



YOUTH CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

ALBERTA FORMAT



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COMPETITION FORMAT

The Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association (C5PBA) Youth Challenge consists of 3 (three) steps:

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

CHAMPIONSHIPS DATES

1. Provincials: **JANUARY 29 – 30, 2027**
2. Host: **CALGARY ZONE @ CHINOOK BOWLADROME**
3. Zones: to be completed on a date set by the A5PBA (it is recommended prior to November 30 of the current season) in a centre designated by the Zone Association.
4. Nationals: **MARCH 17 – 20, 2027 – REGINA, SK @ GOLDEN MILE**

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 and shall include an A5PBA membership fee for those bowlers who are not already registered members of the A5PBA.
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. All zones will submit December 31st averages a minimum of two weeks prior to the event. See PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS rules 1 to 4.
5. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field and all decisions by this Committee shall be final.
6. A person certified in first aid must be on site at the event. It will be announced who the person is at the coaches / manager's meeting and in the packages to the zones.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Open to all Alberta 5 Pin Bowlers' Association (A5PBA) members 12 (twelve) years of age and not yet 19 (nineteen) years of age 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. For those members who cannot meet one of these criteria when determining proof of residence, the residence of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be used. Members who only compete in regular league play in the Zone of their principal residence must enter the Youth Challenge 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 Youth Challenge. 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. Members 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. Members who compete in regular league play as registered members of the YBC or a league 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. Members who only compete in regular league play as registered members of the YBC or a league 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 contingent will consist of a maximum of 20 (twenty) persons which includes no more than 15 (fifteen) bowling participants, 3 (three) coaches and a maximum of 1 (one) male or 1 (one) female adult contingent manager or designate an assistant manager to allow for same gender supervision.
2. The top 5 (five) boys and 5 (five) girls, based on total pinfall shall make up the Boys' and Girls' teams.
3. The next 2 (two) boys and 2 (two) girls, with the 15th (fifteenth) qualifying spot being awarded to either the boy OR girl with the higher pinfall, shall make up the mixed team.
4. In the event of a tie for 1st (first), 5th (fifth) or final qualifying positions, a 1 (one) game roll-off shall be held to determine final placing.
5. All contingents shall be composed of the qualifiers in the Zone Finals. Only bowlers declared as Zone Champions shall be eligible to participate in the Provincial Championships.
6. Coaches shall be selected for the Provincial Championships for each team (Boys', Girls' and Mixed) at the completion of the Zone Finals. The coach must be a 5 Pin Bowling Competitive Coach – Certified.
7. Each Zone shall designate a “Manager” for the contingent who cannot be a bowler or a coach.
8. 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.
 - c. Have a current Police Record Check (PRC), including the vulnerable sector, and must be filed at the A5PBA office **before** Zone Trials. A PRC is required to be completed every 3 (three) years.
 - d. Have completed Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders a minimum of 2 (two) weeks prior to the Provincials.

REPLACEMENT BOWLERS & COACHES

1. The A5PBA will supply emergency spare(s) for any zone(s) that require them.
2. Each Zone may name 2 (two) emergency spares, (1 (one) boy and 1 (one) girl) on the Zone team personnel form. A list of emergency spares from each zone must be submitted to the A5PBA Tournament Liaison when sending in their Zone Roster. These emergency spares may be used subject to approval from the Provincial Tournament Committee and A5PBA representative.
3. If a contingent qualifier is unable to compete at the Provincial Championships, the positions on the Contingent shall be filled by the alternate boy or girl for the girls' or boys' teams or the next highest pinfall for the mixed team keeping the mixed team at a minimum of 2 (two) boys or 2 (two) girls.
 - a. Up to 30 (thirty) days prior to the Provincial Championships, the replacement bowler shall be the next highest pinfall to assume the 8th (eighth) or final position on the Mixed team (mixed team at a minimum of 2 (two) boys or 2 (two) girls) with all other bowlers moving up one spot on the team.
 - b. Within 30 (thirty) days of the Provincial Championships, the replacement bowler shall assume the spot of the vacated position.
 - c. If a zone requests a replacement bowler within 7 (seven) days of the start of the event due to not having an emergency spare available, they will be replaced by the highest average bowler in the province in the qualifying zone round results.
4. At the Provincial Championships, if a bowler must withdraw, a spare may be used only in the case of an emergency, subject to approval from the Provincial Tournament Committee and A5PBA Representative.
 - a. The person withdrawing due to a permanent medical issue shall not re-enter the event for the remainder of the competition.
 - b. In the case of a person withdrawing due a temporary medical issue, they will be replaced with an emergency spare. If no emergency spare is available, they will receive a doe score until they are able to return to the competition.
 - c. 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 is a declared Emergency spare from said Zone.
5. If a Coach or Manager is unable to complete all his/her responsibilities at the Provincial Championships, the Coach or Manager will be removed, and a new Coach or Manager named at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. The removed Coach or Manager may face disciplinary action.

CONDUCT

1. The A5PBA Youth Challenge Provincials Code of Conduct shall apply in Provincial and subsequent rounds.
2. At all levels of competition, the consumption of alcohol or illegal substances is prohibited during the entire duration of the event. Bowlers, coaches, managers, tournament officials and volunteers who are found to be under the influence of such substances will be suspended immediately.
3. At the Provincial and National level of competition, bowlers, coaches, managers tournament officials and volunteers are advised that being in a “lounge or bar” (drinking establishment) until the completion of the event is unacceptable behavior for any contingent member and could result in a suspension.
 - a. Completion of the event shall be defined as all duties / responsibilities have been completed and the contingent member is no longer involved. For non-contingent members, i.e. tournament officials, the completion of the event shall be defined as all duties / responsibilities have been completed. See A5PBA representative for further clarification.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. No noisemakers of any kind will be allowed.
7. Violation of any rule may result in penalties being assessed by the A5PBA.
8. 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. At the Provincial Championships each team (Boys', Girls' or Mixed) must be dressed uniformly and abide by the A5PBA Dress Code. Bowling shirts are to be of the same design in registered Zone Association colours with the appropriate Zone and bowler identification.
 - b. 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

ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The Zone Finals shall consist of a minimum of 4 (four) games.
2. All competitors qualifying for the Zone Teams will participate in the Singles competition at the Provincial Championships.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Two team competitions will occur simultaneously,
 - a. Scratch competition for all teams. (called Scratch event)
 - b. Pins over average competition for all teams. (called pins over average)
2. All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championships must use their highest league average as of December 31st. (if a bowler bowls in more than 1 (one) league) prior to the Provincial Championships based on a minimum of 12 (twelve) games having been bowled.
 - a. Competitors who do not bowl in a league, may bowl 12 games (including the zone roll-off) prior to January 1st and supply those scores with verification by the owner/manager of the lanes where the roll-off occurred prior to January 1st.
 - b. Bowlers who bowl in more than 1 (one) league 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 bowler and any pinfall contributed in the tournament.
 - c. Zone Manager shall be required to sign an average verification sheet prior to their bowlers throwing their first ball of the Provincial tournament.
3. All zone teams will compete in a single round robin match play competition.
4. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the A5PBA Tournament Committee. The lane draw shall be such that either the 3rd (third) game or the 4th (fourth) game, the teams from the same Zone will have bowled each other.
5. The Coach is responsible to have his/her bowlers at the lanes 15 (fifteen) minutes prior to the assigned starting time.
6. Only bowlers competing in the event, coaches and Tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowlers' enclosure.
7. There shall be a minimum 10 (ten) minute warm-up preceding each block.
 - a. Teams coming off a bye may begin warm-up when the first team in their category (boys, girls or mixed) has begun the 8th (eighth) frame.
 - b. In centres with no warmup lanes, then a three to five-minute warmup will be permitted for the teams coming off byes while the tournament committee moves teams and organizes the next block.

8. In each game, 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.
9. In each game of the competition, 5 (five) players shall bowl and 5 (five) scores shall count.
10. 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.
11. If a bowler misses a game or games, they shall receive the lowest score from the opposing team for determining the total team score. The missing bowler cannot receive an individual match point for winning or tying their match.
12. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time.
13. All games shall start when the Judge of Play gives the starting signal.
14. Any ball delivered by a bowler prior to the starting signal shall be declared a DEAD ball.
15. The lead off bowler shall not assume his/her position until his/her anchor bowler is finished. A penalty of 15 (fifteen) pins shall be assessed said bowler for violating this rule and the ball or balls thrown shall be declared DEAD.
16. Once a coach enters their line-up on the score sheet, no changes in the order will be allowed for the present game.
17. The order of bowling may be changed for each game.
18. Only coaches and managers will be allowed to discuss, dispute or protest any point pertaining to the Championships with the Judge of Play.
19. 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 responsibility of the coach or manager to see that the score is entered correctly frame by frame.
20. 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.
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. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings and decisions shall be subject to appeal to the Provincial Tournament Committee.

23. 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.
24. Both coaches must sign the score sheet form after each game. Coaches must agree with match play points and bowlers' scores.
- One warning will be given (C5PBA Rule).
 - One penalty point may be assessed for errors on the score sheet or for not signing the score sheet.***
25. Scratch Event:
- 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.

SCRATCH EVENT EXAMPLE:

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

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

26. Pins Over Average Event:
- Team pins over/under average will be accumulated during the event.
 - Total Team pins over/under average at the end of the event will determine standings in the pins over average event.
 - The top three teams in the scratch event are not eligible to win the pins over average event.

TEAM TIE BREAKING

1. In Scratch Event:

- a. If there is a tie between teams or individuals in any game during match play in the team event, all available points shall be divided equally between the tied teams or individuals.
- b. If there is a tie or ties in total points for team positions after completion of the round robin match play, the ties shall be broken by reverting to the game bowled between the teams involved in the tie, and on points won or loss basis, the higher placing shall be decided. If a tie still exists, the team with the most pin-fall for the game bowled between the tied teams shall receive the higher placing. Finally, the team with the most pin-fall of the tied teams from the entire event would receive the higher placing.
- c. If there is a tie for the 1st (first) place Single position and 3rd (third)/4th (fourth)) position, a 1 (one) game roll-off shall be required.

2. In Pins Over Average Event:

- a. After completion of the round robin match play if there is a tie or ties in total team pins over average for team positions, the ties shall be broken by reverting to the game bowled between the teams involved in the tie with the team with the most pins over average for the game bowled between the tied teams receiving the higher placing. Finally, the pins over/under for the two lowest average bowlers will decide the placing.

AGGREGATE TITLES

1. Scratch Pinfall Event

- a. The Provincial Scratch Aggregate Banner shall be awarded to the Zone that finishes with the most aggregate points based on the contingents standing in the following events, Boys' Singles, Girls' Singles, Boys', Girls' and Mixed Teams. Replicas of this banner shall be awarded to all members of the contingent.
- b. The point system to be used will include:

TEAM EVENT		SINGLES EVENT	
1 st	10 points	1st	6
2nd	6	2nd	4
3 rd	4	3rd	3
4 th	2	4th	2
5 th	1	5th	1

- c. For the aggregate all teams will use the results of the competition.
- d. The Zone with the most accumulated aggregate points shall win the Scratch Aggregate Banner.
- e. **TIE:** In the event of a tie in aggregate points for 1st (first) place, the following tiebreaker method shall be used using Scratch event:
 - i. Count team match play wins between zones tied.
 1. *If still tied:* Wins in all team matches.
 2. *If still tied:* Total pinfall between the two zones tied.
 3. *If still tied:* Total pinfall over all matches to count.
- f. If there is a tie between any of the teams in positions 2 (two) to 5 (five), the aggregate points would be split equally between the tied teams.

2. Pins Over Average Pinfall Event

- a. The provincial pins over average aggregate banner shall be awarded to the Zone that finishes with the most pins over/under based on the contingents standing in the following events, Boys', Girls' and Mixed Teams. Replicas of this banner shall be awarded to all members of the contingent.
- b. The point system to be used will include:

TEAM EVENT	
1 st	10 points
2 nd	6
3 rd	4
4 th	2
5 th	1

- c. The Zone with the most accumulated pins over/under shall win the Pins over average aggregate banner.
- d. **TIE:** In the event of a tie in pins over/under for 1st (first) place, the following tiebreaker method shall be used:
 - i. Count team pins over/under average (Girls + Boys + Mixed totalled) for games between tied zones.
 1. *If still tied:* Using each of the three teams separately allocate one point for the team with the better pins over/under average. The team with two wins would win.
 2. *If still tied:* Use the procedure in 1 (above) using the two lowest averages.

PINS OVER AVERAGE RISING STARS AWARD

1. The top 3 (three) boys and top 3 (three) girls based on pins over average scores bowled at the A5PBA Provincial Championships will be named as the RISING STARS team.
2. Any bowler part of the National Team will not be eligible for the RISING STAR Awards.

NATIONAL TEAM / ALL STAR TEAM

3. The top 3 (three) boys and top 3 (three) girls based on scratch scores bowled at the A5PBA Provincial Championships will be named as the ALL STAR team and may advance to the National Championship.
4. The A5PBA will designate a PRIMARY and SECONDARY coach for the National Championships. 1 (one) coach of each gender (male and female) must be selected. Both coaches must have coached in the Provincial event and meet all C5 requirements.

YOUTH CHALLENGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

SEE EXECUTIVE HANDBOOK