



OPEN PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



ALBERTA FORMAT

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COMPETITION FORMAT

The Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association (C5PBA) Open 5 Pin Bowling Championships consist of 3 (three) steps:

1. Zone Championships
2. Provincial Championships
3. National Championships

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

1. Provincials: **APRIL 1 - 4, 2026**
2. Host: **CENTRAL ZONE – RED DEER @ HERITAGE LANES**
3. Zones: to be completed no later than January 31 of the current season in a centre designated by the Zone Association.
4. Nationals: **JUNE 3 - 6, 2026 – ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND**

GENERAL RULES

1. C5PBA rules shall apply in all rounds. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Zone or A5PBA Tournament Committee (for Zone and Provincial levels of competition) shall be final.
2. Entry Fee shall be determined by the Zone Association.
3. All zones will use and submit the forms sent to them by the host committee including an A5PBA Liability Waiver which will be signed by all participants including Managers.
4. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field and all decisions by this Committee shall be final.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Open to all Alberta 5 Pin Bowlers' Association (A5PBA) members 19 (nineteen) years of age and over as of DECEMBER 31 of the current season.
2. All members must compete in the Zone of their principal residence. As a guide, principal residence shall be the residence the member uses for income tax purposes, driver's license, etc. Members who only compete in regular league play in the Zone of their principal residence must enter the Open in the Zone of their principal residence.
3. Members requesting an exemption to the principal residence rule must file a Declaration of Intent indicating their zone of preference for the Open. This Declaration should be filed with the Zone President a minimum of 2 (two) weeks prior to the zone event who will forward the Declaration to the A5PBA Provincial Office. If a declaration is not filed by that date, the member must compete in the Zone of their principal residence. The following scenarios will be accepted by the A5PBA Board of Directors for their consideration and ruling:
 - a. Individuals with more than one residence, such as commuters living away from home for employment reasons and students living away from home for school reasons.
 - b. Individuals who compete in regular league play in both the zone of their principal residence and another zone. A copy of the current year average sheet confirming participation in said league must accompany the Declaration of Intent.
 - c. Individuals who only compete in regular league play in a zone other than the zone of their principal residence. A copy of the current year average sheet confirming participation in said league must accompany the Declaration of Intent.

TEAM COMPOSITION

1. A full Zone Contingent shall consist of 18 (eighteen) bowlers plus 3 (three) coaches and 1 (one) manager advancing to the Provincial Championships. In the event there are not enough entries to field a full contingent, the Zone can request a change in Contingent size from the A5PBA Board.
2. The Contingent shall be comprised of
 - a. The top 3 (three) men and 3 (three) ladies who shall be the singles entrants.
 - b. The next 3 (three) men and 3 (three) ladies, along with the singles entrants, shall make up the Men's and Ladies' Teams.
 - c. The next 3 (three) men and 3 (three) ladies will make up the Mixed Team.
 - d. Each Zone may name on the Zone team personnel form, a male and female Open event emergency spare. These spares may be used only in the case of an emergency, subject to approval from the Provincial Tournament Committee and A5PBA Representative. The person replaced shall not re-enter the event for the remainder of the competition.
 - e. If required, in the absence of named spares, the A5PBA will endeavor to supply a spare.
3. Coaches for the Provincial Championships shall be selected by each team (Men's, Ladies' and Mixed) at the completion of the Zone Round. Only non-playing coaches shall be allowed to coach. The coach must be a 5 Pin Bowling Competitive Coach – Certified. Each Zone shall designate a “manager” for the contingent who cannot be a bowler or a coach.
4. Due to the responsibilities associated with these positions, coaches and managers must:
 - a. Be a minimum 19 (nineteen) years of age as of December 31st of the current season.
 - b. Be a current C5PBA member in good standing.
 - c. Have completed Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders a minimum of 2 (two) weeks prior to the Provincials.

REPLACEMENT BOWLERS & COACHES

1. 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 current year's event.
 - a. 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 or by verifiable electronic means.
2. If a singles qualifier is unable to compete at the Provincial Championships, the 4th (fourth) place qualifier shall move up into the 3rd (third) place qualifying position as a singles competitor.
3. All other bowler's positions on the Contingent shall be filled by the 10th (tenth) place man or the 10th (tenth) place lady OR VICE VERSA, whichever the case may be, from the Zone Finals.
 - a. Up to 30 (thirty) days prior to the Provincial Finals, the replacement bowler shall assume the 9th (ninth) or final position on the Mixed team with all other bowlers moving up one spot on the team.
 - b. Within 30 (thirty) days of the Provincials, the replacement bowler shall assume the spot of the vacated position, with the exception of the singles position as stated above.
4. An "Emergency Spare" is defined as an alternate and must have bowled in the Zone Championships. The Tournament Committee would select the Emergency Spare from the same Zone if there is a declared Emergency spare from said Zone.
5. If an emergency spare is not available to a zone, then the ASPBA may approve the use of another currently registered ASPBA member as a replacement, with preference given to bowlers who bowled at a zone round.
6. When filling vacancies, any out-of-zone replacement will be drawn from the 10th place qualifier from each zone by qualifying average. Then the 11th player from each zone based on average and so forth.

CONDUCT

1. During the Provincial Championships, the consumption of alcohol or illegal substances is prohibited during their scheduled play of the event. Bowlers (including emergency spares), coaches, managers, tournament officials or active volunteers who are found to be under the influence of such substances will be suspended immediately.
2. The use of profanity of any nature will NOT be tolerated. The use of chants, songs, and cheers containing profanity, slanderous remarks or words which are deemed detrimental to the image of 5 Pin Bowling, will not be allowed as well as the use of offensive body language, of any nature. Use of such illegal chants or gestures will NOT be tolerated and will result in a warning or immediate suspension from competition.
3. Earplugs are allowed at any time and electronic devices (ex. ear buds and headphones) must be approved by the A5PBA with a medical note (with the exception of hearing aids) and be declared at Coaches and Managers meeting.
4. No noisemakers of any kind are allowed.
5. Violation of any rule may result in penalties being assessed by the A5PBA.
6. If a Coach or Manager is unable or not willing to complete all of his/her responsibilities at the Provincial Championships, the individual will be removed and a successor will be named at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. The removed Coach or Manager may face disciplinary action.
7. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Zone or A5PBA Tournament Committee (for Zone and Provincial levels of competition) and the C5PBA Tournament Committee (for the National competition) shall be final.

DRESS CODE

1. Each team (Men, Ladies or Mixed) must be dressed uniformly and abide by the A5PBA Dress Code. Bowling shirts or blouses are to be of the same design in registered Zone Association colours with the appropriate Zone and bowler identification.
 - a. Penalty: Failure to adhere to the dress code rule will result in a maximum fine of \$100.00 per person being levied against the Zone Association.
2. Crests, symbols, or advertising, etc. of any sponsor(s) must be approved by the A5PBA.
3. "Coach" or "Manager" designation shall appear on the coach or manager shirt respectively.
4. 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 be a current A5PBA member in good standing. Refer to Team Composition # 3 definition of a coach.

EQUIPMENT

1. Personal bowling balls may be used if facilities permit.
 - a. The use of personal bowling balls is at the bowlers' own risk.
 - b. House balls must be used if the bowlers' personal bowling balls have not been returned (no delay of game).
 - c. Personal bowling balls may be randomly inspected at any time during the tournament or upon completion of the tournament.
 - d. Should a question arise regarding the legality of a ball, the Tournament Director is the final arbiter. Appeals / complaints regarding personal bowling balls may be made following the procedure outlined in the C5PBA Rule Book.

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.

2. The resetting of the pins will be done by the bowlers.

EVENT FORMAT

ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Entry Deadline and Entry Fee shall be determined by the Zone Association.
2. The Zone Finals shall consist of a minimum of ten (10) games.
3. In the event of a tie for 1st (first), 3rd (third), or 6th (sixth), or final qualifying positions, a 1 (one) game roll-off shall be held to determine final placing.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the A5PBA Tournament Committee.
2. All team disciplines shall bowl the same number of round robins. This may result in one discipline having physically bowled more or less games than the other two disciplines.
3. Coaches should ensure that their bowlers are aware of all rules, as violations may result in penalties being assessed or suspensions from the Championships.
4. Only bowlers competing in the event, coaches and Tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowlers' enclosure.
5. There shall be a 10 (ten) minute warm-up preceding each block. Teams coming off a bye may commence warm-up when a team in their category (Men's, Ladies or Mixed) has started bowling the 8th (eighth) frame.

SINGLES COMPETITION

6. All singles competitors (men and ladies) shall bowl a qualifying round consisting of a minimum of 8 (eight) games and a maximum of 16 (sixteen). At the conclusion of the qualifying round the top 5 (five) men and 5 (five) ladies based on total pinfall shall advance to a stepladder match play final.
7. In the event of a tie for any of the first 4 (four) positions, a 1 (one) game roll-off shall be completed to determine the order of the qualifier(s). If the 4th (fourth) and 5th (fifth) position end in a tie then a coin will be tossed with the winner having the option to bowl 1st (first) or 2nd (second) in the 1st (first) game of the stepladder. If there are more than 2 (two) people tied for 5th (fifth) position, a 1 (one) game roll-off shall be completed to determine the bowler advancing to the stepladder.
8. In Singles play, the bowler will initial his/her score sheet.

9. The gold medal match will be a 2 (two) game playoff with the 1st (first) place qualifier being required to win only 1 (one) game to be declared champion. The 5th (fifth) place qualifier will play the 4th (fourth) place qualifier, the winner of that match will play the 3rd (third) place qualifier, the winner of that match will play the 2nd (second) place qualifier, the winner of that match, must defeat the 1st (first) place qualifier twice to be declared champion. In the event of a tie in the singles competition during the stepladder finals, an extra game shall be bowled to determine the winner. The highest qualifier from the qualifying round for each match has the choice of determining who will bowl first.
10. In each singles match in the stepladder, the 1st (first) bowler starts on one lane and bowls 1 (one) frame. The 2nd (second) bowler will bowl 2 (two) frames, starting with the 1st (first) frame on the opposite lane, 2nd (second) frame on the alternate lane, alternating thereafter up to and including 10 (ten) full frames.
 - a. A bowler has the option to concede, the match will end at that time.

TEAM COMPETITION

11. In each game the team assigned 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.
12. In all team competitions, 5 (five) members bowl and all scores count in the match. The additional team member may replace a starting bowler in the match in any position at any time. Only 1 (one) substitution is allowed in each match. (Exception: The starting line-up for the 1st (first) game only of any team event must not include a replacement bowler; i.e. the line-up must be 5 (five) original qualifiers from the Zone Finals. Replacement may take place after the starting bowler has completed at least 1 (one) frame.)
13. In all team events the order of bowling may be changed for each game.
14. Substitution must be reported to the opposing coach as well as the official scorekeeper, if applicable.
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. This rule also applies to singles competitors.
16. Any ball delivered by a bowler prior to the starting signal 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 15 (fifteen) pins shall be assessed said bowler for violating this rule and any ball or balls so thrown shall be declared "dead".

18. All team games shall adhere to the 10th (tenth) Frame Rule
 - a. In match play in the 10th (tenth) frame, bowlers bowling in the same position are on the lane at the same time.
 - b. The bowler on the right lane has the option of bowling 1st (first) or 2nd (second).
 - c. Each bowler will bowl ball for ball.
 - d. The next bowler will wait until the bowler in the same position is also up.
 - e. If the HOME Team does not adhere to this rule and throws the 1st (first) ball without first checking with the AWAY Team Coach, the ball so delivered will be declared a Dead Ball if the AWAY TEAM Coach challenges it. This rule applies as “bowler” vs. “bowler”.
19. 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.
20. Any error as to the amount of pinfall on a frame-to-frame basis must be pointed out (and agreed upon by the coaches) before the bowler has completed his/her next frame, otherwise it stands as marked. It is the duty of the coach or manager to see that the score is entered correctly frame by frame.
21. If both coaches agree on the pinfall, the decision is final. Only if the coaches are in doubt, is the Judge of Play to be called. If a problem arises which requires a ruling, the coaches shall stop all bowling on both lanes and then summon the Judge of Play.
22. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, stop play on your set of lanes and call the Judge of Play IMMEDIATELY.
23. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings and decisions that shall be subject to appeal to the A5PBA Tournament Committee.
24. Both coaches must sign the scoresheet at the conclusion of each game. 1 (one) penalty point may be assessed for errors on the score sheet or for not signing the score sheet. 1 (one) warning will be given (C5PBA Rule).

25. 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 1 (one) point. 3 (three) points shall be awarded to the team that has a higher pinfall for the game, making a total of 8 (eight) points maximum for the game.

EXAMPLE:

<u>TEAM "A"</u>		<u>TEAM "B"</u>	
<u>LINN</u>	340	CHAMBER	281
<u>OSMOND</u>	219	<u>GIGGEY</u>	258
<u>HOFFMAN</u>	305	MCMULLAN	262
CUTHBERT	276	<u>ALLAIRE</u>	281
<u>GUAY</u>	257	SCHMIDT	241
	<u>1399</u>		<u>1323</u>

Results: Team A = 3 + 3 = 6 Points
Team B = 2 + 0 = 2 points

26. Points will be issued to the substitute bowler who enters a match in a losing position and subsequently wins the match. In the event the substitute bowler enters a match and the score is tied and the match is won, the point is shared between the original and substitute bowler.
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. Any dispute regarding scores or standing must be made to the tournament director prior to the next shift or within 1/2 (one-half) hour of the conclusion of the final match of the competition.

In the event of a tie or ties in total points for 1st (first) place after completion of match play, the ties shall be broken by reverting back to the games bowled between said teams, and on 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.

PROVINCIAL AGGREGATE

1. 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.
2. The Aggregate Point System to be used shall be as follows:

<u>TEAM EVENT</u>		<u>SINGLES EVENTS</u>	
1st	10 points	1st	6
2nd	6	2nd	4
3rd	4	3rd	3
4th	2	4th	2
5th	1	5th	1

The Zone with the most accumulated aggregate points shall win the Grand Aggregate Banner.

TIE: In the event of a tie in aggregate points for 1st (first) place, the following tiebreaker method shall be used:

Count team match play wins between zones tied.

If still tied: Wins in all team matches.

If still tied: Total pinfall between the two zones tied.

If still tied: Total pinfall over all matches to count.

3. If there is a tie between any of the teams in positions two to five, the aggregate points would be split equally between the tied teams.

ALL STAR TEAM

1. All Star Selection Criteria:

- a. 6 (six) Men and 6 (six) Ladies will be selected to the Alberta 5 Pin Open Bowling Championships All-Star Team based on the following criteria in the team event:
 - i. Weighted average of 80 % for average and 20 % for points won.
 - ii. Bowlers must bowl a minimum of 75 % of the available frames.
 - iii. Playoff games are not taken into consideration.
- b. There is no selection of an All Star Coach.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

1. Rookie of the Year Selection Criteria:

- a. 1 (one) male and 1 (one) female will be awarded the Rookie of the Year based on the following criteria:
 - i. Weighted average of 80 % for average and 20 % for points won.
 - ii. Bowlers must bowl a minimum of 75 % of the available frames.
 - iii. Playoff games are not taken into consideration.
- b. There is no selection of a Rookie of the Year Coach.

NATIONAL TEAM

1. The National Contingent shall be composed of the winners from the Provincial Championships.
2. 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 Championships Rule #3. If that bowler chooses to compete in the team event only, the singles qualifier shall be in accordance with National Championships Rule #2.

NATIONAL OPEN 5 PIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

SEE C5PBA EXECUTIVE HANDBOOK