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Calgary Youth Bowling Series Rules & Aggregate Championship

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Objective

The Calgary Youth Bowling Series (Calgary YBS) generates excitement and growth within the Calgary Zone's youth bowling programs, while promoting skill development through competitive play. With support from the Calgary Zone proprietors, the Calgary 5 Pin Bowlers' Association (Calgary 5 Pin) hosts a series of individual tournaments where aggregate points are awarded, with aggregate champions awarded at the end of the series.

The information provided within this document serves as a general outline for the rules governing each individual tournament, along with the aggregate championship. The Calgary YBS tournament chairpersons will have the final decision-making authority with respect to the Calgary YBS, including individual tournaments and the aggregate championship.

Section 1: Eligibility

1. The Calgary YBS and its individual tournaments are open to all Calgary Zone youth members who would meet the age requirements of the Youth Bowl Canada (YBC) junior or senior age divisions for the current bowling season. Bowlers must possess an Alberta 5 Pin Bowlers' Association membership for the current bowling season.

Section 2: Calgary YBS Series Structure

1. The Calgary YBS will consist of four (4) individual tournaments. The Aggregate Championship will be determined based on a bowler's best three (3) aggregate points earned at the individual tournaments.
2. A tentative event schedule will be released each bowling season, once the details have been determined. **Note:** this tentative schedule is subject to change. Individual event advertising posters will provide the final details for each individual tournament.

Section 3: Calgary YBS Aggregate Championship

1. At the conclusion of the series (season), the title of *Aggregate Champion* will be awarded in the following four (4) categories:
 - a. Girls Division – Scratch Category
 - b. Girls Division – Pins Over Average Category
 - c. Boys Division – Scratch Category
 - d. Boys Division – Pins Over Average Category
2. The Aggregate Championship, within each of the four (4) categories listed in Section 3.1, will use aggregate points earned at each individual Calgary YBS tournament during the current series (season).
3. The Calgary YBS will consist of four (4) individual tournaments during the series (season). The Aggregate Championship will be determined based on a bowler's best three (3) aggregate points earned at the individual tournaments.

Clarifications

- a) Any bowler who participates in all four (4) Calgary YBS individual tournaments will have their lowest individual tournament Scratch and Pins Over Average aggregate points excluded from the related aggregate championship calculation. The lowest individual Scratch and Pins Over Average aggregate points may come from different individual tournaments.
 - b) Any bowler who participates in one (1) or two (2) Calgary YBS individual tournaments are still eligible to be awarded *Aggregate Champion*, should their aggregate total place them in first (1st) place of an aggregate category.
4. Each series (season), bowlers in the Calgary YBS are only eligible to win the title of *Aggregate Champion* in one (1) category from Section 3.1. If a bowler would be eligible to win the title of *Aggregate Champion* in both the Scratch and Pins Over Average categories in their division, the bowler will be awarded the title of *Aggregate Champion* in the Scratch category. In this scenario, the Pins Over Average *Aggregate Champion* will be awarded to the second (2nd) place finisher in the Pins Over Average category.
 5. In the event of a tie for aggregate positions, the tiebreaker will be determined based on the bowler's best individual tournament aggregate points (amongst all bowlers who are tied). If the tie remains, the second (2nd) best individual tournament aggregate points will be used, and so on until the tie is broken.

Example: Two bowlers are tied with 130 aggregate points. Bowler A's best tournament was 50 points, Bowler B's best tournament was 49 points. The tie would be awarded to Bowler A.

Section 4: Calgary YBS Aggregate Points Awarded & Individual Tournaments

1. Aggregate points will be determined at each individual Calgary YBS tournament based on the overall placement of bowlers in both the Scratch and Pins Over Average standings.
2. The first (1st) place bowler in each of the Scratch and Pins Over Average standings will be awarded fifty (50) aggregate points. Each subsequent placing bowler will receive one (1) fewer aggregate point than the bowler finishing before them.

Example: The second (2nd) place bowler will receive forty-nine (49) aggregate points, the third (3rd) place bowler will receive forty-eight (48) aggregate points, and so on.

- a) Aggregate points will be awarded based on final tournament standings and are not specific to the different gender divisions. This means that there will be only one (1) Scratch and one (1) Pins Over Average bowler receiving the fifty (50) points for the first (1st) place finish.
- b) In the event of a tie between bowlers for a position, all bowlers who are part of the tying position will receive the highest possible aggregate points eligible within the tie.

Example: There is a tie for the fifth (5th) place aggregate points between three (3) bowlers. All three (3) bowlers will be awarded the aggregate points for the fifth (5th) place position, which would be forty-six (46) aggregate points.

3. Each Calgary YBS individual tournament will consist of a five (5) game qualifying round, followed by a playoff round.
 - a) Pins Over Average aggregate points will be awarded based on the Pins Over Average standings after the conclusion of the five (5) game qualifying round.
 - b) Scratch aggregate points will be awarded based on progression through the playoff round.
 - c) Calgary YBS individual tournaments will use the 12-Player Scratch Playoff format, unless a situation arises where this is not possible. Section 4.3 (e) provides details on the alternate playoff format.
 - d) 12-Player Scratch Playoff
 - i. The top twelve (12) scratch qualifiers from the five (5) game qualifying round will form a playoff bracket, with the top four (4) qualifiers receiving a bye in the first playoff round.
 - ii. The bracket champion will receive fifty (50) aggregate points, with the runner-up receiving forty-nine (49) aggregate points.

- iii. The consolation final winner will receive forty-eight (48) aggregate points, with the consolation runner-up receiving forty-seven (47) aggregate points.
- iv. The four (4) bowlers eliminated in the quarter-final round will receive fifth (5th) to eighth (8th) place aggregate points and will be ranked based on their scratch score thrown in their quarter-final match. If there is a tie, all tied bowlers will receive the corresponding aggregate points of the tied position.
- v. The four (4) bowlers eliminated in the first-round will receive ninth (9th) to twelfth (12th) place aggregate points and will be ranked based on their scratch score thrown in their first-round match. If there is a tie, all tied bowlers will receive the corresponding aggregate points of the tied position.
- vi. Once all bowlers in the bracket finals have been awarded their aggregate points, all remaining bowlers will receive aggregate points based on the Scratch standings from the five (5) game qualifying round, starting from thirteenth (13th) place aggregate points.
- vii. If any of the playoff bracket matches result in a tie, the tiebreaker will be an abbreviated three (3) frame game utilizing only the 8th, 9th, and 10th frames, with the higher score advancing. Should a tie remain, the tied bowlers will repeat this format until a winner is determined.

e) Alternate Playoff Format: 5-Player Scratch Playoff

- i. The top five (5) scratch qualifiers from the five (5) game qualifying round will form a playoff stepladder.
- ii. The stepladder champion will receive fifty (50) aggregate points, second (2nd) place will receive forty-nine (49) aggregate points, third (3rd) place will receive forty-eight (48) aggregate points, fourth (4th) place will receive forty-seven (47) aggregate points, and fifth (5th) place will receive forty-six (46) aggregate points.
- iii. Once all bowlers in the stepladder finals have been awarded their aggregate points, all remaining bowlers will receive aggregate points based on the Scratch standings from the five (5) game qualifying round, starting from the sixth (6th) place aggregate points.
- iv. If any of the playoff stepladder matches result in a tie, the tiebreaker will be an abbreviated three (3) frame game utilizing only the 8th, 9th, and 10th frames, with the higher score advancing. Should a tie remain, the tied bowlers will repeat this format until a winner is determined.

Section 5: Calgary YBS Youth-Pro Invitational

At the conclusion of the series (season), there may be a scheduled Youth-Pro Invitational tournament. Aggregate results will be used to determine which bowlers receive an invitation to the tournament. Full details can be found in the *Calgary Youth Bowling Series Youth-Pro Invitational Tournament Rules* document.