



INTER PROVINCIAL (IP) CHAMPIONSHIPS



ALBERTA FORMAT

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COMPETITION FORMAT

The Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association (C5PBA) Inter Provincial (IP) 5 Pin Bowling Championships may consist of five (5) steps:

1. League Championships (*Optional*)
2. House Championships (*Optional*)
3. Zone Championships
4. Provincial Championships
5. National Championship

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

1. Provincials: **JANUARY 9 - 10, 2027**
2. Host: **CENTRAL ZONE – RED DEER @ HERITAGE LANES**
3. Zones: to be completed no later than three (3) weeks prior to the Provincial Championship in a Centre designated by the Zone Association
4. Nationals: **APRIL 21 - 24, 2027 – OTTAWA, ON @ ORLEANS BOWLING CENTRE**

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 and entry deadline 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 IP 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 IP. This Declaration should be filed with the Zone President a minimum of two (2) 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. The provincial contingent may consist of a manager and three (3) teams comprised of three (3) coaches and four (4) players per team.
2. If qualifying as singles,
 - a. The top 12 (twelve) with the top four (4) bowlers being on Team "A", the next four (4) being on Team "B" and the next four (4) being on Team "C".
 - b. In the event of singles being tied for the last qualifying position(s), a one (1) game roll-off based on POA shall be held to determine final placing.
3. If qualifying as a team, the three (3) top teams based on POA as designated by the zone will advance to the Provincial Championship.
4. Zones may blend qualifying formats to qualify as singles and build their own teams.
5. Coaches for the Provincial Championship shall be selected by each team at the completion of the Zone Championships. Only non-playing coaches shall be allowed to coach. The coach must be a minimum 5 Pin Bowling Community Coach – Trained.
6. Due to the responsibilities associated with these position, coaches and managers must:
 - a. Be a minimum 19 (nineteen) years of age as of December 31 of the current season.
 - b. Be a current A5PBA member in good standing.
7. Each Zone shall designate a "manager" for the contingent who can be a bowler, coach or other appointed zone representative.
 - a. If the manager is not one of the bowlers or coaches, then they must adhere to the dress code for competitors.

REPLACEMENT BOWLERS

1. If a qualifier is unable to compete at the Provincial Championship, the following method shall be used to replace that bowler:
 - a. The replacement bowler shall be selected in the manner in which the teams initially qualified in their zone.
2. Any bowler or a coach who withdraws after having qualified for the Zone or Provincial Contingent may be suspended by the A5PBA from any further participation in this event. Any bowler suspended under this rule has the right to appeal to A5PBA and may have the suspension repealed if an acceptable reason for the withdrawal is provided in writing or by verifiable electronic means.

3. Any bowler or any coach who withdraws for any reason at any level of competition forfeits the right to return to the competition in this event.
4. If a team is missing a bowler, in the match play format, the opposing bowling to the absent position must bowl at least 90% of his/her own average to receive the individual match play point. The team with the absent bowler will be credited with 90% of the missing bowler's average for the team total. If the opposing bowler fails to win the individual point, the point will be awarded to the missing bowler.
5. If a Coach or Manager is unable to complete all of his/her responsibilities at the Provincial Championship, the Coach or Manager will be removed and a replacement Coach or Manager will be named at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. The removed Coach or Manager may face disciplinary action.
6. The Tournament Committee may decide to provide an Emergency Spare. An "Emergency Spare" is defined as an alternate present at the event and must have bowled in the Zone Championships. The Tournament Committee would select the Emergency Spare from the same Zone if there were a declared Emergency spare from said Zone.

CONDUCT

1. During the Provincial Championship, 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 will be allowed.
5. Violation of any rule may result in penalties being assessed by the A5PBA.
6. 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 colors 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.

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

AVERAGES

1. The average date and minimum games is as set out in the League, House, Zone and Provincial Rounds.
2. Bowlers who bowl in more than one (1) league must use their highest average and must provide the Provincial Host with copies of all average sheets in which they have bowled the minimum number of games (including leagues spared in). Failure to provide all average sheets will result in immediate disqualification of the bowler and any pinfall contributed in the tournament.
3. All bowlers shall be requested to sign an average verification sheet prior to throwing of their first ball of the Zone Round.
4. Only averages established under official rules of the C5PBA will be accepted.
5. Scores and averages of all winners in all rounds shall be authenticated and checked thoroughly. Any falsification or misrepresentation of scores or averages knowingly or unknowingly, shall result in automatic disqualification of the individual from the event and could result in suspension of A5PBA membership.

LEAGUE AND/OR HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Bowling Centers may run League and/or House Championships to qualify teams for the zone championships.

ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The Zone Championships may use either a pins over average (POA) format or match play format to determine provincial finalists. The Provincials and Nationals will be team match play based on individual pins over average (POA) and team POA.
2. Average cut-off with a minimum of 15 (fifteen) games prior to the date each Zone selects for the Zone Championships. A composite average (previous IP Zone tournament(s) and league) may be used. A 10 (ten) point drop rule from their previous league average may apply.
3. The Zone Championships shall consist of a minimum of five (5) games.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Average cut-off with a minimum of 24 (twenty-four) games bowled is three (3) weeks prior to the date of the Provincial Championship. A composite average (IP Provincial tournament and league) will be used over time – contact the A5PBA for bowlers' composite averages. A 10 (ten) point drop rule from their league average will apply.
2. Composite averages will include scores for a maximum of five (5) years from the current year.
3. Bowlers must provide the Provincial Host with copies of all average sheets as of three (3) weeks prior to the Provincial Championships of the current season regardless of games bowled (including leagues spared in). Failure to provide all average sheets will result in immediate disqualification of the bowler and any pinfall contributed in the tournament.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The order of bowling/lineup may be changed for each game.
7. Once the lineup is entered on the Team Score Recap Sheet or Score Sheet at the start of every game, this is the order they must bowl.
8. Lead-off bowlers shall not start the next frame until their anchor bowler has finished. Any ball or balls so thrown shall be declared "dead".
9. Only coaches will be allowed to discuss, dispute or protest any point pertaining to the Championships with the Judge of Play.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, stop play on your set of lanes and call the Judge of Play IMMEDIATELY.
13. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings and decisions shall be subject to appeal to the Provincial Tournament Committee.

14. Both coaches must sign the score sheet at the conclusion of each game. One penalty point may be assessed for errors on the score sheet or for not signing the score sheet. One warning will be given (C5PBA Rule).
15. Team points will be issued as follows: one (1) point for each player win and three (3) points for each team total win. If any ties occur $\frac{1}{2}$ (one-half) value of points will be issued. Total points issued will be seven (7).

Example:

Team A				
Name	Ave	Score	+/-	Pts
Moffat	138	119	-19	0
Jacobs	187	205	+18	0
Ireland	159	176	+17	1
Innis	197	177	-20	$\frac{1}{2}$
	681	677	-4	3
Results:				
Team A	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ + 3 = 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Points			

Team B				
Name	Ave	Score	+/-	Pts
Landry	184	213	+28	1
Hopkins	160	181	+21	1
Jenkins	205	141	-64	0
Miller	145	125	-20	$\frac{1}{2}$
	694	660	-35	0
Team B	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ + 0 = 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Points			

16. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the A5PBA Tournament Committee. If an uneven number of teams are entered, BYES will be used in the lane draw. IP Zone Championships qualifiers will be allocated to three (3) pools with five (5) teams in each pool. The composition of the three (3) pools shall be determined by conducting a random drawing of the three (3) qualifying teams from each zone. For each zone, the first team drawn will be placed in pool one (1) and the second team drawn placed in pool two (2) and the third team drawn placed in pool three (3).
17. The qualifying round will consist of a double round robin within the respective pool.
18. The top two (2) teams in each pool, based on points won, will qualify for the Championship Final.
19. If at the end of the qualifying round there are ties.
 - a. If two (2) teams are tied for first (1st) place within their pool.
 - i. Both teams will advance to the Championship Final.
 - b. If one (1) team is in first (1st) place and two (2) or more teams are tied for the second (2nd) place within their pool.
 - i. The 1st (first) place qualifying team will advance to the Championship Final.
 - ii. The 2nd (second) qualifying position will be determined by reverting to the games bowled between the tied teams, and the team with the greatest number of points will advance to the Championship Final. If a tie still exists, only those teams tied with the greatest number of points will then revert to the highest pins over average for the games bowled between those tied teams and the team with the highest pins over average shall advance to the Championship Final. If a tie still exists, a one-game roll-off will be held using the format as described in Rule 15 above.

- c. If three (3) or more teams are tied for first (1st) place within their pool.
 - i. The two (2) teams that will advance to the Championship Final will be determined by reverting to the games bowled between the tied teams, and the two (2) teams with the greatest number of points will advance to the Championship Final. If a tie still exists, only those teams tied with the greatest number of points will then revert to the highest pins over average for the games bowled between those tied teams and the team(s) with the highest pins over average shall advance to the Championship Final. If a tie still exists, a one-game roll-off will be held using the format as described in Rule 15 above.
- 20. The Championship Final will consist of a single round robin of the two (2) qualifying teams from each pool.
- 21. If at the end of the Championship Final round robin there are ties.
 - a. If two (2) teams are tied for first (1st) place.
 - i. A one (1) game roll-off will be held using the format described in Rule 15 above to determine the Inter Provincial Alberta Champion. Both teams will advance to the Inter Provincial National Championship.
 - b. If one (1) team is in first (1st) place and two (2) teams tie for second (2nd) place.
 - i. The first (1st) place qualifying team will advance to the Inter Provincial National Championships and be declared the Inter Provincial Alberta Champion.
 - ii. A one (1) game roll-off will be held between the second (2nd) place teams, using the format described in Rule 15 above, and the team with the most points will determine the second (2nd) team to advance to the Inter Provincial National Championship.
 - c. If one (1) team is in first (1st) place and three (3) or more teams tie for second (2nd) place.
 - i. The first (1st) place qualifying team will advance to the Inter Provincial National Championship and be declared the Inter Provincial Alberta Champion.
 - ii. The teams tied for second (2nd) place will bowl one (1) game on their own set of lanes, and the winner will be declared by total pins over average and will advance to the Inter Provincial National Championship.
 - d. If three (3) or more teams tie for first (1st).
 - i. Each team will bowl one (1) game on their own set of lanes and the two (2) teams with the highest pins over average will advance to the Inter Provincial National Championship. The team with the highest pins over average will be declared the Inter Provincial Alberta Champion.

22. Top one (1) or two (2) teams (as determined annually by the A5PBA) will advance to the Inter Provincial National Championship.

INTER PROVINCIAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

SEE EXECUTIVE HANDBOOK