



CALGARY 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

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Calgary Duo Showdown Tournament Format & Rules

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Background & Objective

During the 2024-2025 season, the Calgary 5 Pin Bowlers' Association made the decision to retire the High-Low Doubles Tournament in favour of a new tournament that would focus on the association's grassroots league bowlers. The Calgary Duo Showdown was created as a fun tournament that should be held near the end of the bowling season. The goal of this tournament is to encourage participation, while awarding lineage to encourage bowlers to return to leagues for the upcoming season.

The information provided within this document serves as a general outline for the rules governing the Calgary Duo Showdown. The Calgary Duo Showdown tournament chairpersons will have the final decision-making authority with respect to all aspects of the tournament.

Section 1: Eligibility

1. The Calgary Duo Showdown is open to all Calgary Zone members eighteen (18) years of age and older as of the date of the tournament. Bowlers must possess an Alberta 5 Pin Bowlers' Association membership, which is available for purchase from your proprietor or the Alberta 5 Pin Bowlers' Association website.
2. Bowlers must be a member in good standing of an adult league in the Calgary Zone. Youth Bowl Canada (YBC) and similar youth-focused leagues are not eligible. Bowlers who are members of both an adult and youth-focused league are eligible to participate, so long as the age and membership requirements in Section 1.1 are satisfied.

Section 2: Team Composition

1. A Calgary Duo Showdown team shall consist of two (2) bowlers from the same league. Each bowler must have a minimum of thirty-six (36) games bowled by March 7, 2026 (which is two weeks prior to the tournament date). This represents approximately twelve (12) weeks of bowling, or a half-season.
2. There is no house-round qualification to determine the teams (as was the situation with the legacy High-Low Doubles tournament). Bowlers create and submit their own team, so long as the team is compliant with Section 2.1. Section 6.1 outlines the process for registering the team.

3. There are no restrictions related to averages of each bowler (as was the requirement in the legacy High-Low Doubles tournament).

Section 3: Replacement Bowlers

1. If a member of a Calgary Duo Showdown team is unable to compete at the tournament, the team is required to notify the tournament chairpersons immediately.
 - a. Up to three (3) days prior to the tournament, the team may choose a replacement bowler to fulfill the vacant spot. The replacement bowler must be a member of the same league and satisfy all requirements in Section 1 and Section 2 of this document.
 - b. Within three (3) days of the tournament, the team will be forced to withdraw from the tournament. If applicable, the team will be replaced by the next team on the waitlist.

Section 4: Conduct

1. Bowlers are permitted to consume alcohol during the Calgary Duo Showdown. All alcohol must be purchased from the host bowling centre and consumed responsibly. The host bowling centre and the tournament chairpersons have the right to remove any person due to the over-consumption of alcohol at the tournament. No refund will be issued if a person or team is removed because of alcohol over-consumption.
2. Participants and spectators are at all times expected to show respect towards all participants, tournament officials, and other spectators. Abuse of any kind, including physical and verbal, will not be tolerated and will result in the immediate removal from the tournament. Subsequent disciplinary action will be determined by the Calgary 5 Pin Bowlers' Association board of directors. Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to, suspension from future association tournaments.

Section 5: Dress Code

1. The Calgary Duo Showdown adheres to the Calgary 5 Pin Bowlers' Association *Neat and Tidy Dress Code*. Bowlers unfamiliar with the dress code can view a copy here: <https://calgary5pin.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/calgary-5-pin-dress-code-sept-2025-final.pdf>

Section 6: Tournament Format

6.1: Online Entry Form & Registration

1. Registration for the Calgary Duo Showdown shall be on a first-come first-served basis, made via an online registration form, which will become available on the Calgary 5 Pin Bowlers' Association website. In-person or verbal entries are not accepted.
2. The registration form will be made available a minimum of 1 (one) month prior to the tournament date. Advanced notice of the registration opening will be made available on the Calgary 5 Pin Bowlers' Association website and Facebook page.
3. There will be two (2) shifts of the Calgary Duo Showdown. A shift requires a minimum of twelve (12) teams, otherwise the shift will be cancelled. Each shift has a maximum of thirty-two (32) teams. A waitlist will be formed if registration for a shift exceeds the maximum number of teams.
 - a. The maximum allowed teams in each shift shall be adjusted annually based on the host bowling centre capacity. No more than two teams shall be placed on each individual lane. The minimum requirement remains, regardless of the host bowling centre.
4. An individual bowler can only be a part of one (1) team per league. If an individual is a member of more than one (1) league, they would be eligible to participate in the second (2nd) shift with a bowler from the other league. Section 1 and Section 2 requirements apply.
5. Entry deadline is Friday, March 13, 2026 at 11:59pm.
6. Team submission is to be completed via the online entry form. Registration is completed at the event once payment has been made and event averages have been acknowledged.

6.2: Tournament Format

1. At each shift of the Calgary Duo Showdown, teams will be divided into two (2), three (3), or four (4) divisions, based on the final number of teams that are participating during the shift. Exhibit A provides the number of divisions that are to be used and the number of teams in each division.
2. Divisional composition will be determined by a random draw which shall be conducted by the tournament chairpersons. The draw will take place after the closing of the shift registration and prior to the completion of the first game. Teams will only be competing against the other teams in their division during the shift.
3. Each shift of the tournament shall consist of four (4) games. Results are determined using the Pins Over Average format. Each team's best three (3) out of four (4) games, as determined by overall team pins over average, shall count towards their final result.

- a. Example: During their shift, a team bowls the following games: +25, -10, +63, -53. The lowest game, -53, will be dropped from the final results calculation. As such, the team will have an overall score of +78 (+63, +25, -10) for their shift.
- 4. At the conclusion of each shift, lineage certificates will be awarded to the top three (3) teams in each division.
 - b. Lineage certificates will be awarded as follows:
 - i. 1st Place: 8 weeks per bowler (to a maximum of 24 games each)
 - ii. 2nd Place: 6 weeks per bowler (to a maximum of 18 games each)
 - iii. 3rd Place: 4 weeks per bowler (to a maximum of 12 games each)
 - c. In the event of tie, all teams in the tied position will be awarded the corresponding lineage certificate outlined in Section 6.2.4 (a). Situational examples include:
 - i. Two teams tied for 1st place: The two teams tied for 1st place shall receive certificates for 8 weeks. The next team, the 3rd place team, shall receive certificates for 4 weeks.
 - ii. Three teams tied for 2nd place: The three teams tied for 2nd place shall receive certificates for 6 weeks. The next team, the 5th place team, will not receive any certificate.
 - d. Lineage certificates are to be used towards league lineage during the 2026-2027 bowling season at any 5-pin bowling centre in the Calgary zone (this includes Airdrie, Cochrane, and Okotoks).
 - e. Lineage certificates are for the lineage portion of league fees only and must be submitted to the bowling centre at the beginning of the 2026-2027 season.
 - f. Lineage certificates do not have any cash value. There shall be no substitute award issued to bowlers who will not be returning to league play during the 2026-2027 season.
 - g. Lineage certificates are non-transferrable and can only be used by the bowler who was originally awarded the certificate.

6.3: Tournament Averages

1. The average cut-off for the Calgary Duo Showdown is two (2) weeks prior to the tournament date.
2. Bowlers must use their highest league average (regardless of the league you have entered under), including any spare averages, comprising of a minimum of thirty-six (36) games.

3. The tournament committee will make every effort to verify bowler averages prior to the tournament date. Bowlers will be contacted by the tournament committee if the tournament committee is unable to verify the average. If an average cannot be verified, the bowler may be disqualified from the tournament. If applicable, the team will be replaced by the next team on the waitlist.
4. At time of registration, bowlers will be required to sign-off and acknowledge their average that will be used for the Calgary Duo Showdown tournament.

Exhibit A: Teams Per Division

TEAMS	DIVISION A	DIVISION B	DIVISION C	DIVISION D
12	6	6	-	-
13	7	6	-	-
14	7	7	-	-
15	8	7	-	-
16	8	8	-	-
17	6	6	5	-
18	6	6	6	-
19	7	6	6	-
20	7	7	6	-
21	7	7	7	-
22	8	7	7	-
23	8	8	7	-
24	6	6	6	6
25	7	6	6	6
26	7	7	6	6
27	7	7	7	6
28	7	7	7	7
29	8	7	7	7
30	8	8	7	7
31	8	8	8	7
32	8	8	8	8