

PROVINCIAL TEAM 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per bowler
Average Date: January 3, 2027
Entry Deadline: January 18, 2027

This exciting tournament gives participants two (2) chances to qualify for the Zone/DC finals. Participants bowl during regular league play against their own average. Those who bowl in week one may re-enter during week two in an attempt to beat their previous week's score, provided an additional entry fee is paid.

After the two (2) week League Round, teams of five (5) players will be formed in order of finish. The high five pins-over-average bowlers will be declared "League Champions" and will advance to the Zone/DC finals. Additional teams may advance 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.

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F O R M A T

The Provincial Team 5 Pin Championships consists of three (3) steps:

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

GENERAL RULES

1. Open to all bowlers **18 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 deadline is **JANUARY 18, 2027**.
3. Entry fee is \$15.00 per bowler.
4. Any bowler having participated in week one of the League Round that wishes to re-enter the competition during the second week will be permitted to do so, provided they pay an additional entry fee of \$15.00.
5. Format in all rounds will be based on pins-over-average (**No Handicap**).
6. A league must have a minimum of ten (10) paid entries in order to participate.
7. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds of competition except in the League Round, where league rules shall apply.
8. **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) 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 rounds 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.
9. Any bowler who, for any reason, vacates their position on a team for the next 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) A substitute bowler for the Zone/DC finals must come from the same league as the bowler being replaced and must be the runner-up bowler from the League Round that did not qualify to advance. League Executives shall go down the list of participants in order of finish until a substitute is found.
 - b) After the Zone/DC finals, a substitute bowler must come from the same league as the bowler being replaced, and must come from the highest placing non-winning team at the Zone/DC finals if two (2) or more teams competed from that league. If only one (1) team competed from that league, the substitute bowler must be the runner-up bowler from the League Round that did not qualify to advance to the Zone/DC finals.
 - c) Any bowler who, for any reason, declines to be a substitute in any round is ineligible to be a substitute at any subsequent round.
11. 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.
12. All coaches are required to abide by the rules of the Coaching Policy and Coaches' Instructions. See Coaching Policy page 1-11.
13. 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.
14. 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.

15. 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:

$$\begin{array}{r} 96 \\ + 161/10 \times 6 = \underline{96} \\ \text{Equals} \quad 192 \end{array}$$

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

- All entrants shall bowl a one (1) week league round during regular league play, during the weeks of **JANUARY 4-17, 2027**. Bowlers wishing to better their scores from week one will be permitted to re-enter the competition by paying an additional entry fee of \$15.00 and bowl during regular league play during this timeframe.
- The top five (5) qualifiers in the League Round shall form the first team and the next five (5) qualifiers in the League Round shall form the second team, and so on.
- 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 **JANUARY 3, 2027**, 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 **MARCH 21, 2027**, in order to compete in the Provincial Championships.
5. Leagues will advance one (1) team of five (5) bowlers each to the Zone/DC finals according to the following formula:

EXAMPLE:

10 to 15 Entries	1 Team Advances
16 to 22 Entries	2 Teams Advance
23 to 29 Entries	3 Teams Advance
30 to 36 Entries	4 Teams Advance
37 to 43 Entries	5 Teams Advance
44 to 50 Entries	6 Teams Advance
51 to 57 Entries	7 Teams Advance
58 to 64 Entries	8 Teams Advance
65 to 71 Entries	9 Teams Advance
72 to 78 Entries	10 Teams Advance

Please Note: Leagues with less than the minimum of ten (10) paid entries, but with five (5) or more entries may submit the entry fee covering ten (10) centres (10 x \$15.00) in order to advance a team to the Zone/DC finals. Leagues may also submit the entry fees covering 16, 23, 30, 37, 44 entries and so on in order to advance additional teams to the Zone/DC finals as above.

6. In the event of a tie or ties in total pins over or under their average for purposes of determining qualifiers for the Zone/DC finals, the bowler beating their average by the most pins over, or the least pins under, if all bowlers are below their average in the last game, shall receive the higher placing. If a tie still exists, using the same rule, the scores from the preceding game will be used to break the tie.
7. Teams may select any individual to coach their team at the Zone/DC finals. However, after the Zone/DC finals, all coaches must be **COMMUNITY COACH TRAINED** on or before **DECEMBER 31ST OF THE CURRENT BOWLING SEASON**, and must be a member in good standing of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
8. If league rules permit bowl-offs for league play, they are permissible for this round only of the tournament.

KEY DATES

Average Date.....**January 3, 2027**

Entry Deadline**January 18, 2027**

League Rounds**January 4-17, 2027**
Re-entry Round (Optional)
January 11-17, 2027
(CHOOSE ONE WEEK)

Zone/DC Finals
Average Date.....**February 7, 2027**

Zone/DC Finals.....**On or before March 7, 2027**

Provincial Championships
Average Date.....**March 21, 2027**

Provincial Championships**May 8, 2027**

PROVINCIAL TEAM 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS LEAGUE ENTRY FORM

Please complete this League Entry Form 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 – JANUARY 18, 2027

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 and advance at least one (1) team to the Zone/DC finals, a league must have a **MINIMUM OF TEN (10) PAID ENTRIES**.

If you have not received your Provincial Team 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.

**PROVINCIAL TEAM
5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS
LEAGUE REMITTANCE FORM**

NAME	ROLLING AVERAGE OR JANUARY 3, 2027 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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NAME	ROLLING AVERAGE OR JANUARY 3, 2027 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.

PROVINCIAL TEAM 5 PIN 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 **FEBRUARY 7, 2027 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 #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____

WINNING TEAM #2

Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____

WINNING TEAM #3

Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____

WINNING TEAM #4

Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____

WINNING TEAM #5

Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____

WINNING TEAM #6

Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____

WINNING TEAM #7

Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
Name: _____	Average: _____	Membership #: _____
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**.