2010 Canadian Open

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The National Championships shall be bowled from June 2 - 5, 2010 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 (see General Rule #5).

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 Zone Contingent that the team represents. If all other eligible bowlers from the same Zone have also qualified for the National Championships, the team roster must be filled by the next eligible bowler from the Zone Finals that team represents (see General Rule #5).

4. Each team (Men's, Ladies or Mixed) must be dressed uniformly. A female coaching a Men's team can wear a skirt or skort, however, a Male coaching a female team must wear pants. Pants*, skirts or skorts shall be of the same colour with a straight hemmed bottom (no fluorescent colours, denim, stirrups, shorts, spandex, leggings, harem, ruggers or sweat pants of any kind). The pants, skirts or skorts shall not be faded, torn, ripped, contain studs or pockets on the legs.

   Bowling shirts or blouses must have a sleeve, collar and be of the same design in registered Provincial Association colours with appropriate province and bowler identification. A ladies style shirt is permissible, and it can be with or without buttons.

   Bowlers may have up to twenty-four (24) square inches of sponsorship logos and or identification on each shirt. Sponsors may vary between individuals. Sponsors my not be in conflict with sponsors of the C5PBA.

   No hats or caps or other headgear are allowed unless worn for religious or medical reasons.

   *Pants - dress or casual pants, such as Dockers, Denver Hayes, Starter, Pacesetter and C5 are included.

   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 - $50.00, 2nd offence - $75.00, 3rd offence - $100.00.

5. Each province shall be eligible to declare <u>one</u> male and <u>one</u> 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 . Singles players cannot bowl on a mixed team except in emergency situations. A team coach may fill in as an emergency spare if the situation arises, provided there is another Level 2 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 bowlers enclosure. Bowlers or coaches violating this rule may be removed from the tournament by the Judge of Play.

11. 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 the uniform of the province and if not part of a provincial contingent, the bowler will be responsible for any additional costs. The selected coach MUST be a FULLY CERTIFIED LEVEL 2 COACH and 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. 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.

21. In all team events the order of bowling may be changed for each game (unrestricted line-up and substitution). Mixed team line-ups must consist of a **minimum** of two (2) ladies and two (2) men bowling at all times with a **maximum** of five (5) bowlers bowling.

22. Substitutions may be made at any time, but the bowler being substituted may not bowl again in the same game. One (1) substitution per game shall be allowed in the Men's, Ladies' and Mixed team events provided Rule #21 is observed.

23. In all team events, only bowlers competing in the event, coaches, and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowlers enclosure.

24. Only non-playing coaches shall be allowed to coach. "Coach" designation shall appear on the shirt or blouse.

25. 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".

26. 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.

27. 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.

28. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, stop play on your set of lanes and call the Judge of Play **IMMEDIATELY**.

29. Flagrant violation of any rule may result in penalties being assessed by the National Tournament Committee.

30. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings and all decisions shall be subject to appeal to the National Tournament Committee.

31. 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.

32. 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.

33. 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.

34. A match play format shall be used to determine the qualifiers and Champions in all team events. Each bowler who beats his/her opponent on the opposing team, shall receive one (1) point. Three (3) points shall be awarded to the team with the higher pinfall for the game, making a total of eight (8) points maximum for the game.

EXAMPLE:

TEAM "A"		TEAM "B"	
YUHASZ	232	MACPHERSON	227
OSMOND	219	POST	258
LACROIX	305	CHAMBERS	212
ISLEIFSON	276	TRUDEL	281
BRUNEAU	243	MCMULLAN	241
	1275		1219

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

35. 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.

36. 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 on game to be declared champions. 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.

37. 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.

38. 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		1
		40 points - total