



Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association

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To: Zone Association Tournament Directors

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SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF EMERGENCY SPARES

It has always been the practice at the Open Championships to have each Zone designate their emergency spares for the Open Championships at the event. The form is either handed directly to the Zone President in attendance or given to the coaches from that zone to formulate a decision and complete the form.

This practice occasionally has resulted in alternates being excluded for consideration as the emergency spares for the event if they are not present at the event. In order to alleviate this, we are enclosing, in advance, an "Emergency Spare Designation Form" which the zones can complete ahead of time and e-mail to rhondagifford@o5pba.ca no later than **MARCH 20, 2026**. Any submissions not received by this date will be dealt with at the Coaches' ZOOM Meeting. Coaches will have one last opportunity, prior to the start of team competition, to submit their Emergency Spare Designation Form to the tournament director where they are bowling.

Zones are to ensure that their alternates are contacted to see if they plan on attending the championships and would be willing to be the emergency spare should the situation arise. **It should be noted that any individual being designated the Emergency Spare must have competed in the Zone Open qualifying round. He/she must be prepared to bowl in the proper attire as outlined in the O5PBA dress code.**

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact the Provincial Office at (416) 426-7167.

Yours truly,

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Enclosure: