

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, 2013, 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Any bowler suspended under this rule has the right to appeal to the Provincial Association and may have the suspension repealed if an acceptable reason for the withdrawal is provided in writing.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 Any bowler suspended under this rule has the right to appeal to the National Association and may have the suspension repealed if an acceptable reason for the withdrawal is provided in writing.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 A bowler who has withdrawn from the Provincial or National championship, shall not be replaced unless the reason for withdrawal is submitted in writing and signed by said bowler at least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. Any article falling from a bowler's person on or over the foul line during delivery of the ball is a **FOUL**. Call the Judge of Play to retrieve any such article.
10. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds.
11. In the case of any dispute, the decision of the Provincial Association Tournament Committee shall be final.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. No mechanical noisemakers will be allowed in any round of the event.
16. 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.
17. In all rounds, scorekeepers will be used only in the event of a malfunction with the scoring system.