with the team.

**REASON**

Gives the players on the team the opportunity to select the coach with guidance from the Team Manager. Each coach would be vetted prior to the YC Provincials and a full Bio provided.

**SUNSET 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****MOTION**

Allow Youth Challenge provincial winners to pick their own coach.
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**REASON**

Prepare them for choosing coach in the adult ranks. All participants to be more comfortable in their choice giving them a better chance to win.

**OTTAWA VALLEY 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that the Youth Challenge and Inter-Provincial Champions be determined using a Stepladder format.
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**REASON**

We believe that the outcome would be more reflective of how all the teams competed during the round robin.

<b>HIGH-LOW DOUBLES/INTER PROVINCIAL 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>
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**ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****RECOMMENDTION**

Ontario to send two teams to the 2026 IP Nationals with a manager.
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**REASON**

This is the only National grassroots event, and we send only one team currently.

**TOURNAMENTS - GENERAL**

**HAMILTON 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**RECOMMENDTION #1**

Reduce the number of players advancing to zone tournaments from their league play for High-Low Doubles.

**REASON**

There are few people left in the league to draw from to fill vacant positions (when someone qualifies but is unable to advance). For every additional 2 teams to play, one advances to zone round. This doesn't create a lot of excitement when so many people advance, and then at the zone round there are so many other teams to compete against but only one team moves on to provincials...it is not even. It is also difficult when someone bowls in more than one league and qualifies in both but then has to follow rules in Green book to determine which team they can advance to zone round with. It can create some hard feelings.

<b>NOW</b>	Entries	Teams Advance	<b>CHANGE TO:</b>	Entries
	5-8	1		8-10
	9-12	2		11-16
	13-16	3		17-20
	17-20	4		21-24
	etc.			

**HAMILTON 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**RECOMMENDTION #2**

Reduce the number of players advancing to zone tournaments from their league play for Provincial Triples tournament.

**REASON**

There are few people left in the league to draw from to fill vacant positions (when someone qualifies but is unable to advance). For every additional 3 entries (aka 1 team) 1 team advances to the zone round. This doesn't create a lot of excitement when so many people advance. Also, it basically means that if you pay to enter, you will be on a team. Then at the zone round there are so many other teams to compete against but only one team moves on to provincials...it is not even. It is also difficult when someone bowls in more than one league and qualifies in both but then has to follow rules in Green Book to determine which team they can advance to zone round with. It can create some hard feelings.

<b>NOW</b>	Entries	Teams Advance	<b>CHANGE TO:</b>	Entries
	9	1		9-11
	10-12	2		12-17
	13-15	3		18-23
	16-18	4		24-29
	19-21	5		30-35
	22-24	6		36-41
	etc			

### **ORLEANS 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

#### **RECOMMENDATION #1**

Put a note in the Tournament Directors Green Book that the order on the Winners Report will be the line-up order at the Provincial Championships.

#### **REASON**

Some teams want a certain order to bowl at the Provincial Finals and do not realize they can do it now. This would clarify this situation.

### **ORLEANS 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

#### **RECOMMENDATION #2**

In the Secretary Handbook, under League Round Winners Report Form, change the column header from Membership to Membership #.

#### **REASON**

Many league secretaries end up entering T or R instead of the membership #. This would be clearer and help to reduce mistakes.

### **ORLEANS 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

#### **RECOMMENDATION #3**

When the Lottery for an extra team(s)/player(s) to go on to the Provincials has taken place, announce it somewhere on the website or Facebook page.

#### **REASON**

Currently, only the associations that gets an extra spot(s) know that the lottery is complete. This would help teams or players who are on the bubble and waiting to find out sooner that they are not going on and then can make plans for that time. We get many questions from these players asking if we know yet that they are going on.

**ORLEANS 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****RECOMMENDATION #4**

Give Judges of Play/Tournament staff at tournaments the use of the communication system used at the lanes to communicate to the staff behind the lanes. Judges would be able to call for tangles, pin resets, ball jams, etc. The Judge of Play would need to know how the staff defines the pins and use this when discussing pin resets. Going forward, try to standardize this across all bowling centers.

**REASON**

This would help reduce the time for the bowlers to make these from of fixes or corrections and would shorten the length of tournaments. Note, it would require some up-front time before the tournament to discuss this with the lanes and communicate this to the Judges of Play.

**OTTAWA VALLEY 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****MOTION**

That Ontario follow the same policy as the C5, which would eliminate the need to re-certify every 5 years.

**REASON**

In the rest of Canada, Tournament Directors/Judges of Play take the seminar once and never have to re-certify.

If the C5 were to change their policy, then we would amend ours, similar to other points if reference.