



Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association

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To: Zone and Decentralized Association Membership Chairs

SUBJECT: 2014-2015 MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE

Dear Membership Chair:

Below are the membership options your leagues will have for the 2014-2015 bowling season:

TOURNAMENT MEMBERSHIP – \$36.00

The tournament membership includes all services and benefits now offered, plus your membership fees and tournament entry fees for the ***High-Low Doubles, Holiday Classic and Triples Tournaments***, a savings of \$3.00 per member. The Tournament Membership will be payable by the High-Low Doubles entry deadline of **OCTOBER 19, 2014**.

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP – \$15.00

The regular membership includes all services and benefits now offered but **all tournament entry fees for the High-Low Doubles, Holiday Classic and Triples Tournament are extra.**

SENIOR/SOO/BLIND MEMBERSHIP – \$5.00

The Senior/SOO (Special Olympics Ontario)/Blind membership which is for those leagues only, includes all services and benefits now offered but **all tournament entry fees for the High-Low Doubles, Holiday Classic and Triples Tournaments are extra.**

A Senior league will be recognized as one where **all league bowlers (100%) are 50 years of age and over** as of December 31st of the current bowling season.

YBC (Under 18) MEMBERSHIP – \$5.00

The YBC (Under 18) membership is for any YBC bowler under the age of 18 who wants to become a member of an adult league. **Please Note: These bowlers are not eligible for any tournaments.**

GRADUATED YBC SENIOR BOWLER

Any graduated YBC bowler that joins your league in their first year of eligibility will receive a **FREE TOURNAMENT MEMBERSHIP.**

2013-2014 MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Enclosed are membership lists indicating the number of members that were registered in your Zone or Decentralized Association at the completion of the 2013-2014 bowling season. If you would like your membership lists sent to you electronically please send an e-mail to rhondagifford@o5pba.ca or call me in the Provincial Office at (416) 426-7167.

Please Note: Again this year, **ONLY NEW REGISTERED MEMBERS** will receive a C5 registration number and card. These registration numbers are being generated by the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. In addition, each member upon presentation of their membership card will receive one (1) free game of bowling for every two (2) games that are paid for during open bowling.

LEAGUE SECRETARY INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROCESSING MEMBERSHIP LISTS

We have enclosed one (1) copy for each league that was registered with the O5PBA last year.

2014-2015 LEAGUE REGISTRATION FORMS

We ask that you complete this form for **ALL LEAGUES** registered in your Zone or Decentralized Association and return it to the Provincial Office when you send in your initial league registration for membership. **The League Registration Form is only required to be filed once.**

NEW MEMBERS LIST (New league members only)

We have enclosed a supply of these forms to be used by leagues for any "NEW" bowlers joining their league.

MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE

The Membership Chair will contact each League Secretary in their Zone or Decentralized Association and supply them with their membership lists along with a copy of the "**League Secretary Instructions for Processing Membership Lists**". Once your League Secretary has returned the membership lists to you please forward them to the Provincial Office along with a completed "**2014-2015 League Registration Form**" for each league indicating the number of members you will be registering.

Note: Please double check to make sure the League Secretary has completed the Membership Category (Tournament, Regular, Senior, SOO/Blind, YBC (Under 18), YBC Grad or Duplicate) and gender column for each bowler before you submit the membership list to the office.

Also particular attention must be paid to the League Statistics portion of the league registration form to ensure it is completely and accurately filled out. This information is essential as it enables us to track the different leagues (Men's, Ladies', Mixed, SOO (Special Olympics Ontario), Senior Citizens' and other leagues (i.e. Blind Bowlers) that are members of our organization.

Once the Provincial Office has received the membership lists from you we will process them in the office and send you an "**Updated Membership List**" along with your membership cards (**NEW MEMBERS ONLY**) for each league that is registered for the 2014-2015 bowling season.

I will also e-mail you and the tournament director a copy of the updated membership lists. As well, once a new bowler is registered with the office and has been issued their C5 registration number, that information will be made available on the O5PBA website.

WHEN A BOWLER JOINS A DIFFERENT LEAGUE

Last year John Doe was a member of the Friday Night Classic League, but this year he is bowling with the Alley Cats League on Monday Night. Simply cross his name off the Friday Night Classic League membership list and add his **NAME, MEMBERSHIP NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY** to the membership list of the Alley Cats League. You may also use the New Members List (New League Members Only) Form if you prefer.

DUPLICATE MEMBERSHIP POLICY

With regards to duplicate members it is the responsibility of the Membership Chair to keep track of all duplicate members in your Zone or Decentralized Association.

If a bowler is bowling in two (2) or more leagues in the same Zone Association **PLEASE** make sure they are registered in one (1) of their leagues and be marked a duplicate in any other league(s) in the same Zone Association. The same applies for anyone bowling in two (2) or more leagues in the same Decentralized Association.

However, if a bowler is bowling in two (2) or more leagues in a different Zone or Decentralized Association, that bowler must be registered separately in each Zone or Decentralized Association.

Example: If someone bowls in a league at Stryx in the Niagara Peninsula Association and in another league out of Kingsway, a Decentralized Association, that bowler would have to purchase two (2) separate memberships, one (1) in the Zone and one (1) in the DC and they would not be considered a duplicate member.

To avoid any problems regarding “Duplicate” members it is suggested that all League Secretaries canvas their league bowlers to find out if they bowl in more than one (1) league in the same Zone or Decentralized Association. ***Note: DC members are NOT considered duplicate members in their respective Zone Associations and therefore are subject to payment of appropriate dues as set by the Corporation (see example above).***

To indicate a “**DUPLICATE**” member, simply mark an “**X**” in the Dup. column on the membership lists we have provided.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Life Membership is bestowed upon volunteers who have extended themselves on behalf of our sport, far beyond the reasonable call of duty. Life Members are elected by the Board of Directors of a Zone or Decentralized Association and are entitled to have their Membership dues waived from the date of appointment as a Life Member until they become deceased.

This honour should not be taken lightly, as it is the responsibility of the Zone or Decentralized Association who has bestowed this honour, to cover the membership cost, whether they are still active or not.

An active member is considered to be an individual who is still bowling or involved with their local Association in any capacity, no matter how small. An inactive member is considered to be an individual who has retired from bowling and is no longer involved with their local Association.

Association's who have inactive members, will still be responsible to pay their membership costs, however those members will not be used in the calculations for the membership assessment.

Any Life Member of an Association where the Association no longer exists, i.e. folds, will be considered dormant and will no longer be recognized as a Life Member.

WHEN SOMEONE HAS THE EXACT SAME NAME

Over the past few years there have been a number of members who have shared the exact same name but in fact were two (2) different people. If there are any bowlers in your Zone or Decentralized Association who fall into this category we ask that you please use the "**MIDDLE INITIAL**" for one (1) of those members when you are registering them. This will help us to distinguish the two members and issue them different membership numbers.

SPELLING ERRORS

There are still a number of spelling errors being made on the names of our members. Most of these errors could have easily been avoided if the names submitted were legible to read. On the League Secretary Instructions we have asked them to either **TYPE** or **PRINT** the information to avoid these unnecessary errors. **Please urge all League Secretaries to comply with this request as it will cut down on the number of errors being made.**

All forms will be posted on our website at www.o5pba.ca.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me in the Provincial Office at (416) 426-7167.

Yours truly,

ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

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Enclosures: