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Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association

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To: All Association Coaching Coordinators
Cc: All Association Presidents

Subject: Grass Roots & Elite Coach of the Year

Since 1980, the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association has selected a Coach of the Year. Our criterion is driven by our nominees' success in both our Open & Youth Challenge Championships, both provincially and nationally. This program is delivered nationally and each year the winner is presented with the **C5PBA Dave Post "Elite" Coach of the Year** award.

The coaches we wish to honour for the **Dave Post "Elite" Coach of the Year** are individuals who are recognized for their day-to-day commitment to basic skill development and for their occasional success in competition. A nomination form is attached, and all nominations are to be emailed to incentive@o5pba.ca on or before **OCTOBER 10, 2026**. The individual should be nominated based on their achievements for the past 2025-2026 season. Once the selection process has taken place, we will announce our **Dave Post "Elite" Coach of the Year** and his/her name will be forwarded to the C5PBA for consideration at the National level.

While this program recognizes our Coaches who excel through our elite program, the O5PBA also recognizes the contribution of our coaches at the grass roots level. These coaches are found most weekends working with our young bowlers, as well as working with Special Olympics and giving coaching clinics to the bowlers in their centre and surrounding area.

Beginning with the 1996 season, a coach is selected each year that demonstrated outstanding performance at the local level. This program has also been expanded nationally, and each year the winner is presented the **Ernie Roggie "Grass Roots" Coach of the Year**.

The coaches we wish to honour for the **Ernie Roggie "Grass Roots" Coach of the Year** are individuals who are dedicated to their programs, identified with their youth bowlers', and bring a positive learning experience to the coaching process. A nomination form is attached and all nominations are to be emailed to incentive@o5pba.ca on or before **OCTOBER 10, 2026**. The individual should be nominated based on their LIFETIME achievements. Once the selection process has taken place, we will announce our **Ernie Roggie "Grass Roots" Coach of the Year** and his/her name will be forwarded to the C5PBA for consideration at the National level.

A presentation will be made to the winners at a suitable time. All nominations must be received on or before **OCTOBER 10, 2026**, to be eligible for consideration. The Board of Directors will make a final decision at their meeting in October.

Thank you,

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