

YOUTH CHALLENGE**FORMAT**

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 3 lbs. 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.

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.

After the play-off qualifying round, the top six (6) teams will bowl a championship single round robin. The remaining five (5) teams will bowl a consolation round robin final.

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"	
WELLS	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.

30. Scholarship eligibility will include games bowled in the Championship and Consolation round robin playoff but not the stepladder finals.