

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The National Championship shall be held April 26 - 29, 2012 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 February 12, 2012 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.
5. Each team (Men's, Ladies or Mixed) must be dressed uniformly. A female coaching a Men's team can wear dress pants, skirt, skort, dress shorts or capris however, a male coaching a female team must wear dress pants or dress shorts. Dress pants, skirts, skorts, dress shorts or capris shall be of the same colour with a straight hemmed bottom (no fluorescent colours, no denim of any colour, stirrups, leggings, harem, cargo, ruggers or sweat pants of any kind. No draw strings or no elastic at the hem of any kind). The dress pants, skirts, skorts, capris or dress shorts shall not be faded, torn, ripped, contain studs, buttons or pockets on the legs. The skirts, skorts or dress shorts may not be shorter than just below the fingertips when placing your arms at your side.

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 can be with or without buttons but must have a finished neckline.

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 may 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.

**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:

1<sup>st</sup> offence - \$50.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> offence - \$75.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 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 7<sup>th</sup> frame providing there are available lanes. If there are no lanes available, the National Tournament Committee shall advise.
10. 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.
11. Lead off bowlers shall not start the next frame until their anchor bowler has finished. Any ball or balls thrown shall be declared "dead".
12. Only bowlers competing in the event, coaches and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowling enclosure.
13. Any team that does not have a full compliment 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.
14. 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.
15. Only non-playing coaches shall be allowed to coach. "Coach" designation shall appear on the shirt or blouse.
16. All games shall start when the Judge of Play gives the starting signal (see Rule #17).
17. 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".
18. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, stop play on your set of lanes and call the Judge of Play IMMEDIATELY.
19. Only coaches will be allowed to discuss, dispute or protest any point pertaining to the Championship with the Judge of Play.
20. Coaches must not approach a member of the opposing team with a complaint. If you have a dispute of any kind, inform the scorekeeper or stop the bowling on both lanes and summon the Judge of Play.
21. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings and all decisions shall be subject to appeal to the National Tournament Committee.
22. Flagrant violation of any rule may result in penalties being assessed by the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.
23. 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.
24. 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.

25. In 2012, there will be \_\_\_\_ teams competing at the National Championship. Teams will compete in A & B pools. Provinces that have two teams will have a team assigned to each pool. The four remaining provinces will be assigned to the A or B pool by random draw.

26. The qualifying round will consist of a single round robin.

27. Ties for a playoff position will be broken by reverting back to the match played between the tied teams in the qualifying round. If a tie still exists, the most pins over average in the qualifying match 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.

28. The top two teams from each division will advance to the playoff round. First place in Pool A will bowl against second place in Pool B and, first place in Pool B will bowl against second place in Pool A. The winners of these two playoff games will bowl against each other for first and second place and the losing teams will bowl against each other for third and fourth place.

29. 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.**