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COVID-19 UPDATE

RE: 2021 OPEN AND SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Happy New Year! It was all our hopes that the postponed Open and Senior Open Provincial Championships could have been run on Easter weekend 2021, but due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the decision to cancel these two events was made in consultation with the affiliated Zone and DC Presidents.

For the participants, any fees submitted to the O5PBA will be reimbursed to you, through your zone. A chart will be sent to the zone with the payment confirming the details we have on file.

A cash prize will be awarded to all teams that were to attend the provincial event in lieu of the championships. The prize fund is derived from the zone Open assessments and is what would have been utilized for lineage and other expenses at the Provincial Championships (including trips to the Open National Championships).

The cash prize payout for the Open (including Nationals) is \$78.00 per participant (players and coaches) and \$33.00 per participant (players and coaches) for the Senior Open (no Nationals). Payments will be issued to Zone Associations, and it is the zones that will be responsible for distributing the funds to the individual contingent members that would have been representing their association.

This will also confirm that no bowler that qualified for the 2020 Open and Senior Open will be ceded to the 2022 Open and Senior Open. We are hopeful that qualifications for the 2022 season will be able to take place at the end of 2021, as we always have in the past.

These decisions were not arrived at lightly and it was our hope that these events would have been completed Easter weekend. Hopefully, we will all be back on the lanes soon. The Board of Directors of the O5PBA appreciates the thoughts of all our affiliated members, especially now during the current circumstances we find ourselves in.

Keep safe, healthy and stay home for now. We will be on the lanes again soon.

Ontario 5 Pin Board of Directors