



Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association

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Dear Senior Open Participant,

Congratulations on being a part of your Zone Association contingent to the Ontario Senior Open 5 Pin Championships. These Championships are being held from **APRIL 2-4, 2026** at Mike's Lanes in Stratford, Ontario. The finals will be bowled at Echo Bowl in Brantford, Ontario.

For all the rules and regulations governing these tournaments please visit our website at the above noted address.

While only one team or individual can win in each event, we wish your team the best of luck in the Provincial Championships.

HOTEL BOOKING INFORMATION

We have obtained a block of rooms at the Best Western in Brantford to assist you in obtaining hotel accommodations. This group booking is under no obligation or commitment to the O5PBA. Availability is first come first serve within the booking dates and are subject to the room availability at the time of your call.

SENIOR OPEN PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM

Your team coach will be providing you with a Senior Open Participant Information Form. **ALL PARTICIPANTS AND COACHES MUST COMPLETE THE FORM.**

Once you have completed your Senior Open Participant Information Form, please return it to your **team coach** right away along with the appropriate payment (**if paying by cheque or money order**).

We will accept payment by e-transfer, cheque, or money order. If you are paying by e-transfer send to payments@o5pba.ca and indicate the name of your Zone, your Name and the Team you are competing on (Senior Team).

If you are paying by cheque or money order please make it payable to the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. **POST-DATED CHEQUES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

The team coach will then return all Senior Open Participant Information Forms for the team by email to rhondagifford@o5pba.ca or by mail to the above noted address no later than **MARCH 4, 2026.**

ASSESSMENT FEE

All bowlers and coaches participating in the Provincial Championships of the Ontario Senior Open 5 Pin Championships must pay an additional assessment fee of \$30.00.

The assessment fee must be paid in advance on the Senior Open Participant Information Form provided to you by your team coach.

VICTORY DANCE AND AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

ALL WINNING TEAMS AND SINGLES (COMPETITORS AND TEAM COACHES) MUST WEAR THEIR FULL UNIFORMS TO THE VICTORY DANCE AND AWARDS PRESENTATIONS. THERE WILL BE NO ADMITTANCE IF WINNING COMPETITORS AND TEAM COACHES DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE RULE.

The Victory Dance and Awards Presentations will be held on **SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026**, at the Best Western Brantford Hotel and Conference Centre, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford, Ontario, N3R 7J4.

Cocktails will begin at 7:30 p.m. with Awards Presentations to follow at 8:30 p.m. A dance will follow the Award Presentations at 9:30 p.m.

The cost to everyone attending the Victory Dance and Awards Presentations is \$25.00 each. All tickets **MUST** be ordered and paid for in advance on the **SENIOR OPEN PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM** provided.

All tickets ordered will be picked up by your team coach at Mike's Lanes on **Friday, April 3, 2026** at the registration desk. The champions (winning teams and singles) will be refunded the cost of the Victory Dance and Awards Presentations (\$25.00), provided they have pre-paid for their ticket. A cash bar will also be available.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE VICTORY DANCE AND AWARDS PRESENTATIONS (SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026) THEREFORE IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU ORDER YOUR TICKETS AHEAD OF TIME TO AVOID ANY DISAPPOINTMENT!

PERFECT GAME POOL

The concept, introduced at the 1996 National Championships, allows each bowler the chance to pay \$20.00 and the entire pool will be available to anyone who bowls a perfect game, at any time, during the 2025 Open Championships. If more than one "450" game is bowled, the pot will be split among those bowlers.

However, if a perfect game is not bowled, the pool will be split among the male and female entries and 25% (twenty-five per cent) of the money contributed for this year only will be distributed to the men's and ladies' high single from the tournament. The remaining 75% will be carried over to make an even larger pool for next year.

EXAMPLE:

250 Bowlers @ \$20.00 = \$5,000.00

ANY OR ALL PERFECT GAME(S) WOULD WIN OR SHARE \$5,000.00

If a perfect game is not bowled, let's assume our 250 entries are 150 men and 100 women.

MEN'S HIGH SINGLE

150 @ \$20.00 = \$3,000.00
25% to High Single = \$750.00

LADIES' HIGH SINGLE

100 @ \$20.00 = \$2,000.00
25% to High Single = \$500.00

From this example, \$3,750.00 would be carried over to the 2026 pool.

It is the responsibility of the bowler to enter themselves in the Perfect Game Pool on the Senior Open Participant Information Form provided. You can also enter the Perfect Game Pool at your bowling centre prior to teams starting on **THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026** (Senior Teams).

TEAM PICTURES

We will be taking team pictures again this year. You will have the choice of an electronic picture or a printed picture. Electronic delivery will be \$3.00 (HST Included). The \$3.00 cost is to cover the work and efforts required to take and edit the pictures and create the souvenir picture. The printed picture will cost \$10.00 (HST included) which will include a 5 x 7 frame.

These pictures **MUST** be ordered and paid for in advance on the Senior Open Participant Information Form provided.

HIGH SINGLE GAME POOL

This is a pool for all Ontario Open and Ontario Senior Open bowlers. There will be a separate pool for the Men and Ladies who bowl in the Regular and the Seniors Open. The pool will be conducted during the team event only (not during the Singles Event). Pay-outs will be after each game during the single round robin. The cost to enter the High Single Game Pool will be \$20.00 per bowler. **It is the responsibility of the bowler to enter themselves in the High Single Game Pool** on the Senior Open Participant Information Form provided. The deadline for entering the High single Game Pool will be **MARCH 14, 2025**.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AT THE OPEN!!!!!!

SENIOR OPEN SINGLES FORMULA

All competitors (men and ladies), who have declared whether or not they would like to be considered for the stepladder finals, will have their scores count for all games bowled in the Single Round Robin. Scores will be posted to determine the top five (5) men and top five (5) ladies. At the conclusion of the Single Round Robin, the top five (5) men and top five (5) ladies based on the following will advance:

- To be eligible for the stepladder finals all bowlers will have to bowl a minimum of 70% of the total frames.

- The top five (5) averages, men and ladies (rounded down to two decimal points) will advance to a singles stepladder match play final.

In the event a bowler who qualifies for the singles stepladder match play finals, and withdraws for any reason, he/she will not be replaced. The bowler who would be bowling against him/her will receive an automatic win and advance to the next match. The player (man and lady) advancing to the Championship match must beat the first (1st) place qualifier (man and lady) twice to be declared the Provincial Champion.

The Opening Ceremonies will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Mike's Lanes.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please address them to your Team Coach. If your Coach cannot provide an answer, contact the office at (416) 426-7167. We look forward to seeing you in Stratford and Brantford and wish your team the best of luck in the Provincial Championships.

Yours truly,

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