

C5PBA OPEN 5 PIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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The C5PBA Open 5 Pin Bowling Championships consist of three (3) steps:

- I The Zone Finals
- II The Provincial Championships
- III The National Championships

GENERAL RULES

1. Open to all Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association members nineteen (19) years of age and over as of DECEMBER 31, 2024, EXCEPT where prohibited by law.
2. Entry Deadline shall be determined by the Provincial Association.
3. Entry Fee shall be determined by the Provincial Association.
4. Bowler Withdrawal
 - A. Any bowler who withdraws after having qualified for the Zone or Provincial Contingent shall be suspended by the Provincial Association from any further participation in this event. Any bowler suspended under this rule has the right to appeal to the Provincial Association and may have the suspension repealed if an acceptable reason for the withdrawal is provided in writing.
 - B. Any bowler who withdraws during the national event shall be suspended by the National Association from any further participation in this event. Any bowler suspended under this rule has the right to appeal to the National Association and may have the suspension repealed if an acceptable reason for the withdrawal is provided in writing.
5. A bowler who has withdrawn from the Provincial or National championship, shall not be replaced unless the reason for withdrawal is submitted in writing and signed by said bowler at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the event. In extenuating circumstances, within the seven (7) day time limit, refer to Rule #7.
6. Any bowler who withdraws for any reason at any level of competition, forfeits the right to return to competition in this event. (See rule 4 above.)
7. The Provincial Association Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field and all decisions by this committee shall be final (see Rule #5).
8. Personal bowling balls may be used if facilities permit. House balls must be used if the bowlers' personal bowling balls have not been returned (no delay of game). The use of personal bowling balls is at the bowlers' own risk. The proprietor shall not be liable for any damages to personal

bowling balls.

Personal bowling balls may be randomly inspected at any time during the tournament or on completion of the tournament. Personal bowling balls must meet the specifications as set by the C5PBA. Weight to be not less than 3lbs. 4 ounces and not greater than 3 lbs. 12 ounces. Diameter to be not less than 4 3/4 inches and not greater than 5 inches. (See C5PBA rule book - Section B, Rule 6)

Penalty: Any scores rolled using non-regulation equipment in sanctioned league or tournament competition, shall be disqualified for C5PBA Record or High Score Awards and/or shall nullify scores being used in qualifying for C5PBA sanctioned tournaments.

Should a question arise regarding the legality of a ball, the Tournament Director has final say. Appeals/complaints regarding personal bowling balls may be made following the procedure outlined in the C5PBA Rule Book (Section B, Rule 18 & 19).

9. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds.
10. In the case of any dispute, the decision of the Provincial Association Tournament Committee shall be final.
11. The consumption of alcohol, chemical depressants or stimulants (performance enhancing drugs) are prohibited during all levels of competition. Bowlers and/or coaches who are found to be under the influence of such substances will be suspended from the remainder of the competition.
12. The use of chants, songs, cheers, etc. which contain profanity, slanderous remarks or words which are deemed detrimental to the image of 5 Pin Bowling, will not be allowed. Use of such illegal chants will result in forfeiture of game and repeated violation of this rule shall lead to suspension from competition.
13. The use of profanity, of any nature, will NOT be tolerated! A warning will be given, however, if use is continued, the offender will be suspended from the competition.
14. No mechanical noisemakers will be allowed in any round of the event.
15. The wearing or use of external electronic devices such as MP3 players, cell phones, etc. is prohibited. This applies while the bowler is on the approach but does not prohibit the bowler from using the device while awaiting his/her turn.
16. In all rounds, scorekeepers will be used only in the event of a malfunction with the scoring system.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The National Championships shall be bowled from May 20-24, 2025 in a centre designated by the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. If a singles qualifier is unable to compete at the National Championships the runner-up in the Provincial Championships shall be the singles competitor at the National Championships.
3. If a bowler on the Men's, Ladies' or Mixed team is unable to compete in the National Championships,

the team roster must be filled by the next eligible qualifier from the Provincial Championship. If a province cannot field a full team due to unforeseen circumstances, the C5PBA Executive will fill the field. Replacement bowlers would have all the rights and privileges of a team member. The affected province will cover all costs related to the replacement bowler.

4. Each team must be dressed uniformly. Please refer to the C5PBA Dress Code Policy at www.c5pba.ca – About Us - Governance.

Penalty: Failure to adhere to the Dress Code Policy will result in a penalty being assessed for each uniform infraction to the province as follows:

1st offence - \$100.00.

5. Each province shall be eligible to declare one male and one female ONLY as an emergency spare. These bowlers must be named, in writing, prior to the Coach/Manager's Meeting and may only be used with the approval of the Tournament Committee. The bowler replaced shall not be allowed to compete in any event for the balance of the tournament. A team coach may fill in as an emergency spare if the situation arises, provided there is another "Certified" Level 2 or Competitive coach available to take over the coaching duties. The replacement coach must be named at the Coaches/Managers meeting. The new coach must be uniformly dressed in that provinces uniform.
6. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the National Tournament Committee.
7. There shall be a five (5) minute warm-up preceding each block.
8. All games shall start when the Judge of Play gives the starting signal (see Rule #10).
9. Any bowler who throws a ball prior to the starting signal shall be assessed a fifteen (15) pin penalty. If the bowler is a non-starter, the fifteen (15) pin penalty shall be assessed against the team. Any ball or balls so thrown shall be declared a dead ball.
10. No food or beverages of any kind shall be permitted in the bowler's enclosure. Bowlers or coaches violating this rule may be removed from the tournament by the Judge of Play.
11. Bowlers declared as Provincial singles champions will be eligible to bowl in both the singles and team events. However, singles champions will not be allowed to bowl on a mixed team except in an emergency situation. The first (1st) round of the singles competition shall be a qualifying round of twenty-one (21) games. The top five (5) men and five (5) ladies, based on total pinfall in the qualifying round, shall advance to a stepladder final.
12. In event of a tie in the singles competition for any of the top five (5) positions after completion of the qualifying round, a one (1) game roll-off shall decide the higher placing. Aggregate points for all other positions shall be divided equally.
13. The gold medal match will be a two-game playoff with the first (1st) place qualifier being required to win only one game to be declared champion. The fifth (5th) place qualifier will play the fourth (4th) place qualifier, the winner of that match will play the third (3rd) place qualifier, the winner of that match will play the second (2nd) place qualifier, the winner of that match must defeat the first (1st) place qualifier twice to be declared champion. In event of a tie in the singles competition during the stepladder finals, an extra game shall be bowled to determine the winner.
14. A singles competitor may select a coach to accompany them in the bowler's enclosure. The selected

coach must be dressed in provincial uniform and, if not part of a provincial contingent, the bowler will be responsible for any additional costs. The selected coach **MUST** be COMPETITIVE COACH CERTIFIED a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Championship and be a current C5PBA member in good standing.

15. Each team in the Qualifying Rounds shall bowl every other team **at least** twice in a Round Robin format using the individual and team match play system. In the event that there are eight (8) teams or less in a division, a triple round robin will be played.
16. The Men's and Ladies' teams shall consist of six (6) players each. Mixed teams shall consist of six (6) players each -- i.e. three (3) men and three (3) ladies. (For clarification of teams, see Zone Finals rules 4 - 7.)
17. In all team events, bowl five (5) and count five (5).
18. The starting line-up for the first (1st) game only of any team event must not include a replacement bowler -- i.e.: the line-up must be five (5) original qualifiers from the Zone Finals.
19. In each game, the team assigned by lane draw to the **RIGHT-HAND** lane shall be the **"HOME"** team and the team on **LEFT-HAND** lane shall be the **"AWAY"** team. The coach for the "AWAY" team is obliged to submit the line-up for a game **before** the "HOME" team is submitted.
20. At the beginning of the 10th frame, the Home team has the advantage to bowl first or allow the Away team to bowl first, then ball for ball to complete the frame. The next bowler in the line-up for the Home team will have the same advantage, and so on.
21. Any team that does not have a full complement of bowlers shall bowl only with the bowlers on hand. Late bowlers shall start to bowl and count only from the time of arrival, regardless of the reason. This rule also applies to the singles competitors.
22. In all team events the order of bowling may be changed for each game (unrestricted line-up and substitution).
23. Substitutions may be made at any time, but the bowler being substituted may not bowl again in the same game.
24. In all team events, only bowlers competing in the event, coaches, and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowler's enclosure.
25. Only non-playing coaches shall be allowed to coach. "Coach" designation shall appear on the shirt or blouse.
26. Lead-off bowlers shall not start the next frame until their anchor bowler has finished. A penalty of fifteen (15) pins shall be assessed said bowler for violating this rule and the ball or balls shall be declared "dead".
27. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. All other bowlers on the team and the coach must remain off the approach to the side or behind the scorestand.

28. Any article falling from a bowler's person on or over the foul line during delivery of the ball is **NOT** a **FOUL** but you must call the Judge of Play to retrieve any such article.
29. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, stop play on your set of lanes and call the Judge of Play **IMMEDIATELY**.
30. Flagrant violation of any rule may result in penalties being assessed by the National Tournament Committee.
31. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings and all decisions shall be subject to appeal to the National Tournament Committee.
32. At the completion of each game, teams will leave their balls and equipment on their respective lane until a signal to move is indicated by the Judge of Play. A second signal will be given to begin the next game.' First offence would be a warning and a second offence would be a \$50 fine.
33. Team score recap forms and scoresheets must be signed by the coach **after each game**. Score sheets filled out improperly or not signed will result in an initial warning. A second offence will result in a final warning being given. For each additional infraction, a one (1) point penalty will be assessed against the team.
34. If the starting bowler is ahead when a substitution is made, the starting bowler gets credit for any match point won. If the starting bowler is behind when a substitution is made, the substitute bowler gets the credit for any match point won.
35. A match play format shall be used to determine the qualifiers and Champions in all team events. Each bowler who beats his/her opponent on the opposing team, shall receive one (1) point. Three (3) points shall be awarded to the team with the higher pinfall for the game, making a total of eight (8) points maximum for the game.

EXAMPLE:

<u>TEAM "A"</u>		<u>TEAM "B"</u>	
<u>CRESSWELL</u>	232	Kneebone	227
Clark	219	<u>POST</u>	258
<u>GORSEK</u>	305	Freeland	212
Henderson	276	<u>TRUDEL</u>	281
<u>BRUNEAU</u>	<u>243</u>	O'Brien	<u>241</u>
	1275		1219

RESULTS: Team A - 3 plus 3 = 6 points Team B - 2 plus 0 = 2 points

36. In the event of a tie between teams or individuals in any game during match play in the team events, all available points shall be divided equally between the tied teams or individuals.
37. The top four (4) teams, based on points accumulated in the match play qualifying round, will advance to the Championship Stepladder Final. The gold medal match will be a two-game playoff with the first (1st) place qualifying team being required to win only one game to be declared champions. Using the match play format as described in rule #35 above, the fourth (4th) place qualifying team will play the third (3rd) place qualifying team, the winner of that match will play the second (2nd) place qualifying team, the winner of that match must defeat the first (1st) place qualifying team twice to be declared champions. In the event of a 4-4 tie, another game will be bowled.

38. In the event of a tie or ties in total points for any of the top four positions, after completion of the match play qualifying rounds for any team event, the ties shall be broken by reverting back to the games bowled between the tied teams and, on a points won or lost basis, the winners shall be declared. If a tie still exists, the team with the most pinfall for the games bowled between the tied teams shall receive the higher placing. If a tie still exists, a one game roll-off will be held using the same format as described in Rule 35 above. Aggregate points for all other positions shall be divided equally.
39. The National Aggregate Banner shall be awarded to the Provincial Association that finishes with the most aggregate points based on the contingent's standing in all events: Men's and Ladies' Singles; Men's, Ladies' and Mixed teams. Replicas of this banner shall be awarded to all members of the contingent.

The Aggregate Point System to be used shall be as follows:

AGGREGATE POINT SYSTEM

FINAL POSITION IN ALL EVENTS	MEDAL	POINTS
1	GOLD	11
2	SILVER	8
3	BRONZE	6
4		5
5		4
6		3
7		2
8		<u>1</u>
		40 points – total