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This Handbook is meant as a guide for administration of your league.

In order to maximize participation, provinces may have altered the dates and/or format of events. Please check with your provincial association.

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EXECUTIVE HANDBOOK

The Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association (C5PBA) **EXECUTIVE HANDBOOK** continues with the identity and role this 2025-26 season in aiding the league executive **to WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM.**

The manual's title was changed to the "EXECUTIVE HANDBOOK" in the 1985-86 season, in recognition of the enormous workload fulfilled each season by our thousands of volunteer league secretaries. We hope this name change has helped to divide the responsibilities of administering a 5 Pin Bowling league more equally among the league executive.

While this manual was originally designed to assist all affiliated bowling leagues in the everyday running of their programs and tournaments; we hope to further improve your league's administration by promoting the idea that **EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY.**

We congratulate you for your invaluable and tremendous contributions in the past; and extend our sincere appreciation for your continued support and promotion of 5 Pin Bowling. As our sport continues to grow in popularity and becomes the "in" thing to do -- we wish you a successful 2025-26 season of **"LIFE IN THE FAST LANE".**

CANADIAN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors, Executive and Staff

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WHEN YOU NEED A HAND ...

It is common for bowlers to ask questions. It is common for league executive members to respond with answers. But when you don't have them at your fingertips and you need a hand or a little reassurance, who should you ask?

We suggest the following pattern be utilized:

LEAGUE BOWLERS

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LEAGUE EXECUTIVE

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LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

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PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS

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C5PBA NATIONAL OFFICE

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C5PBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**CANADIAN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION
LEAGUE EXECUTIVE CHECK-OFF SHEET
DATES TO REMEMBER**

DATE	EVENT	THINGS TO DO	EXPLANATION
SEPTEMBER	C5PBA MEMBERSHIP	() MEMBERSHIP DRIVE	Solicit your league for C5PBA membership. Explain the benefits as outlined in this booklet. Be prepared for the Local Association Rep's visit.
OCTOBER 13 - NOVEMBER 23	INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	() LEAGUE ROUNDS	League Rounds commence. Ensure that scores are checked and entered on the scoreboard. Average date for league round is October 12.
NOVEMBER 23	INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	() LEAGUE ROUND ENDS	Make sure your Winners' Report Form is forwarded to your Local Association Tournament Director.
January 31	C5PBA YOUTH CHALLENGE	() ZONE FINALS	Recommended date for completion of zone qualifying rounds.
NOVEMBER 1 - JANUARY 31	C5PBA OPEN	() ZONE FINALS	Check with your League for bowlers interested in this tournament. Make them aware of the format and check with your Local Association Tournament Director for date, location, and cost, etc.
DECEMBER 31	RECORD SCORES	() MID-YEAR REPORT FORM	Complete the Individual and Team Record scores Mid-Year Report forms contained in this booklet and send to your Local Association Record Scores Chairperson.
JANUARY	LEAGUE CHAMPION CRESTS	() Number required	Inform your Local Association Awards Chairperson of the number of League Champion Crests you will require.
JANUARY 2	INTER PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	() REMINDER	If you have not received notification of where your qualifying bowlers are competing in the Zone Finals, please contact your Local Association Tournament Director.

DATE	EVENT	THINGS TO DO	EXPLANATION
On or before JANUARY 31	INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	() ZONE FINALS	Highest League averages as of December 31st to be used.
On or before January 31 *subject to change	C5PBA YOUTH CHALLENGE	() PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	Deadline for completion of Provincial Championship. Ensure all bowlers participating are aware of location, date, and time.
On or before MARCH 8	INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	() PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	Ensure that qualifiers from your League has been given all pertinent information, and that average sheets have been given to your Local Association Director. Highest league averages as of December 31st, to be used.
March 25-28	C5PBA YOUTH CHALLENGE	() NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	Edmonton, AB
Completed by April 5	C5PBA OPEN	() PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	
APRIL 23- 25	INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	() NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	Highest league averages as of March 15th to be used. Winnipeg, MB
APRIL - MAY	RECORD SCORES	() FINAL REPORT FORM	Complete the individual & team Record Scores Final Report Forms contained in this booklet and send them to your Local Association Record Scores Chairperson.
June 2 - 6	C5PBA OPEN	() NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	St. John's, NL

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PROGRAMS AND BENEFITS

1. To become an affiliated member league of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association, there must be members in the who have purchased a C5PBA affiliated membership card through the respective Provincial 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. Each affiliated member League shall receive a "League Sanction Certificate."
3. An "Executive Handbook" containing handicap chart, program formats, record score report forms and a complete agenda of the year's activities as well as other supplies such as team and individual standing sheets, etc. are available for download at: <https://www.c5pba.ca> - League Supply.
5. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Official Rule Book. Is available for download at: <https://www.c5pba.ca> – Technical – Rule Book) A hard copy of the rule book can be purchased from the C5PBA at a cost of \$5.00
6. Each affiliated member shall be eligible to enter all tournaments sanctioned by the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
7. Each affiliated member shall be eligible for all awards administered by the participating bowling association.

CANADIAN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION OTHER FUNCTIONS

1. Provide uniform rules and regulations for 5 Pin Bowling.
2. Organize Provincial, Zone and House Associations and provide an interesting program for its members.
3. Organize and promote the Sport of 5 Pin Bowling at the educational level by providing a suitable and interesting program for students in regular attendance at a recognized school of learning.
4. Aid and assist senior citizens, blind and disabled bowlers in Canada.
5. Work in harmony with the Bowl Canada.
6. Certify bowling lanes.
7. Sanction tournaments.
8. Certify and approve equipment.
9. Develop and implement all C5PBA's Technical Programs.
10. Provide leagues with all information on conducting a successful league.
11. Govern the conduct of all affiliated members.
12. Encourage individuals to work towards the betterment of 5 Pin Bowling in Canada.
13. Honour founders, builders, coaches, and bowlers, to the "C5PBA Bowlers' Hall of Fame."
14. Encourage sponsors to contribute to the promotion of 5 Pin Bowling in Canada.
15. Recognize and keep accurate records of special achievements such as perfect games and record scores bowled by Canadian bowlers.
16. Organize annual meetings to coordinate and discuss all phases of the sport of 5 Pin Bowling.

CANADIAN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

5 PIN BOWLERS HALL OF FAME

The Sport of 5 Pin Bowling is part of the Sports Hall of Fame at the Canada Olympic Park in Calgary, Alberta.

Some of the memorabilia include an original loop, the loop ball rack, a pin bottom sander, photographs of Tommy Ryan, the founder of 5 Pin Bowling and various other items of interest.

C5PBA Hall of Fame

The Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association launched its' Hall of Fame in 2019. Categories are: Inventor, Founding Fathers, Builders, Coaches, and Players.

A list of Hall of Fame members can be found under Achievements at: www.c5pba.ca

CANADIAN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

AWARDS PROGRAM

All members of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association (C5PBA) are eligible to receive recognition awards.

The limitations for receiving an award have been removed. There may be a cost for the awards so please contact your Provincial 5 Pin Bowlers' Association for more information.

METHOD OF COLLECTING AWARD

1. The bowler asks the League Secretary to record the award earned in the chart provided in this book;
2. The League Secretary provides a list of awards earned by the league members to the 5 pin association representative or appropriate Award Chairperson;
3. The awards are given to the league secretary and recorded as received and then distributed to the league members.

NOTE:

In addition to these individual awards, there are special pins available for special recognition.

PINS AVAILABLE

SINGLE

beginning at 200 and increasing
In denominations of 25 up to 425

ie. 250, 275, 300, 325



TRIPLE

beginning at 500 and increasing
in denominations of 50 up to 950
Maximum.

ie. 600, 650, 700, 750

ALSO AVAILABLE: Head Pin Spared – Split Spared – Aces Spared
(the above pins require the collector pin – 5 awards can be attached to each collector pin)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION 450 Lapel Bars
 900 (ladies only) Lapel Bars
 1000 Lapel Bars



League Champion Pin



LAPEL PINS: President – Secretary - Treasurer – Past-President – Merit

(all of the above bars require the bar collector pin)



FOR MORE INFORMATION – CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ASSOCIATION AWARDS CHAIRPERSON

CRESTS/PINS AWARDS - LEAGUE SUMMARY FORM - League:

League Awards Person: _____

Please use this form as an inventory of the awards your bowlers, who are C5PBA members, earn throughout the season. Mark each award earned with an "X" and when the award is received then circle the letter so you know the bowler has received it. At year-end, turn the sheet in to the Awards Chairperson at your bowling centre. They will then have a complete inventory of what each league used throughout the year and this will help them to ensure that they always have enough stock on hand.

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THE PERFECT GAME

In order to qualify for the Perfect Game Awards listed below, a bowler must meet the following requirements:

- a. he/she must be a member of the Provincial 5 Pin Bowlers' Association;
- b. he/she must have bowled the Perfect "450" Single Game in either a SANCTIONED tournament or during regular league play (no pre-bowling);
- c. his/her score must be in a SCRATCH (without handicap) score;
- d. he/she must have bowled the Perfect Game during the current 5 Pin Bowling season (September 1st - August 31st); summer leagues which are recognized by the Provincial association will also be eligible for the Perfect Game awards;
- e. for a Perfect Game to be recognized, all C5PBA rules must be in effect (this includes the requirement of certified lanes, shields on machines and working foul lines).

At present, the Perfect Game Awards are:

1. Congratulatory letter with Crest & Pin from the President of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association;
2. Perfect Game Plaque sponsored by C5PBA;
3. One Perfect Game commemorative ball sponsored by C5PBA;
4. Any additional award as provided by the Provincial Association;

ALL PERFECT GAMES MUST BE REPORTED TO THE PROVINCIAL 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION WITHIN ONE CALENDAR YEAR IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE ABOVE AWARDS.

HOW TO REPORT THE PERFECT "450" SINGLE GAME

The League Secretary must report the Perfect "450" score to his/her ZONE Awards Chairperson; and provide him/her with written documentation of the score(scoresheet). The Zone Awards Chairperson will then report the information to the PROVINCIAL Awards Chairperson who will contact the C5PBA National Office.

A formal presentation is made to the bowler at the discretion of the Provincial Association.

Remember: A Perfect Game is recognized only if the bowler is a member of the Provincial 5 Pin Bowlers' Association, and C5PBA rules have been followed.

CANADIAN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION RECORD SCORES

****ATTENTION LEAGUE SECRETARIES AND STATISTICIANS****

Just a friendly reminder to you that it is necessary that the **YEAR END AVERAGES** from year to year are NOT thrown out; but rather transferred to the bowler's **NEW AVERAGE SHEET!** This is necessary for many reasons -- for example -- to determine the bowler's year end average for recognition of record scores and such tournaments as the **C5PBA Inter-Provincial Championship**, etc.

By keeping the year end averages of bowlers in your league, you will save yourself **loads of work!**

Because 90% of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association membership is comprised of low to medium average bowlers, the C5PBA adopted a record score program to recognize bowlers when they excel beyond their established ability.

This program is used in several provinces; and already Zone and Provincial Records have been established. It is hoped that all provinces will eventually implement this program.

The following procedure will assist your League in initiating the Record Score Program:

- I. Most bowling centres in Canada have at least one (1) PENDING and one (1) PERMANENT Record Scoreboard:

PENDING - Where the CURRENT season's reported scores are posted

PERMANENT - Where all STANDING record scores are posted, as compiled over all previous 5 Pin Bowling seasons

A PENDING record becomes PERMANENT when all reported record scores from the Pending Scoreboard (current season) are compared with those scores on the Permanent Scoreboard (previous seasons). A pending score that exceeds a permanent score replaces the latter in the FOLLOWING SEASON.

- II. a) at the end of December, if any posted scores (from the Permanent Scoreboard) are beaten, the League Secretary or Designate shall fill out a Record Score Form (individual and/or team) with all the particulars. (SEE SAMPLE).

NOTE: If there are no scores posted, the League Secretary or Designate should complete a record score report form and include the HIGHEST scores for these categories.

- b) the League Secretary or Designate shall send these forms to his/her Local Record Score Chairperson, who will forward them to the Provincial Association;
- c) From these scores, the Provincial Record Score Chair-person will enter the highest scores from the House and Zone Associations on a PENDING Scoreboard. Scores submitted for which there are no existing records, shall be entered on their respective scoreboard and shall constitute a "Pending Record".
- d) At the conclusion of the bowling season, each League Secretary or Designate shall complete an END OF THE YEAR REPORT FORM (individual and team) for ALL categories and send it to the Local Record Score Chairperson who will forward it to the Provincial Association.

NOTE: This report should include the highest scores, whether or not these were previously submitted during the season (regardless of having beaten any posted scores).

AT THE START OF THE FOLLOWING SEASON, NEW RECORDS WILL BE ESTABLISHED AND POSTED ON THE PERMANENT SCOREBOARD IN ALL BOWLING CENTRES.

CANADIAN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

RECORD SCORES FORMAT

The C5PBA Record Scores Program is designed to recognize individuals and teams for their outstanding achievements in 5 pin bowling. The program is conducted on an annual basis and scores that beat existing records are inserted in the All Time Record Scores. The Record Scores Program shall observe the following general rules.

1. Records to be maintained at the House, Zone, Provincial and National levels.
2. Records to be maintained in two (2) basic divisions:
INDIVIDUAL RECORDS
TEAM RECORDS
3. League and tournament records to be maintained separately.
4. Individual records to be maintained in conjunction with the five average classifications.
5. Averages used shall be league average of the previous year or after twenty-one (21) games for new bowlers. Bowlers shall remain in the same average class for full season.
6. Team Records shall comply to the following;
 - a) Separate records kept for Ladies, Men's and Mixed Teams
 - b) A team consists of a minimum of two players
 - c) Same bowlers need not count each game
 - d) A Mixed Team score must include a minimum of one person of each gender
 - e) Average Classifications do not apply
7. Scores to be recognized as records only at the end of each season.
8. Tournament records to be compiled according to individual tournament formats.
9. Single, triple, four and five game scores to be maintained in league records.
10. Triple, four and five game records must be bowled consecutively on the same day and include the first game bowled.
11. Master Bowlers' Association scores to be compared to Provincial and Canadian Open Records.
12. End of the Year Awards to be presented by Provincial Association at end of season for highest single and triple in each class for that season.
13. All C5PBA Tournaments are eligible for Record Scores Program at all rounds.
14. C5PBA Rules and Regulations must be observed, e.g., certified lanes, foul lines.

SET-UP



LEAGUE DIVISION

1. All scores must be bowled in league play only, without handicap. No bowl-off scores are allowed.
2. Individual records maintained in conjunction with the five average classifications as show below:

	MEN	LADIES
CLASS I	0 - 165	0 - 155
CLASS II	166 - 185	156 - 175
CLASS III	186 - 205	176 - 195
CLASS IV	206 - 225	196 - 215
CLASS V	226 & UP	216 & UP

3. Where league format dictates that one individual score from team is dropped each game, that team will only be eligible for consideration in the category which includes all team member scores. E.g., if a six-player team scratches one score in league format and counts five scores, the team should be entered as a six-player team with all scores included.
4. Should a player for a team not be in attendance during league play, the team should be considered a full team. ie. If a six-player team has one or more members not in attendance, that team is still considered a six-player team and not a lesser amount due to attendance.
5. The reporting forms are to be completed and forwarded in a timely manner to the Local Association according to the established reporting schedule.

OPEN DIVISION

1. All scores must be bowled in sanctioned events.
2. All C5PBA Rules and Regulations are in effect.
3. As per General Note #10, all multiple game scores must be consecutively played games and include the first game played in that block.

TOURNAMENT DIVISION

1. Record Scores are maintained for each individual C5PBA Tournament. Provincial Bowlers' Associations may also choose to maintain records for Provincial Events.
2. The Tournament format will determine whether records are scratch or pins-over-average.
3. All scores from Zone, Provincial and National Records are eligible for consideration.
4. Scores must be submitted at the conclusion of the bowling season.
5. As per General Note #10, all multiple game scores must be consecutively played games and include the first game played in that block.
6. In the event that a bye occurs during the sequence, the actual games played shall be considered consecutive.
7. In order to be eligible for consideration in the Individual records categories for multiple games, the player must bowl at least one frame in each game.
8. Changes in Tournament format may determine whether all multiple game records are recognized annually. E.g. Reduction in number of games played may result in some categories ineligible for consideration. However, new categories may be created as a result of the changes.
9. Categories at this time are:

Individual Men's & Ladies: As per General Note #10, all multiple game scores must be consecutively played games and include the first game played in that block. In addition, records for the full schedule of the tournament shall be kept starting with game one and adding consecutive games to the end of the tournament regardless of byes or blocks. I.e. single, triple, four, five, six, seven, etc. to include all tournament games.

Team: As per General Note #10, all multiple game scores must be consecutively played games and include the first game played in that block. In addition, records for the full schedule of the tournament shall be kept starting with game one and adding consecutive games to the end of the tournament regardless of byes or blocks. I.e. single, triple, four, five, six, seven, etc. to include all tournament games.

CANADIAN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION
INDIVIDUAL RECORD SCORE REPORT FORM

Bowling Centre Sample Bowl Association ZONE XYZ

League Sample Mixed Couples

Secretary Jane Doe

CLASSIFICATIONS

MEN Class I 0-165
Class II 166-185
Class III 186-205
Class IV 206-225
Class V 226 & Up

WOMEN Class I 0-155
Class II 156-175
Class III 176-195
Class IV 196-215
Class V 216 & Up

ALL SCORES MUST BE BOWLED IN LEAGUE PLAY ONLY WITHOUT HANDICAP (NO BOWL-OFF SCORES ALLOWED)

NOTE: Average Rule No. 4 of Record Score Format
To be sent to Local Association Dec. 31st and at completion of your league schedule.

Download your records score report at www.c5pba.ca select League supply.

C5PBA FUNCTION DATE FORMULA

- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -

The last weekend **before** the Labour Day Holiday

EXAMPLE: In the 2025/26 Season, Labour Day falls on Monday, September 1/25 The A.G.M. will therefore be held on August 22-23/25.

- SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -

Begins on the third Thursday of January

EXAMPLE: In the 2025/26 Season, the third Thursday in January is January 15/26. Therefore, the 2025/26 SAGM will be held January 16-17, 2026.**
**The Board of Directors will review these dates at the prior AGM and, if it is found to be financially beneficial, these dates may be changed.
This meeting may be held virtually.

- C5PBA OPEN -

Provincials – To be completed by Easter Sunday.

Nationals -- Departures from the host site to be the first Sunday in June.

EXAMPLE: In the 2025/26 Season, Easter Sunday is April 5, 2026. The Provincial Championships will therefore take place from April 1 - 5, 2026.

In the 2025/26 Season, the first Sunday in June is June 7/26. Therefore, the National Championships will take place from June 2 - 6, 2026.

- INTERPROVINCIAL -

Nationals -- The last **full** weekend of April

EXAMPLE: In the 2025/26 Season, the last **full** weekend of April is the 25 – 26, 2026. Therefore, the Interprovincial National Championships will be held April 23 -25, 2026.

- YOUTH CHALLENGE -

Provincial Finals must be completed by January 31, 2026

National Finals – the last **full** weekend of March unless this is Easter weekend – then the weekend prior.

EXAMPLE: In the 2025/26 Season, the last full weekend in March is March 28-29, 2026. In 2026, Easter weekend if April 4-5, 2026. Therefore the Youth Challenge national championship will be held March 25 – 28, 2026.

-NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS-

All National Championships must be bowled on certified lanes.

All officials at National Championships must be certified.

All bowling centres hosting National Championships must have shields or the LED machine activation lighting system on their string pin pinsetters.

-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS-

All officials at Provincial Championships must be certified.

All bowling centres hosting Provincial Championships must have shields or the LED machine activation lighting system on their string pin pinsetters.

-ZONE ROLL OFFS-

All bowling centres hosting zone roll offs must have shields on their string pin pinsetters. #

CANADIAN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION
2025-26 TOURNAMENTS

C5PBA Open 5 Pin Bowling Championships

Entry Deadline Determined by Provincial 5PBA

Zone Finals to be completed by January 31, 2026

Provincial Championships.....to be completed by April 5, 2026

National Championships June 2 - 6, 2026

InterProvincial 5 Pin Bowling Championships

Average Date - League RoundOctober 12, 2025

League Round Oct. 13 - Nov. 23, 2025

House Round (Optional) To be determined

Average Date - Zone FinalsDecember 31, 2025

Zone Finals on or before January 31, 2026

Regional Finals (Optional) To be determined

Average Date - Provincial Championships.....December 31, 2025

Provincial Championships on or before March 8, 2026

Average Date - National Championships March 15, 2026

National ChampionshipsApril 23-25, 2026

Youth Challenge

Entry Deadlinenot later than January 31, 2026
Zone Finals -not later than January 31, 2026
Provincial Championship completed by January 31, 2026
National Championship March 25-28, 2026

Meetings/Functions/Special Dates

Semi-Annual General Meeting January 16-17, 2026*
Annual General Meeting - August 22-23, 2025
..... August 28-29, 2026*
Perfect Game Awards September 1, 2025
Eligibility Date - August 31, 2026
C5PBA Convention Month June, 2026

* subject to change

INTER PROVINCIAL 5 PIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP

F O R M A T

The Inter Provincial 5 Pin Bowling Championship consists of five (5) steps:

- I The League Round (Optional)
- II The House Round (Optional)
- III The Zone Finals
- IV The Provincial Championships
- V 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, 2025, EXCEPT where prohibited by law.
2. Entry fee structure to be established by the Provincial Association.
3. Entrants must have a current league average as of the date of entry, based on a minimum number of games as set by your Provincial Association. Bowlers that bowl regularly in two (2) or more leagues or centres, may enter in each league or centre and compete in the League, Zone and Provincial rounds, provided the scheduling of same permits, but shall only be permitted to bowl once in the National Championship.
4. Format in all rounds, except the National Championship, will be determined by the Provincial Association. Qualifying in all rounds shall be based on Pins Over Average. The National Championship will be match play based on Pins Over Average. Teams at the National Championship shall consist of four (4) players.
5. Only averages established under official rules of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association shall be accepted. Scores and average of all winners in all rounds shall be authenticated and checked thoroughly. Any falsification or misrepresentation of scores or averages knowingly or unknowingly, shall result in automatic disqualification.
6. Replacement shall be allowed in all rounds (**except** the League Round).
7. A replacement **team** must be the next eligible team in order of finish from the preceding round.
8. A replacement **bowler** must be the next eligible bowler in order of finish from the previous round provided that the replacement bowler is from the same local association. Any bowler who vacates their position on a team for the next level of competition, forfeits their right to return to that team in the current year.
9. 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 A, 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, Rules 18 & 19).

10. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds except in the League Round where league rules shall apply.
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. No mechanical noisemakers will be allowed in any round of the event.
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 competition.
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. Suspended bowlers may NOT be replaced by emergency spares.
17. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final.
18. In all rounds, scorekeepers will be used only in the event of a malfunction with the scoring system.

LEAGUE ROUND (Optional)

1. Bowlers shall bowl a minimum of six (6) games during league play in a four-to-six-week period (as set by your Provincial Association) during regular league play between dates **as set by your Provincial Association** or October 13 – November 23, 2025.
2. The formula for advancing to the House round shall be determined by the Provincial Association.
3. Entrants must use their league average as of a date **as set by your Provincial Association** or October 12, 2025 with a minimum of twelve (12) league games having been bowled.
4. Leagues with teams that play with a substitution format and carry extra members, may adjust the format so that all members are eligible to participate.

Example: The bowler that does not start the game would be considered the same as absent and would count 95% of their average. A player that starts the game but does not finish, would be given the final score of the game that they had started.

HOUSE ROUND (Optional)

1. All League Round qualifiers in a bowling centre shall bowl a minimum of six (6) games. This may be bowled during regular league play.
2. Format and average date to be determined by the Provincial Association.
3. The formula for advancing to the Zone round shall be determined by the Provincial Association.

ZONE FINALS

1. All League/House Round qualifiers in a Zone shall bowl a minimum of six (6) games on or before January 31, 2026, in centres approved by the Provincial Association.
2. All bowlers who compete in the Zone Finals must use their highest league average (if a bowler bowls in more than one league) based on a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled. Average date to be determined by the Provincial Association or December 31, 2024.
3. The formula for advancing to the Provincial round shall be determined by the Provincial Association.
4. In the event a bowler is absent, see General Rule #8 for replacement procedures.
5. In the event of a tie for the final qualifying position, there will be a one (1) game roll-off to determine who will advance.
6. Coaches for the Provincial Championship will be selected at the completion of the Zone Round and must be a C5PBA affiliated member in good standing and be Community Coach 'trained' in the NCCP a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Championship.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Provincial Championship shall be bowled on or before March 8, 2026, in a centre designated by the Provincial Association. The Provincial Association shall determine the format for the Provincial Championship. As a guide, the National Championship format may be used.
2. All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championship must use their highest league average (if a bowler bowls in more than one (1) league) as of December 31, 2025, based on a minimum of twenty-one (21) games having been bowled.
3. The Provincial Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field and all decisions by this committee shall be final.
4. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the Provincial Association Tournament Committee.
5. Provincial dress code rules are in effect. In the absence of a Provincial dress code, please refer to National Championship Rule #5.
6. Only coaches and bowlers competing in the event shall be permitted in the bowlers' enclosure.

7. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. All other bowlers and the coach must remain off the approach to the side or behind the scorestand.
8. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, stop play on your set of lanes and call the Judge of Play **IMMEDIATELY**.
9. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings and all decisions shall be subject to appeal to the Provincial Tournament Committee.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The National Championship shall be held April 23 - 25, 2026 in a centre designated by the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. All bowlers who compete in the Inter Provincial National Championship must use their highest league average (if a bowler bowls in more than one (1) league) as of March 15, 2026, based on a minimum of twenty-four (24) games having been bowled.
3. Only teams declared as Provincial Champions shall be eligible to compete in the National Championships.
4. The National Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field and all decisions by this committee shall be final. NOTE: the National Tournament Committee shall consist of the National Tournament Chairman and the C5PBA Tournament Committee. If a province cannot field a full team due to unforeseen circumstances, the C5PBA Executive will fill the field with the affected province covering related costs. Replacement bowlers would have all the rights and privileges of a team member.
5. Dress Code is in effect. Please review the new policy at www.c5pba.ca under About Us – Governance and Policies.

Penalty: Failure to adhere to the dress code rule will result in a penalty being assessed for each uniform infraction to the province as follows:
1st offence - \$100.00.

6. A match play format shall be used to determine the qualifiers and champions. Each bowler who beats his/her opponent on the opposing team, based on the most pins over average, shall receive one (1) point. Three (3) points shall be awarded to the team with the higher pins over average total for the game, making a total of seven (7) points maximum for the game.

Example:

TEAM "A"					vs.	TEAM "B"				
Name	Ave.	Score	+/-	Pts.		Name	Ave.	Score	+/-	Pts.
Moffat	138	119	-19	0		Landry	184	213	+28	1
Jacobs	187	205	+18	0		Hopkins	160	181	+21	1
Ireland	159	176	+17	1		Jenkins	205	141	-64	0
Innis	197	177	-20	½		Miller	145	125	-20	½
	681	677	-4	3			694	660	-35	0

Results: Team A – 1 ½ + 3 = 4 ½ Points Team B – 2 ½ + 0 = 2 ½ Points

7. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association's Tournament Committee.

8. In each game, the team assigned to the RIGHT HAND lane shall be the HOME team and the team on the 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 line-up for the HOME team is submitted.
9. 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.
10. There shall be a five (5) minute warm-up preceding each block. Teams coming off a bye will be allowed to warm up when the other teams are in their 7th frame providing there are available lanes. If there are no lanes available, the National Tournament Committee shall advise.
11. The order of bowling (team line-up) may be changed for each game. Once the line-up is entered on the scoresheet at the start of every game, this is the order that must be bowled.
12. 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.
13. Lead off bowlers shall not start the next frame until their anchor bowler has finished. Any ball or balls thrown shall be declared "dead".
14. Only bowlers competing in the event, coaches and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowling enclosure.
15. 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.
16. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. Coaches and all other team members must remain off the approach.
17. Only non-playing coaches shall be allowed to coach. "Coach" designation shall appear on the shirt or blouse.
18. All games shall start when the Judge of Play gives the starting signal (see Rule #17).
19. Any bowler who throws a ball prior to the starting signal shall be assessed a fifteen (15) pin penalty. Any ball or balls thrown shall be declared "dead".
20. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, stop play on your set of lanes and call the Judge of Play IMMEDIATELY.
21. Only coaches will be allowed to discuss, dispute or protest any point pertaining to the Championship with the Judge of Play.
22. Coaches must not approach a member of the opposing team with a complaint. If you have a dispute of any kind, stop the bowling on both lanes and summon the Judge of Play.
23. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings and all decisions shall be subject to appeal to the National Tournament Committee.
24. Flagrant violation of any rule may result in penalties being assessed by the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.

25. If a team is missing a bowler, in the match play format, the opposing bowler to the absent position must bowl at least 95% of his/her own average in order to receive the individual match play point. The team with the absent bowler will be credited with 90% of the missing bowlers average for the team total. If the opposing bowler fails to win the individual point, the point will be awarded to the missing bowler.
26. In the event of a tie between teams or individuals in any game during the qualifying round, all available points shall be divided equally between the tied teams or individuals.
27. Should the centre hosting the national championship be large enough to allow for all teams to play at the same time, the Inter Provincial will be a single round robin with each team playing each of the other teams once. The top two teams would receive a bye in the first round of playoffs, 3 would play 6, 4 would play 5 – then 1 would play the lowest seed of the two winners and 2 would play the other winner. If the centre is not large enough for all teams to play at the same time, teams will be divided into pools and will play a double round robin within that pool. **The top two teams in each pool would advance to the crossover playoff format. (subject to review)**
28. In 2026, there will be 19 teams competing at the National Championship using a single round robin format.
29. Ties for a playoff position will be broken by reverting back to the matches played between the tied teams in the qualifying round. If a tie still exists, the most pins over average in the qualifying matches between the tied teams will be used. If a tie still exists, a one game roll-off will be held using the same match play format.
30. There is a Tournament Assessment fee of \$700.00 if the province is sending one (1) team and \$1,200.00 if the province is sending two (2) teams. This money is used primarily for prize money for the winning teams and individual awards. All expenses to attend are the responsibility of the participating province and will be dealt with as predetermined by each provincial association.

NOTE:

The National Championship format (rules 25 – 28) is subject to change based on the number of teams participating.

COACHES INSTRUCTIONS

All coaches assigned to teams in the 2026 C5PBA Inter Provincial Championship must be a current C5PBA affiliated member in good standing and must be registered as having a minimum of COMMUNITY COACH TRAINED plus Safe Sport and Making Headway training a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Championship of this event.

1. Coaches are to make sure their team knows at what times and on what lanes they bowl (see Official Program and Coach's Manual).
2. All bowlers are required to be at the lanes twenty (20) minutes prior to bowling. Coaches must contact the Chief Judge of Play or Tournament Official to register their bowlers prior to bowling.
3. Coaches are to make sure their bowlers are on hand for warm-up preceding each block.
4. Coaches should make sure all team members are dressed properly.
5. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their bowlers.
 - alcoholic beverages may not be consumed during the event (this includes "Byes")
 - upon the legalization of marijuana, marijuana may not be consumed during an event including byes but excluding medical marijuana. Documentation for the use of medical marijuana must be provided.
 - chemical depressants or stimulants (performance enhancing drugs) may not be consumed during the event
 - intoxicated bowlers or coaches shall be removed from the competition and may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament
 - no food or beverages are allowed in the bowlers' enclosure
6. Coaches are responsible for watching the score for errors. After a frame has been completed and the next frame has been bowled, you cannot change the score unless it is an obvious error in addition. The scorepad is the official score and it is your responsibility to check it for accuracy. Team score recap forms and score-sheets 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.
7. If there is a dispute regarding pinfall, call the Judge of Play for a ruling.
8. Lane courtesy should be observed at all times but should not be overdone.
9. In all team events, only bowlers competing in the event, coaches, and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowlers' enclosure.
10. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. Coaches and all other team members must remain off the approach to the side or behind the scorestand.
11. A bowler who wishes to leave the bowlers enclosure must inform the coach.

12. The Coach is responsible for having his/her team line-up submitted on the official scoresheet for each game as quickly as possible.
13. Only Coaches will be allowed to discuss, dispute or protest any point pertaining to the Championships with the Judge of Play. Please inform the bowlers of this ruling in order to save any unnecessary delays.
14. Coaches must not approach a member of the opposing team with a complaint. If you have a dispute of any kind, stop the bowling on both lanes and summon the Judge of Play.
15. Playing coaches are not allowed to in this event.
16. Coaches are responsible for having all bowlers arrive **on time** and **in uniform** at the Victory Banquet.
17. Coaches should make their bowlers aware of all rules as violations may result in penalties being assessed or suspensions from the Championships.
18. 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.
19. 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 competition.
20. The wearing or use of external 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.
21. Official Game Recap Sheet
 - **Step 1** – Official Game Recap Sheets will be distributed at the Coaches/Managers meeting.
 - **Step 2** – Prior to the start of each match, the **VISITING** team coach must complete his/her lineup position section of the form. Use numerals 1 through 4 only.
 - **Step 3** – The **HOME** team coach must then complete his/her lineup portion of the recap sheet.
 - **Step 4** – Each coach will enter their lineups (with the assistance of a Judge of Play if required) in the computer scoring system.
 - **Step 5** – Under the points column each individual match is one point. You would place “**1**” for a **WIN**, “**0**” for a **LOSS** and “**0.5**” for a **TIE**. The team with the highest team pins over average would receive “**3**” for a **WIN**, “**0**” for a **LOSS** and “**1.5**” for a **TIE**. A total of 7 points will be awarded for the match.
 - **Step 6** – Once the sheets are completed, both **HOME** and **VISITING** coaches must sign both sheets.
 - **Step 7** – Signed Game Recap Sheets should be placed on the score-table and left for the Judge of Play or score runners to collect. Remember, once these forms are signed, the scores are official and only obvious errors in addition will be corrected.

22. This applies only to infractions/complaints not noted in our Tournament Formats to be handled by the Tournament Judges of Play and/or Head Judge of Play.

1st Step – Complaint brought to the National Tournament Committee. To be reviewed the complaint must be made by a Provincial Contingent Manager or Team Coach.

2nd Step – National Tournament Committee reviews the complaint to determine appropriateness.

3rd Step – If the complaint is not valid the National Tournament Committee will advise the Provincial Contingent/Team Manager who made the complaint. The decision of the National Tournament Committee is final.

4th Step – If the complaint is valid, the National Tournament Committee will discuss the matter with the applicable Provincial Contingent/Team Manager and advise what has to occur to rectify the matter. The decision of the National Tournament Committee is final.

5th Step – If the decision is not followed, the National Tournament Committee will take one of the following steps:

- a) take a point or points away if the infraction continues on a team issue
- b) call a foul or fouls if the infraction continues on a singles issue.
- c) immediately disqualify a competitor
- d) immediately disqualify a team
- e) for any of the above occurrences, put forth a recommendation for appropriate suspension and/or monetary fine towards individuals, teams, Contingent Manager or province or combination thereof.

YOUTH CHALLENGE

F O R M A T

The Youth Challenge consists of three (3) steps:

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

GENERAL RULES

1. Open to all bowlers twelve (12) years of age and not yet nineteen (19) years of age as of DECEMBER 31, 2025.
2. ENTRY DEADLINE shall be set by the Provincial 5 Pin Bowlers' Association but shall not be later than JANUARY 31, 2026.
3. ENTRY FEE shall be determined by the Provincial Association.
4. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules and regulations shall apply in all rounds.
5. For Zone and Provincial competitions, the Provincial Association Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field and all decisions by this committee shall be final.
6. Personal bowling balls may be used if facilities permit. House balls must be used if the bowlers' personal 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*).

7. 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.
8. At all levels of competition, there shall be a minimum five (5) minute warm-up.
9. 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.

10. 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.
11. 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 competition.
12. No mechanical noisemakers will be allowed in any round of the event.
13. 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.
14. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Provincial Association Tournament Committee (*for Zone and Provincial levels of competition*) and the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association's Tournament Committee (*for the National competition*) shall be final.
15. In all rounds, scorekeepers will be used only in the event of a malfunction with the scoring system.

ZONE FINALS

1. The Zone Finals shall be bowled on a date set by the Provincial 5 Pin Bowlers' Association but not later than January 31, 2026 in a centre designated by the Zone association.
2. All bowlers must bowl in the Zone of their “**Principal Residence**” unless they meet the criteria of item B.

Definition: As a guide, Principal Residence shall be the residence individuals use for taxation purposes, driver's license, etc. Bowlers with more than one residence, such as commuters living away from home for employment reasons and students living away from home for school reasons, must contact the Provincial Office for a ruling.

- A. Bowlers who only compete in regular league play as registered members of a YBC or C5PBA affiliated league in the Zone of their principal residence and individuals who do not compete in YBC or C5PBA affiliated league play must enter the Youth Challenge in the Zone of their principal residence.
 - B. Bowlers who compete in regular league play as registered members of YBC or C5PBA affiliated leagues in both the Zone of their principal residence and another Zone and have played the year prior in that other zone, must indicate in which Zone they will compete in the Youth Challenge by filing a Declaration of Intent along with the appropriate average sheets to the Zone Tournament Director by October 31. A copy of both the prior year and current year average sheets confirming their participation in said league must accompany the Declaration of Intent. If a declaration form is not filed by that date, the bowler must compete in the Zone of their principal residence.
3. The Zone Finals shall consist of a minimum of four (4) games.
 4. All competitors qualifying for the Zone Teams will participate in the Singles competition at the Provincial Championships.

5. Each zone contingent will consist of 15 participants advancing to the Provincial Championship.
6. The top five (5) men and five (5) ladies, based on total pinfall shall make up the Men's and Ladies' teams.
7. The next two (2) men and two (2) ladies, with the 15th qualifying spot being awarded to either the man OR lady with the higher pinfall, shall make up the mixed team.
8. In the event of a tie for 1st, 5th or final qualifying positions, a one (1) game roll-off shall be held to determine final placing.
9. Coaches shall be selected for each team (Men's, Ladies' and Mixed) at the completion of the Zone Finals. All coaches must be a current C5PBA affiliated member in good standing and be Competitive Coach Certified a minimum of thirty (30) thirty days prior to the Provincial Championship unless Competitive Coaches are not available, approval may be given by the Provincial Association to allow for Community Coaches on a team by team basis. However, all coaches at the national championship are required to be fully certified Competitive Coach Certified a minimum of thirty (30) thirty days prior to the Provincial Championship.

All coaches must pass a police check or equivalent prior to coaching the Youth Challenge National Championship. This is required by all Youth Challenge coaches and is effective September 1 annually.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The Provincial Championships shall be bowled not later than January 31, 2026, in a centre designated by the Provincial Association.
2. All contingents shall be composed of the winners in the Zone Finals. Only bowlers declared as Zone Champions shall be eligible to participate in the Provincial Championships. (*For clarification of teams see Zone Rules #5-#7*)
3. In the event that a zone qualifier is unable to compete at the Provincial Championships, all positions on the contingent shall be filled by the eighth (8th) place man or the eighth (8th) place lady OR VICE VERSA, whichever the case may be, from the Zone Finals. (*See General Rule #5*)
4. Provincial dress code rules are in effect. In the absence of a Provincial dress code, please refer to the C5PBA Dress Code Policy at www.c5pba.ca - governance.
5. The Provincial Championship shall consist of a minimum of five (5) games.
6. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the Provincial Association Tournament Committee.
7. In each game of the competition, teams shall bowl with five (5) players and count the scores of five (5) players.
8. The order of bowling may be changed for each game (*unrestricted line-up*).
9. 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.
10. If a bowler misses a game or games, they shall receive the lowest score from the opposing team for the purpose of determining the total team score. (This shall only apply when the team is bowling another team in the same category {i.e. Men vs. Men, Ladies vs. Ladies, Mixed vs. Mixed} otherwise the team shall receive zero (0) for the missing bowler.) The missing bowler cannot receive an individual match

point for winning or tying their match.

11. Only coaches and bowlers competing in the event shall be permitted in the bowlers enclosure.
12. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. All other bowlers and the coach must remain off the approach to the side or behind the scorestand.
13. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, stop play on your set of lanes and call the Judge of Play IMMEDIATELY.
14. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings and all decisions shall be subject to appeal to the Provincial Association Tournament Committee.
15. In the event of a tie or ties for first (1st) place in any event, a one (1) game roll-off shall be required to determine the winner. In the event of a tie for any other position, all available aggregate points shall be divided equally between said teams.
16. The Provincial Aggregate Banner shall be awarded to the Zone 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. The Aggregate Point System to be used shall be determined by the Provincial Association.
17. The top three (3) men and top three (3) women based on scratch scores bowled at the Provincial Championship will advance to the National Championship.
18. Each Provincial 5 Pin Bowlers' Association must designate a primary and secondary coach for the National Championships. One coach of each gender (*male and female*) must be selected. Both coaches must be fully certified Competitive Coach Certified a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Championship and be a current C5PBA member in good standing.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The National Championships shall be held March 25-28, 2026 in a centre designated by the Provincial 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. If a bowler on the team is unable to compete in the National Championship, 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.
3. 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.

4. In the case of a face-to-face competition, all provincial teams will compete in a double round robin match play competition. In the case of a virtual competition, all teams will compete in a single round robin.

The top 6 teams will go to a championship qualifying round and the bottom 5 teams go to a consolation qualifying round. All teams will receive points based on their position in the original qualifying round (similar to what happens with the Fedex cup) and play each of the other teams once in their division.

Assigned points to be determined. This format is subject to change without notice.

5. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association's Tournament Committee.
6. There shall be a minimum five (5) minute warm-up preceding each block.
7. In each game of the competition, five (5) players shall bowl and five (5) scores shall count.
8. The starting line-up for the first (1st) game only of the match play qualifying round must not include a replacement bowler - i.e.: the line-up must be five (5) original qualifiers from the Provincial Championship.
9. In each game, the team assigned by lane draw to the RIGHT-HAND lane shall be the "HOME" team and the team on the 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 line-up for the "HOME" team is submitted.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Only bowlers competing in the event, coaches, and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowlers enclosure.
13. 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 score-stand.
14. Only non-playing coaches shall be allowed to coach. "Coach" designation shall appear on the shirt or blouse.
15. All games shall start when the Judge of Play gives the starting signal (*see Rule #15*).
16. 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 thrown shall be declared a dead ball.
17. 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 thrown shall be declared "dead".
18. Substitutions may be made at any time, but the bowler being substituted may not bowl again in the same game.
19. The order of bowling may be changed for each game (*unrestricted line-up and substitution*).

20. 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.
21. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, stop play on your set of lanes and call the Judge of Play IMMEDIATELY.
22. Flagrant violation of any rule may result in penalties being assessed by the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association's Tournament Committee.
23. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings and all decisions shall be subject to appeal to the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association's Tournament Committee.
24. At the completion of each game, teams shall remain at their respective lanes. When instructed to do so, they shall move to their next lanes as per the lane draw. The lead-off bowler shall await the starting signal.
25. Team score recap forms and score-sheets 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.
26. A match play format shall be used to determine the qualifiers and champions. 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:

TEAM "A" VS.		TEAM "B"	
<u>WELLS</u>	232	SHANAS	227
MACDONALD	219	<u>MARSHALL</u>	258
SWIM	305	VIOLINI	212
PIZZEY	276	MONCHAK	281
PETERAITIS	<u>243</u>	McCAW	<u>241</u>
	1275		1219

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

27. 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.
28. Ties in the qualifying round shall be broken by reverting back to the games bowled between the tied teams and, on a points won or lost basis, the higher placing shall be declared. If a tie still exists, the team with the most pinfall for the game 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 26 above.
29. Following the match play round robin, the top six (6) teams will compete in a championship single round robin and the bottom five (5) teams will compete in a consolation single round robin. Each team will start the playoff round with points assigned based on their finishing position in the original qualifying round.

OR

In a virtual event, the top 6 teams will play in a championship stepladder – 6 vs. 5, winner vs 4, etc. and the bottom 5 teams will compete in a consolation stepladder – 11 vs 10, winner vs. 9, etc.

30. Scholarship eligibility will include games bowled in the Championship and Consolation round robin playoff but not the stepladder finals. To be eligible for a scholarship, participants must bowl 70% of the available frames. I.e 20 games is 200 frames so 70% is 140 frames.

COACHES INSTRUCTIONS

All coaches assigned to teams in the 2026 C5PBA Youth Challenge Championships must be a current C5PBA affiliated member in good standing and must be registered as having FULL COMPETITIVE COACH CERTIFICATION plus Safe Sport and Making Headway training a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Championships.

All coaches must pass a police check or equivalent prior to coaching the Youth Challenge National Championship. This is required by all Youth Challenge coaches and is effective September 1 annually.

1. Coaches are to make sure their team knows at what times and on what lanes they bowl (see Official Program and Coach's Manual).
2. All bowlers are required to be at the lanes twenty (20) minutes prior to bowling. Coaches must contact the Chief Judge of Play or Tournament Official to register their bowlers prior to bowling.
3. Coaches are to make sure their bowlers are on hand for warm-up preceding each block.
4. Coaches should make sure all team members are dressed properly.
5. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their bowlers for the duration of the event: (event is defined as 'from the time you leave home until the time your return home').
 - alcoholic beverages may not be consumed during the event
 - upon the legalization of marijuana, marijuana may not be consumed during an event including byes but excluding medical marijuana. Documentation for the use of medical marijuana must be provided.
 - chemical depressants or stimulants (performance enhancing drugs) may not be consumed during the event
 - intoxicated bowlers or coaches shall be removed from the competition and may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament
 - no food or beverages are allowed in the bowlers' enclosure
6. Coaches are responsible for watching the score for errors. After a frame has been completed and the next frame has been bowled, you cannot change the score unless it is an obvious error in addition. The scoresheet is the official score, and it is your responsibility to check it for accuracy. 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.
7. If there is a dispute regarding pinfall, call the Judge of Play for a ruling.
8. Lane courtesy should be observed at all times but should not be overdone.
9. Substitutions must be reported to the opposing coach when they are made.
10. In all team events, only bowlers competing in the event, coaches, and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowlers enclosure.

11. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. Coaches and all other team members must remain off the approach to the side or behind the scorestand.
12. A bowler who wishes to leave the bowlers enclosure must inform the coach.
13. The Coach is responsible for having his/her team line-up submitted on the official scoresheet for each game as quickly as possible.
14. Only Coaches will be allowed to discuss, dispute or protest any point pertaining to the Championships with the Judge of Play. Please inform the bowlers of this ruling in order to save any unnecessary delays.
15. Coaches must not approach a member of the opposing team with a complaint. If you have a dispute of any kind, stop the bowling on both lanes and summon the Judge of Play.
16. Coaches are not allowed to compete in any event.
17. Coaches are responsible for having all bowlers arrive **on time** and **in uniform** at the Victory Banquet.
18. Coaches should make their bowlers aware of all rules as violations may result in penalties being assessed or suspensions from the Championships.
19. 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.
20. 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 competition.
21. The wearing or use of external 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.
22. Official Game Recap Sheet
 - **Step 1** – Official Game Recap Sheets will be distributed at the Coaches/Managers meeting.
 - **Step 2** – Prior to the start of each match, the **VISITING** team coach must complete his/her lineup position section of the form. Use numerals 1 through 5 and the word SUB only.
 - **Step 3** – The **HOME** team coach must then complete his/her lineup portion of the recap sheet.
 - **Step 4** – Each coach will enter their lineups (with the assistance of a Judge of Play if required) in the computer scoring system.
 - **Step 5** – When bowlers are substituted, record the score of the starting bowler and the frame they were substituted. To assist the coach with assigning points at the completion of the match, make a note of the status of the match at the time of substitution.
 - **Step 6** – At the completion of the match enter the scores of the bowlers and the number of frames they bowled. It is important to record both the starting and substitute bowler's scores and frames bowled. If the starting bowler is substituted midway through a frame, the complete score of that frame will be recorded as bowled by the starting bowler.

- **Step 7** – Under the points column each individual match is one point. You would place “1” for a **WIN**, “0” for a **LOSS** and “0.5” for a **TIE**. The team with the highest team pin fall would receive “3” for a **WIN**, “0” for a **LOSS** and “1.5” for a **TIE**. A total of 8 points will be awarded for the match. In the event a substitution is made, points will be awarded based on the following:
 - Starting bowler leading match at time of substitution, position wins match, point to starting bowler.
 - Starting bowler leading match at time of substitution, position loses match, loss to substitution bowler.
 - Starting bowler losing match at time of substitution, position loses match, loss to starting bowler.
 - Starting bowler losing match at time of substitution, position wins match, point to substitute bowler.
- **Step 8** – Once the sheets are completed, both **HOME** and **VISITING** coaches must sign both sheets.
- **Step 9** – Signed Game Recap Sheets should be placed on the score-table and left for the Judge of Play or score runners to collect. Remember, once these forms are signed, the scores are official and only obvious errors in addition will be corrected.

23. This applies only to infractions/complaints not noted in our Tournament Formats to be handled by the Tournament Judges of Play and/or Head Judge of Play.

1st Step – Complaint brought to the National Tournament Committee. To be reviewed the complaint must be made by a Provincial Contingent Manager or Team Coach.

2nd Step – National Tournament Committee reviews the complaint to determine appropriateness.

3rd Step – If the complaint is not valid the National Tournament Committee will advise the Provincial Contingent/Team Manager who made the complaint. The decision of the National Tournament Committee is final.

4th Step – If the complaint is valid, the National Tournament Committee will discuss the matter with the applicable Provincial Contingent/Team Manager and advise what has to occur to rectify the matter. The decision of the National Tournament Committee is final.

5th Step – If the decision is not followed, the National Tournament Committee will take one of the following steps:

- f) take a point or points away, if the infraction continues on a Team issue
- g) call a foul or fouls, if the infraction continues on a Single issue.
- h) immediately disqualify a competitor
- i) immediately disqualify a team
- j) for any of the above occurrences, put forth a recommendation for appropriate suspension and/or monetary fine towards individuals, teams, Contingent Manager or province or combination thereof.

C5PBA OPEN 5 PIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

F O R M A T

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, 2025, 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) All personal

bowling balls must have identifying markings.

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.

ZONE FINALS

1. The Zone Finals shall be bowled between NOVEMBER 1, 2025 and JANUARY 31, 2026 in centres designated by the Zone Association and on dates that shall be determined by the Provincial Association.
2. All bowlers must bowl in the Zone of the "**Principal Residence**". *Unless the Provincial Association has specific rules in place.*

Definition: As a guide, Principal Residence shall be the residence individuals use for taxation purposes, driver's license, etc. Bowlers with more than one residence, such as commuters living away from home for employment reasons and students living away from home for school reasons, must contact the Provincial Office for a ruling.

- A. Bowlers who only compete in regular league play as registered members of a C5PBA affiliated league in the Zone of their principal residence and individuals who do not compete in C5PBA affiliated league play must enter the Open in the Zone of their principal residence.
- B. Bowlers who compete in regular league play as registered members of C5PBA affiliated leagues

in both the Zone of their principal residence and another Zone and have played the year prior in that other zone, must indicate in which Zone they will compete in the Open by filing a Declaration of Intent along with the appropriate average sheets to the Zone Tournament Director by October 31. A copy of both the prior year and current year average sheets confirming their participation in said league must accompany the Declaration of Intent. If a declaration form is not filed by that date, the bowler must compete in the Zone of their principal residence.

3. The Zone Finals shall consist of a minimum of ten (10) games.
4. Each Zone Contingent shall consist of eighteen (18) participants advancing to the Provincial Championship.
5. The top three (3) men and three (3) ladies shall be the **singles entrants**.
6. The next three (3) men and three (3) ladies, along with the singles entrants, shall make up the Men's and Ladies' Teams.
7. The next three (3) men and three (3) ladies will make up the Mixed Team.
8. In the event of a tie for 1st, 3rd, 6th, or final qualifying positions, a one (1) game roll-off shall be held to determine final placing.
9. Coaches shall be selected for each team (Men's, Ladies' and Mixed) at the completion of the Zone Finals. All coaches must have **Competitive Coach Certification** a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Championship and be a current C5PBA affiliated member in good standing. Playing coaches are not allowed to compete in any event.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The Provincial Championships shall be bowled on or before April 5, 2026 in a centre designated by the Provincial Association.
2. If a singles qualifier is unable to compete at the Provincial Championships, the fourth (4th) place qualifier shall move up into the third (3rd) place qualifying position as a singles competitor.

All other positions on the Contingent shall be filled by the tenth(10th) place man or the tenth (10th) place lady, whichever the case may be, from the Zone Finals (see General Rule #5).
3. Provincial dress code rules are in effect. In the absence of a Provincial dress code, please refer to National Championship Rule #4.
4. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the Provincial Association Tournament Committee.
5. There shall be a five (5) minute warm-up preceding each block.
6. All games shall start when the Judge of Play gives the starting signal. 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.
7. All singles competitors (men and ladies) shall bowl a qualifying round consisting of a minimum of eight (8) games and a maximum of sixteen (16). At the conclusion of the qualifying round the top five (5) men and five (5) ladies based on total pinfall shall advance to a stepladder match play final.

8. In the event of a tie in the singles competition for any of the five (5) stepladder positions, a one (1) game roll-off shall decide the higher placing.
9. In the event of a tie in the singles competition during the stepladder finals, an extra game or games shall be bowled to determine the winner.
10. A singles competitor may select a coach to accompany them in the bowler's enclosure. The selected coach must be dressed in a zone uniform and if not part of a zone contingent, the bowler will be responsible for any additional costs. The selected coach **MUST** have **full Competitive Coach Certification** a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Championship and be a current C5PBA member in good standing.
11. Each team shall bowl a maximum of four (4) games against each opponent and a minimum of eight (8) games in all. Provinces with an excess number of Zones may separate into divisions as determined by the Provincial Association.
12. In all team events, bowl five (5) and count five (5).
13. 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 any ball or balls so thrown shall be declared "dead".
14. In all team events, only bowlers competing in the event, coaches, and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowler's enclosure.
15. 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.
16. Only non-playing coaches shall be allowed to coach. "Coach" designation shall appear on the shirt or blouse.
17. In each game, the team assigned by lane draw to the **RIGHT-HAND LANE** shall be the **"HOME"** team and the team on the **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 line-up for the "HOME" team is submitted.
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. 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 singles competitors.
20. In all team events the order of bowling may be changed for each game (unrestricted line-up and substitution) with a **maximum** of five (5) bowlers bowling.
21. Substitutions may be made at any time, but the bowler being substituted may not bowl again in the same game.
22. Bowlers who wish to leave the bowlers enclosure should inform their coach.
23. No food or beverage of any kind shall be permitted in bowlers' enclosure. Bowlers or coaches

violating this rule may be removed from the tournament by the Judge of Play.

24. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, stop play on your set of lanes and call the Judge of Play **IMMEDIATELY**.
25. Flagrant violation of any rules may result in penalties being assessed by the Provincial Association Tournament Committee.
26. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings and decisions shall be subject to appeal to the Provincial Association Tournament Committee.
27. At the completion of each game, teams shall remain at their respective lanes. When instructed to do so, they shall move to their next lanes as per the lane draw. The lead-off bowler shall await the starting signal.
28. Team Recap forms must be signed by the Coach after **each game**. Recap forms filled out improperly or not signed may result in a penalty of one (1) point being assessed the team.
29. A match play format shall be used to determine the Champions in all team events. Each bowler who beats their opponent on the opposing team shall receive one (1) point. Three (3) points shall be awarded to the team that has a 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>FREELAND</u>	232	CHAFE	227
	HONG	219	<u>POST</u>	258
	<u>HENDERSON</u>	305	O'BRIEN	212
	LAMARCHE	276	<u>TRUDEL</u>	281
	<u>BRUNEAU</u>	<u>243</u>	MCMULLAN	<u>241</u>
		1275		1219

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

30. 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.
31. In the event of a tie or ties in total points for any positions after completion of match play, the ties shall be broken by reverting back to the games bowled between said teams and, on a points won or lost basis, the higher placing shall be decided. If a tie still exists, the team with the most pinfall for the games bowled between the said teams shall receive the higher placing.
32. The Provincial Aggregate Banner shall be awarded to the Zone 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 determined by the Provincial Association.
33. All Contingents shall be composed of the winners from the Provincial Championships. Only singles qualifiers or teams declared as Provincial Champions shall be eligible to participate in the National Championships. (For clarification of teams see Zone Finals Rules # 4-7).
34. A bowler who qualifies for both the singles competition and team event in the National

Championships may compete in both events (schedule permitting). If that bowler chooses to compete in the singles event only, the team roster must be filled in accordance with National Rule #3. If that bowler chooses to compete in the team event only, the singles qualifier shall be in accordance with National Rule #2.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The National Championships shall be bowled from June 2 - 6, 2026 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.

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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

COACHES INSTRUCTIONS

All coaches assigned to teams in the 2026 C5PBA Open 5 Pin Bowling Championships must be a current C5PBA affiliated member in good standing and must be registered as having COMPETITIVE COACH CERTIFICATION plus Safe Sport and Making Headway training a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Championship.

1. Coaches are responsible for providing each team member with his/her lane pass (if required).
2. Coaches are to make sure their team knows at what times and on what lanes they bowl (see Official Program and Coach's Manual).
3. All bowlers are required to be at the lanes twenty (20) minutes prior to bowling. Coaches must contact the Chief Judge of Play or Tournament Official to register their bowlers prior to bowling.
4. Coaches are to make sure their bowlers are on hand for warm-up preceding each block.
5. Coaches should make sure all team members are dressed properly.
6. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their bowlers:
 - alcoholic beverages may not be consumed during competition (includes 'Byes')
 - upon the legalization of marijuana, marijuana may not be consumed during an event including byes but excluding medical marijuana. Documentation for the use of medical marijuana must be provided.
 - chemical depressants or stimulants (performance enhancing drugs) may not be consumed during the competition
 - intoxicated bowlers or coaches shall be removed from the competition and may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament
 - no food or beverages are allowed in the bowlers' enclosure
7. Coaches are responsible for watching the score for errors. After a frame has been completed and the next frame has been bowled, you cannot change the score unless it is an obvious error in addition. The scorepad is the official score and it is your responsibility to check it for accuracy. 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.
8. If there is a dispute regarding pinfall, call the Judge of Play for a ruling.
9. Lane courtesy should be observed at all times but should not be overdone.
10. Substitutions must be reported to the opposing coach when they are made
11. In all team events, only bowlers competing in the event, coaches, and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowlers' enclosure.

12. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. Coaches and all other team members must remain off the approach to the side or behind the scorestand.
13. A bowler who wishes to leave the bowlers enclosure must inform the coach.
14. The Coach is responsible for having his/her team line-up submitted on the official scoresheet for each game as quickly as possible.
15. Only Coaches will be allowed to discuss, dispute or protest any point pertaining to the Championships with the Judge of Play. Please inform the bowlers of this ruling in order to save any unnecessary delays.
16. Coaches must not approach a member of the opposing team with a complaint. If you have a dispute of any kind, summon the Judge of Play.
17. Coaches are not allowed to compete in any event.
18. Coaches are responsible for having all bowlers arrive **on time** and **in uniform** at the Victory Banquet.
19. Coaches should make their bowlers aware of all rules as violations may result in penalties being assessed or suspensions from the Championships.
20. 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.
21. 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 competition.
22. The wearing or use of external electronic devices such as MP3 players, cell phones, etc. is prohibited. This applied while the bowler is on the approach but does not prohibit the bowler from using the device while awaiting his/her turn.
23. Official Game Recap Sheet
 - **Step 1** – Official Game Recap Sheets will be distributed at the Coaches/Managers meeting.
 - **Step 2** – Prior to the start of each match, the **VISITING** team coach must complete his/her lineup position section of the form. Use numerals 1 through 5 and the word SUB only.
 - **Step 3** – The **HOME** team coach must then complete his/her lineup portion of the recap sheet.
 - **Step 4** – Each coach will enter their lineups (with the assistance of a Judge of Play if required) in the computer scoring system.
 - **Step 5** – When bowlers are substituted, record the score of the starting bowler and the frame they were substituted. To assist the coach with assigning points at the completion of the match, make a note of the status of the match at the time of substitution.
 - **Step 6** – At the completion of the match enter the scores of the bowlers and the number of frames they bowled. It is important to record both the starting and substitute bowler's scores and frames

bowled. If the starting bowler is substituted midway through a frame, the complete score of that frame will be recorded as bowled by the starting bowler.

- **Step 7** – Under the points column each individual match is one point. You would place “1” for a **WIN**, “0” for a **LOSS** and “0.5” for a **TIE**. The team with the highest team pin fall would receive “3” for a **WIN**, “0” for a **LOSS** and “1.5” for a **TIE**. A total of 8 points will be awarded for the match. In the event a substitution is made, points will be awarded based on the following:
 - Starting bowler leading match at time of substitution, position wins match, point to starting bowler.
 - Starting bowler leading match at time of substitution, position loses match, loss to substitution bowler.
 - Starting bowler losing match at time of substitution, position loses match, loss to starting bowler.
 - Starting bowler losing match at time of substitution, position wins match, point to substitute bowler.
- **Step 8** – Once the sheets are completed, both **HOME** and **VISITING** coaches must sign both sheets.
- **Step 9** – Signed Game Recap Sheets should be placed on the score-table and left for the Judge of Play or score runners to collect. Remember, once these forms are signed, the scores are official and only obvious errors in addition will be corrected.

24. This applies only to infractions/complaints not noted in our Tournament Formats to be handled by the Tournament Judges of Play and/or Head Judge of Play.

1st Step – Complaint brought to the National Tournament Committee. To be reviewed the complaint must be made by a Provincial Contingent Manager or Team Coach.

2nd Step – National Tournament Committee reviews the complaint to determine appropriateness.

3rd Step – If the complaint is not valid the National Tournament Committee will advise the Provincial Contingent/Team Manager who made the complaint. The decision of the National Tournament Committee is final.

4th Step – If the complaint is valid, the National Tournament Committee will discuss the matter with the applicable Provincial Contingent/Team Manager and advise what has to occur to rectify the matter. The decision of the National Tournament Committee is final.

5th Step – If the decision is not followed, the National Tournament Committee will take one of the following steps:

- a) take a point or points away, if the infraction continues on a Team issue
- b) call a foul or fouls, if the infraction continues on a Single issue.
- c) immediately disqualify a competitor
- d) immediately disqualify a team
- e) for any of the above occurrences, put forth a recommendation for appropriate suspension and/or monetary fine towards individuals, teams, Contingent Manager or province or combination thereof.

WHY DOES A BOWLING LEAGUE NEED RULES, REGULATIONS AND A FUNCTIONING EXECUTIVE?

Bowling leagues are formed by social groups, office personnel, factory workers, community groups, fraternal orders, clubs, ladies' and men's organizations and by proprietors.

Less than 3% of all bowlers are in the major league category, so most bowlers bowl for relaxation, a night out or just plain fun. So why does a bowling league need rules and regulations when they are for the most part, bowling for the fun of it?

REASONS

- (a) If a dispute arises and there is no rule to cover it, what happens?
- (b) If money is missing from the treasury because there is only one (1) signing officer, what happens?
- (c) When trophies or prize money are to be awarded and no formula has been established, what happens?

The above are only a few examples of why you NEED RULES AND REGULATIONS as this is what could happen:

- (a) Bowlers' feelings get hurt.
- (b) Friends become enemies.
- (c) Bowlers quit the league.
- (d) The league folds.

All of the above are easily prevented if the league has a good set of rules, a constitution and league officers fulfilling their obligations.

The following has been prepared as a guide to assist your league and will definitely add more fun to your bowling.

SUGGESTED RULES FOR BETTER LEAGUE OPERATION

Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Rules do not cover all situations. They do not, for instance, provide for specific rulings on entering averages, doe scores, handicaps and prize lists or for specific variations in the use of substitutes. Therefore, a league must have its own rules to cover its individual requirements.

Your league should have a Constitution and Rules and Regulations.

The following sample League Rules list has been designed to fit these requirements. All that is required on your part, is to go through it, crossing out the options which do not apply to your type of league. Where additions might be needed, you have only to add them. The revised form should then be voted on by your league's executive. For more information on league rules go to www.c5pba.ca – League Supply

SAMPLE BOWLING LEAGUE RULES

1. Bowling will take place at (bowling centre) on (day of the week), commencing at (starting time) a.m./p.m. SHARP.
2. There will be a _____ membership fee for each bowler in the league, payable up to the second week of bowling. New bowlers coming into the league at a later date will also pay the _____ fees.
3. Daily/Nightly bowling fees will be \$ _____ which is made up of _____ prize money and _____ in bowling fees. These fees will be collected by the team captain, and turned over to the league treasurer. A proposed prize money distribution sheet should be drawn up after six (6) weeks of bowling.
4. Absent bowlers must pay \$ _____ for each week of absence at the time they come to bowl.
5. Starting time is _____ a.m./p.m. SHARP.
 - a) Latecomers may catch up in any particular game if they turn up before the end of the _____ frame.
 - b) Latecomers must bowl in the frame in which they come in.
 - c) Latecomers may not bowl that game.

[use (a), (b) or (c)]
6. In order to win trophies, bowlers must bowl 60%/75% (scratch one) of the regular league schedule. Play-off weeks are NOT INCLUDED for high scores or averages nor are these weeks included in the 60%/75% (scratch one).

Handicap awards will not be counted until after a bowler has bowled:

- (a) 9 (nine)
 - (b) 12 (twelve)
 - (c) 15 (fifteen)
- games. [use one]

Bowlers who leave the league forfeit all prize money, prizes and banquet. Each bowler may win only one (1) Individual Prize. Team trophies are to be awarded to the team with the most points in all series combined, and to the winning team in the Play-offs.

7. There will be _____ points per day/night composed of _____ point(s) per game and _____ point(s) for total pinfall.
8. If there is a tie score in games:
 - a) Each team gets _____ point(s).
 - b) For tie score in total pinfall, each team gets _____ point (s).

- [use (a) or (b)]
9. a) The top five (5) scores will count, two (2) does scores of _____ will be allowed if the team has three (3) bowlers present, and one (1) doe score of _____ if four (4) bowlers are present.
b) The top five (5) scores will count. If bowlers are absent, the lowest score, including handicap of the opposing team, will be added to the missing player's team total.

[use (a) or (b)]

10. Handicaps will be based on _____ percent of the difference between the bowler's average and a base figure of _____. Maximum handicap will be _____.
11. There will be _____ week(s) of bowling, _____ week(s) for averages, _____ Series of _____ weeks, a Turkey Roll and _____ week(s) of play-offs.
- (a) ALL teams not in the final play-off will bowl the _____ week(s) for the Consolation Round Awards.
(b) ALL teams enter the play-offs.

[use (a) or (b)]

12. There will be _____ series, and the top team in each series (or the second or third teams if the top one has already qualified) will go into the Play-offs.
13. A series tie is broken by the team having the greatest total pinfall for the series.
14. In the Play-offs, the winning team will be the one that has the greatest pinfall for _____ games. If there is a tie at the end of this, one extra frame will be bowled and one-tenth of the handicap of each bowler, adjusted to the nearest whole number, will be added to the pinfall in order to determine a winner.
15. Bowlers may pre-bowl league scores. Pre-bowled scores are ineligible for individual awards.
16. No bowling in advance for play-offs will be allowed.
17. Teams will alternate lanes after each frame during a game and each bowler will bowl one (1) frame at a time in regular rotation.
18. No team will carry more than _____ bowlers.
19. The foul line rule is to be observed at all times during league games.
20. The team captain is responsible for the keeping of correct scores and filling out league sheets.
21. Players missing two (2) consecutive bowling days/nights, without good reason, may be dropped from the league and will forfeit all rights. If you are going to be absent, telephone your team captain or league president.
22. New players may be added to the league only at the discretion of the league executive committee, and the league executive committee will decide the team to put the new player on.
23. No new bowlers may join the league during the last three (3) regular days/nights of bowling. If a bowler has established an average previously, he/she may be used as a spare during the last three (3) days/nights.
24. The league executive will consist of the PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER and TEAM CAPTAINS.
25. If a person continually breaks rules, he/she will be expelled from the league and forfeit all rights and privileges. Decisions regarding this will be made by the LEAGUE EXECUTIVE.
26. All complaints/protests are to be made to the team captains, who in turn will present them to the league

executive.

27. The league will be affiliated with the Provincial 5 Pin Bowlers' Association, who in turn are affiliated with the CANADIAN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION.
28. All bowling will be conducted in a pleasant and orderly manner, bearing in mind that all bowlers are out to have an enjoyable afternoon/evening.
29. The Official Rules and Regulations of 5 Pin Bowling, contained in the New "CANADIAN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION" Rule Book, will be used to cover any situation not covered in the aforementioned rules.

PLAY - OFFS

It is important to all leagues that Play-offs are conducted.

During the season, teams have played each other for points. In the Play-offs, total pins count over a period from three (3) to nine (9) games. Each team in this group is competing against all the other teams at the same time, and the team with the greatest pinfall becomes the Play-off Winner.

Most leagues bowl a split season with two, three or four series. Generally, half of the teams enter the Championship Division, while the balance of the teams take part in the CONSOLATION DIVISION, where they can win awards and cash.

The team with the most points during the regular league schedule should be declared the "LEAGUE CHAMPIONS", and should receive trophies and/or cash for this achievement. The Play-off Champions also receive trophies and/or cash and so do the Consolation Winners.

The top team in the Consolation Division should not receive more cash than the bottom team in the Championship Division. It will depend on the number of bowlers in the league and the number of series as to how many teams are in each division of the Play-offs.

The purpose of setting up Play-offs in this manner is to increase interest among your teams and to let all teams have a chance to win extra prizes in the Play-offs. It is strongly recommended that at least six (6) games be played to determine trophy winners. It is definitely bad policy to have only one week of Play-offs since not only are trophies given in Play-offs, but usually considerable amount of cash goes to the winners.

It is hardly fair that a team that gets lucky for one night should win a lot of money when teams that have performed fairly well all season do not get a chance to make a come-back after a bad night. Although we recommend six (6) games to be bowled for Play-offs, many leagues have increased their play-offs to nine (9) games, which only adds to league interest. This will shorten regular league season and prevent bowlers dropping out from leagues when they feel that they cannot win anything by continuing. Three (3) weeks of Play-offs on a total pinfall basis will increase enthusiasm among your bowlers.

POSITION NIGHTS

W H A T ?

A POSITION NIGHT is a night of bowling where teams play each other in direct competition, according to their position in the league standings. The top two teams in the standings play against each other and then the third and fourth place teams play against each other and so on until the last two teams in the standings play each other.

This does not replace a week in the league schedule, but simply pushes the succeeding weeks down one week in the schedule.

W H Y ?

The main purpose of POSITION NIGHTS is to create extra excitement and interest among the league bowlers. When teams next to each other in the standings play each other, their positions are generally at stake. Thus, the second place team can easily gain first place if it has a successful night. The bottom teams are sure to divide the points up between them, whereas in the regular schedule if they were playing higher placed teams, they would not be as likely to get points.

The extra weeks created by POSITION NIGHTS also provide increased prize money for the league and help the league reach its contracted number of weeks in an excellent and interesting manner.

W H E N ?

If only one (1) POSITION NIGHT is scheduled, it should take place approximately three (3) weeks before the end of the final series. When this is done, the standings may change but the originally higher place team still has an opportunity to regain its position through the regular schedule.

If two (2) POSITION NIGHTS are required, they should take place three (3) weeks before the end of each of the two series or if there is only one series, they should take place after the fifteenth and twenty-fifth weeks.

If three (3) POSITION NIGHTS are scheduled, they should take place two (2) weeks before the end of each of the three series. If only two series have been scheduled, POSITION NIGHTS should take place two weeks before the end of the first series and after the fifth and ninth weeks of the second series.

If one series only is scheduled, POSITION NIGHTS should take place after the tenth, seventeenth and twenty-fifth nights of bowling.

H O W ?

League Bowlers should be informed of POSITION NIGHTS at the beginning of the season and then be reminded about POSITION NIGHT a week before it is to take place. Obviously, POSITION NIGHTS are crucial to team standings and bowlers should try to be on hand at these special nights.

When the bowlers come in, their teams are assigned to lanes, in the order of their standings. The top two teams are assigned to the first pair of lanes used by the league, the third and fourth go on the next pair and so on.

The league standing sheets should point out when the POSITION NIGHT is. After league POSITION NIGHT has taken place, the following week's league standing sheet should note the results.

CANADIAN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

BOWLING LEAGUE FUND RECORD

NAME OF LEAGUE: _____

[illegible]

HANDICAP CHART

NOTE: All bowlers over 225 average will have a minus handicap that must be deducted from their score as per Column 4.

AVG.+ HDCP	AVG. HDCP.	AVG. +HDCP.	Column 4 AVG. -HDCP.
100 + 100	142 + 66	184 + 33	226 - 1
101 + 99	143 + 66	185 + 32	227 - 2
103 + 98	144 + 65	186 + 31	228 - 2
104 + 98	145 + 64	187 + 30	229 - 3
104 + 97	146 + 63	188 + 30	230 - 4
105 + 96	147 + 62	189 + 29	231 - 5
106 + 95	148 + 62	190 + 28	232 - 6
107 + 94	149 + 61	191 + 27	233 - 6
109 + 94	150 + 60	192 + 26	234 - 7
109 + 93	151 + 59	193 + 26	235 - 8
110 + 92	152 + 58	194 + 25	236 - 9
111 + 91	153 + 58	195 + 24	237 - 10
112 + 90	154 + 57	196 + 23	238 - 10
113 + 90	155 + 56	197 + 22	239 - 11
114 + 89	156 + 55	198 + 22	240 - 12
115 + 88	157 + 54	199 + 21	241 - 13
116 + 87	158 + 54	200 + 20	242 - 14
117 + 86	159 + 53	201 + 19	243 - 14
118 + 86	160 + 52	203 + 18	244 - 15
119 + 85	161 + 51	204 + 18	245 - 16
120 + 84	162 + 50	204 + 17	246 - 17
121 + 83	163 + 50	205 + 16	247 - 18
122 + 82	164 + 49	206 + 15	248 - 18
123 + 82	165 + 48	207 + 14	249 - 19
124 + 81	166 + 47	209 + 14	250 - 20
125 + 80	167 + 46	209 + 13	251 - 21
126 + 79	168 + 46	210 + 12	252 - 22
127 + 78	169 + 45	211 + 11	253 - 22
128 + 78	170 + 44	212 + 10	254 - 23
129 + 77	171 + 43	213 + 10	255 - 24
130 + 76	172 + 42	214 + 9	256 - 25
131 + 75	173 + 42	215 + 8	257 - 26
132 + 74	174 + 41	216 + 7	258 - 26
133 + 74	175 + 40	217 + 6	259 - 27
134 + 73	176 + 39	218 + 6	260 - 28
135 + 72	177 + 38	219 + 5	
136 + 71	178 + 38	220 + 4	
137 + 70	179 + 37	221 + 3	
138 + 70	180 + 36	222 + 2	
139 + 69	181 + 35	223 + 2	
140 + 68	182 + 34	224 + 1	
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HOLIDAYS

2025
 September 1 Labour Day
 October 13 Thanksgiving
 December 25 Christmas Day

2026
 January 1 New Years Day
 April 3 Good Friday
 May 18 Victoria Day

2025-26 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



2025-26 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2025

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					C5PBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 22-23, 2025 OTTAWA, ON	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	C5PBA PERFECT GAME ELIGIBILITY DATE ENDS 2024-25 SEASON AUGUST 31, 2025					
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2025-26 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labour Day  C5PBA 2024-25 PERFECT GAME ELIGIBILITY DATE COMMENCES SEPTEMBER 1, 2025	2 2025-26 BOWLING SEASON COMMENCES	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

2025-26 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 INTER PROVINCIAL LEAGUE ROUND AVERAGE DATE	13 THANKSGIVING DAY 	14 INTER PROVINCIAL "LEAGUE QUALIFYING ROUNDS" OCTOBER 13 TO NOVEMBER 23, 2025	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 HALLOW'EEN 	

2025-26 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 C5PBA OPEN 5 PIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP ZONE QUALIFYING ROUNDS BEGIN - Nov. 1, 2025
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY 	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 INTER PROVINCIAL "LEAGUE QUALIFYING ROUNDS" END NOVEMBER 23, 2025	24	25	26	27	28	29
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2025-26 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 	26 BOXING DAY 	27
28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE  INTER PROVINCIAL ZONE OR PROVINCIAL FINALS "AVERAGE DATE" DECEMBER 31, 2025			

2025-26 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 C5PBA SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 16-17, 2026 Virtual
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 YOUTH CHALLENGE "ZONE QUALIFYING ROUNDS/PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP" DEADLINE JANUARY 31, 2026	31 C5PBA OPEN ZONE ROUNDS END JANUARY 31, 2026 INTER PROVINCIAL ZONE FINALS DEADLINE JANUARY 31, 2026

2025-26 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY 
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

2025-26 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 INTER PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMPLETION DATE "PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP" MARCH 8, 2026	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 INTER PROVINCIAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AVERAGE DATE	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 YC Travel Day	25 YOUTH CHALLENGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP March 25 - 28, 2026 EDMONTON, ALBERTA			
29 YC Travel Day	30	31				

2025-26 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 GOOD FRIDAY	4 C5PBA OPEN 5 PIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP "PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP" COMPLETION DATE APRIL 5, 2026
5 EASTER SUNDAY 	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 IP Travel Day	23	24	25 INTER PROVINCIAL "NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP" SASKATOON, SK APRIL 23 - 25, 2026
26 IP Travel Day	27	28	29	30		

2025-26 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 MOTHER'S DAY 	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 VICTORIA DAY 	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

2025-26 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 5 PIN BOWLING CONVENTION MONTH Open Travel Day	2	3	4	5	6
			C5PBA OPEN 5 PIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP "NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP" St. John's, NL June 2 - 6, 2026			
7 Open Travel Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 FATHER'S DAY 	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

2025-26 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 CANADA DAY 	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

2025-26 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		C5PBA PERFECT GAME ELIGIBILITY DATE ENDS 2024-25SEASON AUGUST 31, 2026			C5PBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 28-29 2026 TBD	
30	31					