

**MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
PERTAINING TO TOURNAMENTS**

**ONTARIO SENIOR CITIZENS (Senior and Junior-Senior Divisions)  
SINGLES AND DOUBLES 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**ORLEANS 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

For the Senior Citizens tournament, recognize the achievement of those members that are 80+ in some form when they were the best across the province. The recognition could be just a certificate of that fact or a small monetary amount. Would require a place to be added to the winner's report for this information to be included.

**REASON**

A bowler suggested they have a category for 90+, an age group he had just got to. But, creating another group would split the senior age category even more and make it untenable. Maybe just recognition of being best across the province in a more senior age group 80+ at the Zone/DC would be nice and may get more participation.

**SUNSET 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION**

Why have a zone qualifying round? Open this up to any senior, who can find another senior member in their respective zone, to attend the provincial round should they like to participate.

**REASON**

This tournament could have increased participation than what it does today. Limiting participation doesn't make sense when you still have to pay at the provincial round.

**HOLIDAY CLASSIC 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION**

Change Holiday Classic 5 Pin Championships to the Provincial Team 5 Pin Championships.

**REASON**

The Holiday Classic is confusing when asking bowlers to enter. You end up telling them you are entering to qualify for a team from your league. It would also be more consistent with the Hi-Low Doubles and the Triples. As there are no Holidays being offered to winning teams, the name seems redundant.

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

<p>If a bowler has attempted qualifying in both the Senior Open and Open at the Zone level, but finishes in the alternate position for the Open, that they be allowed to be considered the alternate for the Open, if needed. This would only not be allowed if it would leave the Senior Open team without a player in that spot.</p>
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**REASON**

Bowlers pay a fee to enter both the Open and the Senior Open. If an alternate has to be utilized in the Open, the bowler should be allowed to play on that team. It has the possibility of advancing to Nationals. It is a separate event. Then the alternate for the Senior team would be moved up to play on the Senior team. If there is no alternate man available for the Senior team, then the bowler would remain on the Senior team and the next available alternate for the Open would be called up.

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

<p>Open Nationals - For Open Nats, ZERO O5 representatives are "sent" to act as team managers. A representative can be "on call", via conference/video call, should any issue arise in which a team coach requires assistance. IF an O5 representative is required, only one (1) is assigned and their responsibilities fully outlined.</p>
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**REASON**

The teams already have coaches who are more than capable of dealing with issues should they arise. As well, the assumption is the two O5 reps are going with all expenses paid (flight, accommodation, food) whereas the actual bowlers competing are paying approx. \$1200 just at the national level, not including food. Note: this cost doesn't include their zone or provincial costs. IF a representative is needed.

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

Open Nationals - Give each bowler and coach an allotment of money to book their own hotel rooms and flights.
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**REASON**

Based on this year's experience it has become very clear the inability to organize and communicate effectively the basic requirements for each bowler/coach. As well, we are adults and do not want to share hotel rooms (we want our own). Lastly this removes the burden from O5 and potentially saves O5 money.

**GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****MOTION**

Remove the automatic suspension rule for early withdrawal of bowlers.
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**REASON**

This rule does very little, other than upset bowlers who already had to withdraw due to circumstances beyond their control. When they withdraw, they already must send in a form stating why they could not continue. It should be obvious at that time if there is cause for suspension or not, which can be determined and enforced by the tournament committee or O5 Executive. All that the automatic suspension does is cause bad feelings for bowlers who have just been injured, sick, bereaved, or stuck at work. They then must write a request for reinstatement letter that is typically a carbon copy of the withdrawal letter. Simply administrative overkill.

**GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****MOTION**

Change Open qualifying number of games to 16.
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**REASON**

Less expensive for lineage. Also, proprietors may find it more acceptable to hold an 8 game session instead of 10 on the weekend.

**GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****MOTION**

Senior Open – Change qualifying number of games to 8 games.
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**REASON**

Less expensive for lineage, and would synchronize with Open qualifying.

**GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****MOTION**

Allow hats as part of Open uniforms.
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**REASON**

Some bowlers feel more comfortable with a hat on and have mentioned they focus on their insecurities or overall discomfort rather than their bowling. At the Open Provincials we should be encouraging bowlers to be bowling at the best of their abilities, and that should mean being comfortable in uniforms, hats included if they prefer.

**GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****MOTION**

Allow alcohol sponsors at Open.
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**REASON**

The Open Qualifying and Championships is a 19+ event. As such, we should be able to have alcohol sponsors for these events to help reduce costs to bowlers. During our qualifying round we did have interest but due to this rule were not able to. At a national level we understand that would not be acceptable as each province and territory have different rules.

**GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION****RECOMMENDATION**

Revert Provincial Singles Championships to 8 games qualifying.
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**REASON**

8 games has tended to be the current norm of qualifying events. Shorter time period required on the first day of the open, and less games for these bowlers, once team games are added.

<b>YOUTH CHALLENGE</b>
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**HAMILTON 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION**

In the tenth (10 <sup>th</sup> ) frame of any game each person on the HOME team has the option of delivering the first ball or having his/her opponent deliver the first ball and alternate ball for ball after that.
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**REASON**

The Youth Challenge is the precursor to the Open Championships and as such, the bowlers need to get familiar with this rule as it is what is in place in the Open.

**GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION**

Revise the Assistant Coach rule for consistency.
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**REASON**

Currently, Regions with multiple zones are allowed to have multiple coaches in the playing area, while Regions consisting of a single zone are not. The explanation for this is that the youth bowlers may be unfamiliar with a coach from another zone, and would be more comfortable with the presence of someone they know. This is the same scenario with large zones, where there are two or more hours of drive time between centres. The motion would be to make this rule consistent between all zones; either allow assistant coaches in the playing area, or don't.

**GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION**

Youth Challenge/Winter Game Qualifiers.
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**REASON**

This year the top 2 teams from each division were to advance to the Winter Games, with the next highest men and ladies to fill wild card teams for each division. Before the tournament began, these rules were stated to the bowlers. Due to a tie in the Mix division all 3 teams advanced, thus eliminating the 3<sup>rd</sup> wildcard team. Bowlers who had been expecting to make the wildcard team were left disappointed and discouraged by how it was handled. As such, we are proposing that top 3 teams in each division should advance and remove the wildcard team, **OR**, stick to the wildcard team and rulings for a tiebreaker.

<b>TOURNAMENTS - GENERAL</b>
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**SUNSET 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION**

<p>Bowlers be permitted to wear hats while competing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hats must be approved by the zone and O5 and in zone colours</li> <li>- Must be identified with the zone name or logo</li> <li>- All Team members DO NOT have to wear a hat</li> </ul>
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**REASON**

1. Hats are an extension of what people wear, they are allowed during qualifying so should be allowed here.
2. Some bowlers wear hats for medical reasons and may feel singled out by choosing to wear a hat under the current rules this change would eliminate that.
3. Alberta 5PBA had this same motion brought forward and PASSED in 2025 for their 2026 Open with zero issues.
4. This could be and additional fundraiser for zones.

**GRAND RIVER 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION**

Reinstate the trips for Provincial tournaments.
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**REASON**

Trips were removed during COVID due to difficulties and uncertainties with traveling, so it was switched to cash. Now that the pandemic is over, it would be great to see them back.