

INTER PROVINCIAL 5 PIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP

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The Inter Provincial 5 Pin Bowling Championship consists of six (6) 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, 2011, 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 Round and Zone Finals in each league or centre, provided the scheduling of same permits, but shall only be permitted to bowl once in the Provincial Championship and 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 this event 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. 10 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. 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.
12. No mechanical noisemakers will be allowed in any round of the event.
13. Suspended bowlers may NOT be replaced by emergency spares.
14. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final.