

YOUTH CHALLENGE/ONTARIO WINTER GAMES**F O R M A T**

The Youth Challenge/Ontario Winter Games consists of four (4) steps

- **ZONE FINALS**
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- **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS/ONTARIO WINTER GAMES**
- **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

GENERAL RULES

1. Open to all bowlers 13 years of age but not yet 19 years of age as of **DECEMBER 31, 2009**, who have achieved one of the following:
 - a) Attending a recognized school of learning
 - b) A member of the Youth Bowling Council
 - c) A member of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association
2. Entry Deadline shall be **NOVEMBER 8, 2009**.
3. Entry fee for the Youth Challenge will be determined by each Zone Association.
4. The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field, and all decisions by the Committee shall be final.
5. Personal bowling balls may be used if facilities permit. House balls must be used if the bowler's personal bowling balls have not been returned (no delay of game). Personal bowling balls may be randomly inspected at any time during the tournament or on completion of the tournament. The use of personal bowling balls is at the bowler's own risk. The proprietor shall not be liable for any damages to personal bowling balls. Personal bowling balls shall be 4 ³/₄" to 5" in diameter, and 3 lbs. 4 ozs. to 3 lbs. 10 ozs. in weight, and must be engraved with the bowler's identifying initials or symbols. Should a question arise regarding the legality of a ball, the Tournament Director has the final say. Appeals/complaints regarding personal bowling balls may be made to the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.
6. There shall be no smoking while the tournament is in progress (actual bowling) at any level of this competition. Specifically, there will be no smoking on the lanes, in the bowlers' enclosure, or in the concourse, by competitors or spectators.
7. There shall be a warm-up prior to the start of the event.
8. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply in all rounds of competition.
9. No food or beverages shall be allowed in the bowlers' enclosure.

10. In the case of any dispute, or interpretation of any rule, the decision of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee shall be final.
11. All coaches and assistant coaches must have full Level 2 Certification. In the event the coach is unable to participate, the assistant coach will be deemed to be the emergency replacement.
12. All coaches are required to abide by the rules of the Coaching Policy and Coaches' Instructions. **(See Coaching Policy Page 1-10)**
13. No mechanical noisemakers will be allowed in any round of the event.
14. The following rule will apply to any bowler who is injured during competition:
 - a) When a player is unable to complete a game because of injury and a qualified substitute is not available to bowl, the team of which the bowler is a member shall count his/her actual score for the frames completed in the game total, plus one tenth of his/her absentee score (95% of average) for each of the remaining frames. Such injury must subsequently be verified by a note from a qualified medical practitioner within forty-eight (48) hours.
 - b) When a player does not complete a game of his/her own volition (not medical), and a qualified substitute is not available to bowl, the team of which the bowler is a member shall count zero (0) for each of the frames that the bowler missed.
 - c) In both cases cited above, the team shall be allowed a score of 95% of the missing bowler's average for subsequent game(s).

EXAMPLE:

Bowler CS is a member of a team. He has an average of 169.

Frame 1 – CS rolls a strike

Frame 2 – CS rolls a strike

Frame 3 – CS rolls a strike

Frame 4 – On the first ball, CS slams the ball onto his toe and the ball hits the right corner pin. On the second and third balls, CS misses. CS informs the Tournament Director that he is unable to continue. (A trip to the emergency clinic confirms that CS has broken his toe)

For the first four frames, CS has scored 96. The format for missing bowler (absentee score) is 95% of average = 161. Therefore, CS score is:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 96 \\
 + 161/10 \times 6 = \underline{96} \\
 \text{Equals} \quad 192
 \end{array}$$

Name	1			2			3			4			5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
CS	X	15	15	X	15	2	X	2	-	2	-	-							
	45			77			94			96									

ZONE FINALS

1. The Zone Finals shall be bowled on or before **NOVEMBER 29, 2009** in a centre designated by the Local Zone Association.
2.
 - a) All bowlers must bowl in the Zone where they reside if they are not members of the YBC.
 - b) Members of the YBC must bowl in the Zone in which they bowl their YBC League.
 - c) If a bowler bowls in two (2) leagues in two (2) separate Zones, he/she must bowl in the Zone in which they reside.
3. The Zone Finals shall consist of five (5) games.
4. The top seven (7) men and seven (7) ladies, and the bowler with the next highest pinfall, either male or female, shall qualify for the Regional Finals.
5. The top five (5) men and five (5) ladies shall make up the Men's and Ladies' teams.
6. The next two (2) men and two (2) ladies and the next highest qualifier either male or female, shall make up the Mixed Team.
7. In the event of a tie for any qualifying position on the Contingent, a one (1) game roll-off shall be held to determine the final placing.
8. Coaches will be selected for each team (Men's, Ladies' and Mixed) at the completion of the Zone Finals. All coaches must have full Level 2 Certification as of **NOVEMBER 30, 2009**, and must be a member in good standing of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. **(See Coaching Policy Page 1-12)**
9. Each Zone Contingent shall consist of 18 members, including fifteen (15) bowlers and three (3) team coaches.

REGIONAL FINALS

1. The Regional Finals will be bowled on **JANUARY 3, 2010** in centres designated by the Local Association and approved by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. All Contingents shall be comprised of the winners in the Zone Finals. Only bowlers declared as Zone Champions shall be eligible to participate in the Regional Finals. **(For clarification of teams, see Zone Final Rules #4, #5 and #6)**
3. Any vacant position on a Zone Contingent shall be filled by the runner-up man or runner-up lady, whichever the case may be, from the Zone Finals.
4. Any bowler who, for any reason, vacates his/her position on a team and is replaced at the next level of competition, forfeits the right to return to competition in this event on that or any other team.
5. Teams shall bowl five (5) and count five (5).
6. Each team in the Regional Finals shall pay lineage costs.

7. In each event at all Regional Finals, the **(Men's, Ladies' and Mixed)** teams will compete in a Double Round Robin format.

8. **REGIONAL GROUPINGS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

<u>HOST</u>	<u>REGION #1</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>REGION #2</u>
2009-10	TRI COUNTY MIDDLESEX ELGIN BLUEWATER WESTERN ONTARIO	2009-10	NIAGARA PENINSULA HAMILTON GRAND RIVER METRO TORONTO
<u>HOST</u>	<u>REGION #3</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>REGION #4</u>
2009-10	YORK SIMCOE CENTRAL ONTARIO HURONIA ONTARIO DURHAM	2009-10	OTTAWA VALLEY KAWARTHA LAKES BAY OF QUINTE

9. In all Regions, a Double Round Robin format will be used. All teams will bowl a total of six (6) games **(except Region #4 who will bowl four (4) games)** two against each of the other teams in their division. **“HOME”** and **“AWAY”** teams will be determined by the lane draw.
10. A match play format shall be used to determine Regional Champions in all events. Each bowler who beats their opponent on the opposing team shall receive one (1) point. Three (3) points shall be awarded to the team that has the higher pinfall for the game, making a total of eight (8) points possible for each game.
11. The following is an example of the matchplay point system used for this event:

EXAMPLE:

<u>Team "A"</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Team "B"</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Pts</u>
<u>Deano</u>	340	1	Dorkings	257	0
Post	219	0	<u>Sproule</u>	258	1
<u>Wilson</u>	305	1	Smith	262	0
McGhie	276	0	<u>Van Belois</u>	281	1
<u>McNeil</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>1</u>	Morris	<u>241</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>1397</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>1299</u>	<u>2</u>

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

12. The team with the most points at the conclusion of the Double Round Robin shall be declared Regional Champions and advance to the Provincial Championships/Ontario Winter Games.
13. In the event of a tie between teams or individuals in any game during the match play, all available points shall be divided equally between the tied teams or individuals.

14. In the event of a tie or ties for first place the tie shall be broken by conducting a match play, single round robin between the tied teams consisting of the ninth and tenth frames only. One (1) point will be awarded to each bowler who beats their opponent and three (3) points will be awarded to the team that has the higher pinfall, making a total of eight (8) points possible.
15. In the event of a tie for any other positions after completion of the qualifying round, the tie shall be broken by reverting back to the game between said teams, and based on points won or lost, the higher placing shall be decided. If a tie still exists, the team with the most pinfall for the games bowled between said teams shall receive the higher placing.
16. In each game, the team assigned by lane draw to the right-hand lane shall be the "**HOME**" team, and the team assigned to the left-hand lane shall be the "**AWAY**" team. The coach for the "**AWAY**" team is obligated to submit their line-up for each game before the line-up for the "**HOME**" team is submitted.
17. When a question arises as to whom of any two bowlers bearing corresponding positions in the line-up of opposing teams shall bowl first, the bowler on the right must bowl first.
18. Any team that does not have a full complement of bowlers shall bowl only with the bowlers on hand. All bowlers shall be included in the line-up, however, any late bowler shall start to bowl and count only from the time of arrival regardless of the reason. **(See Rule #19 below)**
19. If a bowler misses a game or games, they shall receive the lowest score from the opposing team for the purpose of determining the total team score. The missing bowler cannot receive an individual match point for winning or tying their match.
20. 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 wait for the starting signal.
21. Lead-off bowlers shall not start the next frame until their anchor bowler has finished the prior frame.
22. Only bowlers and coaches competing in the event shall be permitted in the bowlers' enclosure. Assistant coaches should be positioned behind the enclosure. Any person violating this rule shall be removed from the bowlers' enclosure.
23. Only non-playing coaches shall be allowed to coach. **The coach is the only person allowed to discuss, dispute or protest any point pertaining to the Regional Finals with the Judge of Play.** Coaches are advised to make their bowlers fully aware of this ruling to avoid unnecessary delays.
24. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. All other bowlers and the coach must remain off the approach to the side of or behind the scorestand, ensuring there is no interference with the scorekeeper's line of vision.
25. There is no dress code for the Regional Finals, however, it is recommended that bowlers dress in shirts in their registered Zone Association colours. It is also recommended that teams wear dress slacks or skirts in the same colour and design.

26. It is recommended that each Zone provide their own scorekeepers. Zones unable to do so must notify the host Zone Association.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS/ONTARIO WINTER GAMES
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1. The Provincial Championships of the Ontario Winter Games shall be bowled from **MARCH 3-5, 2010**, in a centre designated by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. Bowlers who are members of teams declared as Regional Champions shall be eligible to participate in the Provincial Championships/Ontario Winter Games.
3. The Provincial Championships/Ontario Winter Games shall be comprised of, and declare champions in five (5) events: Men's, Ladies' and Mixed team events; and Men's and Ladies' singles events.
4. All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championships/Ontario Winter Games (Men's, Ladies' and Mixed teams) shall have their scratch scores count in all games of the round robin and these scores will be used to determine the Provincial Singles Champions.
5. The top three (3) men and top three (3) ladies from Southern Ontario, based on scratch scores for all round robin games, will form the Southern Ontario team which will advance to compete in the National Championships.
6. Teams shall bowl five (5) and count five (5).
7. In each event, each team will bowl a Round Robin format.
8. In each game, the team assigned by lane draw to the right-hand lane shall be the "**HOME**" team and the team assigned to the left-hand lane shall be the "**AWAY**" team. The coach of the "**AWAY**" team is obligated to submit their line-up for each game before the line-up for the "**HOME**" team is submitted.
9. A match play format shall be used to determine Provincial Champions in all team events. Each bowler who beats their opponent on the opposing team will receive one (1) point. Three (3) points shall be awarded to the team that has the highest pinfall for each game, making a total of eight (8) points possible for each game. **(See example, Regional Finals Rule #11)**
10. 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.
11. The team which amasses the highest point total at the conclusion of the round robin shall be declared Provincial Champions. **(FOR NON-WINTER GAMES YEARS ONLY)**
12. In the event of a tie or ties in total points for any of the top positions after the conclusion of the qualifying rounds for any team event, the ties shall be broken by reverting back to the games bowled between the tied teams and, on a points won or lost basis, the higher placing shall be declared. If a tie still exists, the team with the most pinfall for the games bowled between the tied teams shall receive the higher placing. If a tie still exists, a one (1) game roll-off will be held. **(FOR NON-WINTER GAMES YEARS ONLY)**
13. For **WINTER GAMES YEARS ONLY**, we will be using the National Championships Play-off Format (***Stepladder Final***) to declare Provincial Champions as follows:

The top four (4) teams, based on points accumulated in the match play qualifying round, will advance to the Championship Stepladder Final. The gold medal match will be a two (2) game playoff with the first (1st) place qualifying team being required to win only one (1) game to be declared champions.

14. During the Stepladder Finals:
 - a) The fourth (4th) place qualifying team will play the third (3^d) place qualifying team
 - b) The winner of that match will play the second (2nd) place qualifying team
 - c) The winner of that match must defeat the first (1st) place team twice to be declared champions.

Note: In the event of a 4-4 tie in the Stepladder Final, another game will be bowled

15. In the event of a tie or ties in total points for any positions after completion of the round robin match play qualifying round, the ties shall be broken by reverting back to the game bowled between the teams involved in the tie, and on a points won or lost basis, the higher placing shall be decided. If a tie still exists, the team with the most pinfall for the game bowled between the tied teams shall receive the higher placing.
16. In all team events the order of bowling may be changed each game (unrestricted line-up).
17. When the question arises as to whom of any two bowlers bearing corresponding positions in the line-up of opposing teams shall bowl first, the bowler on the right must bowl first.
18. 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.
19. If a bowler misses a game or games, they shall receive the lowest score from the opposing team for the purpose of determining the total team score. The missing bowler's score cannot receive an individual match point for winning or tying the match.
20. Only bowlers and coaches competing in the event shall be permitted in the bowlers' enclosure. Assistant coaches should be positioned behind the enclosure. Any persons violating this rule shall be removed from the bowlers' enclosure.
21. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. All other bowlers and the coach must remain off the approach, to the side of or behind the scorestand, ensuring there is no interference with the scorekeeper's line of vision.
22. Only non-playing coaches shall be allowed to coach. **The coach is the only person allowed to discuss, dispute or protest any point pertaining to the Provincial Championships/Ontario Winter Games with the Judge of Play** Coaches are advised to make their bowlers fully aware of this ruling to avoid unnecessary delays.
23. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.

24. No restriction shall be placed on the type of apparel except each team (***Men's, Ladies' or Mixed***) must be dressed uniformly. Bowling shirts or blouses to be the same design in registered Zone Association colours with the name of the Zone or logo identified on the shirt. All other apparel to be the same colour or design. Bowlers and coaches must wear straight hemmed bottom dress slacks. Cotton pants will be permitted provided they are not faded, have no rips, tears or studs on them and have no slits up the side of them. Jeans, harem, spandex, leggings, stirrups, shorts, sweatpants, cargo pants or warm-up pants of any kind are prohibited. No pants/slacks with external pockets on the sides will be accepted. Hats, caps or headgear of any kind are prohibited unless worn for medical or religious reasons. Any bowler or coach not conforming to the dress code may not be permitted to compete in the event as determined by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee. **A fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be levied against each BOWLER and COACH not conforming to the dress code**
25. Any bowler who throws a ball prior to the starting signal may be assessed a fifteen (15) pin penalty. Any ball or balls delivered shall be declared a "dead ball".
26. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, call the Judge of Play immediately.
27. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings and all decisions may be subject to appeal to the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.
28. There shall be no use of alcohol or illegal drugs. Any bowler found to be intoxicated or consuming alcoholic beverages shall be removed from the tournament.