

HIGH-LOW DOUBLES 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS/ INTER-PROVINCIAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entry Fee:	\$15.00 per bowler
Average Date:	October 18, 2026
Entry Deadline:	October 18, 2026

Our most popular tournament begins at the local level where high average bowlers and low average bowlers are paired up in their league to compete in a four (4) week pins-over-average tournament.

Following the league round competition, League Champions will be declared and will advance to the Zone/DC finals. Additional teams may advance to the Zone/DC finals based on the number of entries from each league.

The Provincial Championships will consist of four (4) games. The team that finishes in first (1st) place, based on a total team pins-over-average basis, will be declared our Provincial Champions.

In addition four (4) teams will be paired together to form the teams that will represent Ontario at the Inter-Provincial National Championships being held **April 21-24, 2027** in Ottawa, Ontario.

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F O R M A T

The High-Low Doubles 5 Pin Championships consists of four (4) steps:

- **LEAGUE ROUND**
- **ZONE/DC FINALS**
- **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- **INTER-PROVINCIAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

GENERAL RULES

1. Open to all bowlers **19 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 fee is \$15.00 per bowler.
3. Entry deadline is **OCTOBER 18, 2026**.
4. Each league, by using bowlers' averages, will select their doubles teams as follows:
 - a) Highest average bowler in the league paired with the lowest average bowler.
 - b) Second highest average bowler in the league paired with the second lowest average bowler, and so on until all of the bowlers have been paired.

EXAMPLE:

37 BOWLERS IN A LEAGUE

Number bowlers from 1st to 37th according to their averages with the highest bowler being 1st.

The 1st bowler (highest average) is paired with the 37th bowler (lowest average).

The 2nd bowler is paired with the 36th bowler, and so on, which will leave the 19th bowler without a partner. This bowler will be paired with the 18th bowler thus giving bowler 18 two (2) partners.

5. **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) doubles 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 finals 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.
- 6. This event is a doubles pins-over-average (**No Handicap**) tournament.
- 7. A league must have a minimum of five (5) paid entries in order to participate. Leagues may submit an extra entry fee to cover additional entries, in order to advance additional teams to the Zone/DC Finals.
- 8. Replacements shall be allowed in all rounds except the League Round.
- 9. Any bowler who, for any reason, vacates their position on a team for any 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 replacement **TEAM** must be the next eligible team in order of finish from the preceding round.
- 11.
 - a) A replacement **BOWLER** must be the next eligible bowler in order of finish from the preceding round, provided that the replacement bowler is from the same league and also of equal average rating as the bowler being replaced.
 - b) Equal average rating means the high average bowler on the team may only be replaced by the high average bowler from another team. This rule also applies to the low average bowler.
 - c) If the next eligible bowler from the preceding round is not from the same league as the bowler being replaced, then revert back to each preceding round until the criteria is met.
- 12. If a bowler misses a game or games they shall be allowed 95% of their average for any games missed for all rounds except the Provincial Championships.
- 13. Any late bowler shall start to bowl and count only from the time of arrival, regardless of the reason.
- 14. 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.

15. 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 have distinguished markings with identifying letters or symbols for ball registration and identification. 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.
16. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds of competition except in the League Round, where league rules shall apply.
17. 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.
18. No mechanical noisemakers of any kind will be allowed in any round of the event.
19. 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:

Equals 192

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

1. Doubles teams shall bowl the number of games normally bowled by that league for four (4) consecutive weeks during regular league play between **OCTOBER 19, 2026** and **NOVEMBER 29, 2026**.
2. Leagues will advance one (1) team of two (2) bowlers each to the Zone/DC finals according to the following formula:

EXAMPLE:

5 to 8 Entries	1 Team Advances
9 to 12 Entries	2 Teams Advance
13 to 16 Entries	3 Teams Advance
17 to 20 Entries	4 Teams Advance
21 to 24 Entries	5 Teams Advance
25 to 28 Entries	6 Teams Advance
29 to 32 Entries	7 Teams Advance
33 to 36 Entries	8 Teams Advance
37 to 40 Entries	9 Teams Advance
41 to 44 Entries	10 Teams Advance and so on

3. 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.

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 **OCTOBER 18, 2026**, with a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled.

4. Bowlers qualifying for the Provincial Championships must have bowled a minimum of twenty-one (21) games from the beginning of the 2026-2027 bowling season up to and including **JANUARY 10, 2027** in order to compete in the Provincial Championships.
5. Spare bowlers are ineligible unless they can compete for the four (4) week League Round and are members in good standing of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
6. The League Round is a four (4) week total pins-over-average event. The doubles team beating their average by the most pins over or the least pins under, if all doubles teams are below their average after four (4) weeks, shall be declared the League Champions. All other qualifying positions will be decided by pins-over-average for the four (4) week period.
7. In the event of a tie (two (2) or more teams are the same number of pins over or under their average) after the final 4th week, the team(s) beating their average by the most pins the final 4th week shall receive the higher placing. If a tie still exists, the team(s) beating their average by the most pins the preceding 3rd week shall receive the higher placing.
8. The team that finishes first (1st) in the league round will receive Champion Lapel Pins.

9. If the league rules permit bowl-offs for league play, they are permissible for this round only of the tournament.

KEY DATES

Entry Deadline**October 18, 2026**

Average Date.....**October 18, 2026**

League Rounds**October 19-November 29, 2026**
(FOUR (4) CONSECUTIVE WEEKS)

Zone/DC Finals
 Average Date.....**December 13, 2026**

Zone/DC Finals.....**On or before January 10, 2027**

Provincial Championships
 Average Date.....**January 10, 2027**

Provincial Championships**February 21, 2027 (2 Shifts)**

Inter-Provincial National Championships.....**April 21-24, 2027**

HIGH-LOW DOUBLES 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS/ INTER-PROVINCIAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS LEAGUE ENTRY FORM

Please complete this League Entry Form and send to your Local Zone or Decentralized Association Tournament Director, together with a cheque or money order, made payable to the "**LOCAL 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION**" to cover your league entries.

ENTRY DEADLINE – OCTOBER 18, 2026

League Name: _____

Bowling Centre: _____

Zone/Decentralized Association: _____

League Secretary: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: { } _____

E-Mail Address: _____

No. of <u>TOURNAMENT</u> Members entering from your League:	<u>No. of Male Entries:</u>	<u>No. of Female Entries:</u>
No. of <u>REGULAR, SENIOR, SOO</u> or <u>BLIND</u> Members entering from your League:	<u>No. of Male Entries:</u>	<u>No. of Female Entries:</u>

Enclosed is a cheque in the amount of \$ _____, which is the total number of **Regular, Senior, SOO, or Blind Member entries ONLY** @ \$15.00 each.

Please Note: In order to receive League Champion Certificates, Lapel Pins and advance at least one (1) team to the Zone/DC finals, a league must have a **MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) PAID ENTRIES**.

If you have not received your High-Low Doubles scoreboards, please contact your Local Zone or Decentralized Association **IMMEDIATELY**.

Please Note: Tournament Directors must e-mail a copy of the entry form to entries@o5pba.ca.

**HIGH-LOW DOUBLES 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS/
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LEAGUE REMITTANCE FORM**

NAME	ROLLING AVERAGE OR OCTOBER 18, 2026 AVERAGE (New Bowlers Only)	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: (Tournament, Regular, Senior, Special Olympics or Blind)
JANE DOE	154	
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Forward this copy to your Local Zone or Decentralized Association Tournament Director along with your League Entry Form.

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LEAGUE REMITTANCE FORM**

NAME	ROLLING AVERAGE OR OCTOBER 18, 2026 AVERAGE (New Bowlers Only)	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: (Tournament, Regular, Senior, Special Olympics or Blind)
JANE DOE	154	
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Forward this copy to your Local Zone or Decentralized Association Tournament Director along with your League Entry Form.

HIGH-LOW DOUBLES 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS/ INTER-PROVINCIAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS LEAGUE ROUND WINNERS' REPORT FORM

League Name: _____

Bowling Centre: _____

Zone/Decentralized Association: _____

League Secretary: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: { } _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Provide bowler's rolling average as recorded in the Zone Average Book or on the O5PBA website at www.o5pba.ca. If a bowler is not listed in the Zone Average Book or on the O5PBA website, provide highest league average up to and including **DECEMBER 13, 2026** and attach a copy of the average sheet(s). **All averages will be verified by the Zone or Decentralized Association Tournament Director.**

WINNING TEAM #1

Name: _____ Average: _____ Membership #: _____

Name: _____ Average: _____ Membership #: _____

WINNING TEAM #2

Name: _____ Average: _____ Membership #: _____

Name: _____ Average: _____ Membership #: _____

WINNING TEAM #3

Name: _____ Average: _____ Membership #: _____

Name: _____ Average: _____ Membership #: _____

WINNING TEAM #4

Name: _____ Average: _____ Membership #: _____

Name: _____ Average: _____ Membership #: _____

WINNING TEAM #5

Name: _____ Average: _____ Membership #: _____

Name: _____ Average: _____ Membership #: _____

WINNING TEAM #6

Name: _____ Average: _____ Membership #: _____

Name: _____ Average: _____ Membership #: _____

WINNING TEAM #7

Name: _____ Average: _____ Membership #: _____

Name: _____ Average: _____ Membership #: _____

WINNING TEAM #8

Name: _____ Average: _____ Membership #: _____

Name: _____ Average: _____ Membership #: _____

At the completion of your League Round, please send this League Round Winners' Report Form **IMMEDIATELY** to your **ZONE OR DECENTRALIZED ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**.