



## **Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

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Dear Y.B.C. Graduated Senior

On behalf of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association (O5PBA), I would like to congratulate you on graduating from Youth Bowling Canada. My name is Winnie Spires and I am the Membership Chair for the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. I would like to take a few moments to let you know what is in store for you, now that you have reached the adult ranks. In the O5PBA we offer many tournaments for both the elite and the social bowler.

For the elite bowler we offer the Ontario Open Championships, which is equivalent to the 4 Steps to Stardom and Youth Challenge tournaments. This tournament has a twenty game qualifying round in late November and early December, with each Zone sending a Men's, Ladies and Mixed team to the Provincial Finals in Hamilton over the Easter weekend. The winner's of this tournament advance to the National Championships in late May.

For the social bowler we offer three very exciting tournaments, which are the Holiday Classic, the Triples tournament and the High Low Doubles tournament. The Holiday Classic and Triples tournaments are team tournaments, while the High Low Doubles tournament works the same as the YBC Doubles tournament. In all tournaments you compete in a League, House and finally a Zone round competition for an opportunity to advance to the Provincial Finals. At the Provincial Finals, all winning teams will receive a Trip for Two to a sunny destination. All tournaments offered by the O5PBA are Pins-Over-Average, with the exception of the Ontario Open, and therefore give everyone an equal chance of winning. As well, four bowlers from the Hi-Low Doubles tournaments will have an opportunity to represent Ontario at a National Championship in the Inter-Provincial tournament.

I encourage each of you to go into your local bowling centre and talk to the Proprietor or contact your local Zone or Decentralized Association for more details on how you can enjoy the benefits of the O5PBA. If you have any questions or are uncertain who to contact, please phone the O5PBA Provincial Office at (416) 426-7167 or check out our web site at [www.o5pba.ca](http://www.o5pba.ca). You will now be able to look us up on our new Facebook page.

If you are away at school and don't know where your closest bowling centre is, you can go online and check out our University Contacts web site. There you will find the closest bowling centre to the University or College you are attending and a contact person.

As a 5 pin bowler, you have chosen a sport that will give you many years of enjoyment as well as a sport that you can excel in, as an individual or as part of a team. Most importantly, as a new Y.B.C. Graduated Senior, you will receive a FREE Tournament Card, upon joining an affiliated adult league. This includes your membership fee, plus FREE entry into the High-Low Doubles, Holiday Classic and Triples tournaments. That's a savings of \$36.00, BUT HURRY; this offer is available during your first year after leaving the Y.B.C. With the new age change that was implemented in the Y.B.C. last year, you now have the option of receiving your FREE Tournament Card after you turn 19 or after you graduate from the Y.B.C. once you turn 20, The choice is yours.

Contact your Local 5 Pin Association and enjoy our sport for many more years.

Sincerely  
Winnie Spires  
Membership Chair