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BOARD COMMITTEE RULES

1. The Board Committee consists of a Board of Directors comprised of not more than eleven (11) Members: six (6) Provincial Zone Representatives, three (3) Executive Officers, and two (2) Members at Large.
2. The Board Executive will consist of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer, as elected by the general membership.
3. The Executive officers will be elected for terms of two (2) years in alternate years; the President in one year and the Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer in the alternate year.
4. All Directors must be an Association Member in good standing and must be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age as of the beginning of the current membership year, September 1st.
5. The Board of Directors for the Association may appoint a member to fill any vacancies on the board at their discretion.
6. The Board of Directors has the authority to rule on situations and events that may not be covered under the Rules and Regulations of the British Columbia 5 Pin Bowlers' Association (hereinafter referred to as BC5PBA).
7. The Board of Directors will hold regular meetings as directed and an Annual General meeting once a year. Meetings can be held in person, online or a combination of both if the situation, travel restrictions or health restrictions dictate.
8. A Quorum will be one half of the board plus one, to legally start meetings. Invited guests, Past President, Past Board members if in attendance are not to be included to make a Quorum.
9. Proxy voting will not be allowed.

MEMBERSHIP

1. To become an official member of the British Columbia 5 Pin Bowlers' Association, each bowler must purchase a Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association (hereinafter referred to as C5PBA) membership card either directly through BC5PBA or Master Bowlers Association of BC.
2. Membership cards are subject to renewal on an annual basis and are valid from September 1st to August 31st.
3. Each affiliated member shall be eligible to enter all tournaments sanctioned by the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
4. Life members – honorary Life Members are designated by the Board of Directors in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Association and/or the sport of 5 Pin Bowling. Life Members are entitled to full membership privileges in perpetuity.

CODE OF CONDUCT

PREAMBLE

To reflect the tradition of fair play and good sportsmanship in the sport of bowling, all participants (teams, coaches, officials, managers, and administrators) in tournaments and meetings under the authority of the BC5PBA have a duty to conduct themselves in a reasonable and acceptable manner. They must avoid all unsportsmanlike conduct, acts or practices which are, in the opinion of BC5PBA, detrimental to the sport.

GUIDELINES

- We will conduct ourselves with integrity, honesty, openness, and transparency.
- We will treat others with respect, fairness, consideration, tolerance, civility, and dignity.
- We will honour our commitments.
- We will accept the consequences of our actions.
- We will accept the rule of law and neither engage in unlawful activities nor condone unlawful activity by others.
- We will avoid positions of real or perceived conflict of interest that might impair, or could reasonably be thought to impair, our professional judgement.
- We will not release any confidential information gathered during our work without prior permission.
- We will uphold the image and reputation of BC5PBA and will not engage in acts or activities that would discredit BC5PBA.
- We will collaborate and work collegially with partners and staff, as well as seek out and value their input to our work and will openly share our knowledge with our partners for the benefit of the sport of bowling.
- We will fully comply with all applicable BC5PBA policies and regulations.
- We will encourage other bowling staff, volunteers, athletes, etc., with whom we work to abide by this Code and will neither support nor condone the violation of its provisions.
- We will not behave in such a manner as to embarrass BC5PBA or bring the name of BC5PBA into disrepute.

BREACHES

Breaches of the Code of Conduct should be reported to the BC5PBA

ADMINISTRATION

1. Provide uniform rules and regulations for BC5PBA.
2. Organize Provincial, Zone and House Associations and provide an interesting program for its members.
3. Organize and promote the sport of 5 Pin Bowling at the educational level by providing a suitable and interesting program for students in regular attendance at a recognized school of learning.
4. Aid and assist senior citizens, blind and disabled bowlers in Canada.
5. Work in harmony with Bowl Canada.
6. Certify bowling lanes and approve equipment.
7. Sanction tournaments.
8. Develop and implement all C5PBA's Technical Programs
9. Govern the conduct of all affiliated members.
10. Encourage individuals to work towards the betterment of 5 Pin Bowling in Canada.
11. Honour founders, builders, coaches, and bowlers, to the "C5PBA Bowlers' Hall of Fame."
12. Encourage sponsors to contribute to the promotion of 5 Pin Bowling in Canada.
13. Recognize and keep accurate records of special achievements such as perfect games and record scores bowled by Canadian 5 Pin bowlers.
14. Organize annual meetings to coordinate and discuss all phases of the sport of 5 Pin Bowling.
15. Copies of the By-Laws, Rules, and minutes will be available to members upon request.
16. The Board of Directors may set a Code of Ethics, Inclusion Policy, Harassment Policy, and/or a Discipline Policy.

SUSPENSION and REVOKING OF PRIVILEGES

1. Suspension may be levied in the form of:
 - I. Suspension of membership for one (1) bowling season.
 - II. Suspension from a specific tournament for one (1) bowling season.
 - III. Suspension from the active duty of running a tournament for the following season or while it is going on.
2. Privileges may be revoked in the form of:
 - i. The refusal of a membership application to the Association for one (1) bowling season or longer.
 - ii. The inability to serve as a Board Member for one (1) bowling season or longer.

PERFECT GAME AWARD

To qualify for the Perfect Game Awards listed below, a bowler must meet the following requirements:

1. They must have bowled the Perfect "450" Single Game in either a SANCTIONED tournament or during regular league play (no pre-bowling).
2. Their score must be a SCRATCH (without handicap) score.
3. They must have bowled the Perfect Game during the current 5 Pin Bowling Season (September 1st - to August 31st). Summer leagues which are recognized by the BC 5 Pin Bowlers' Association will also be eligible for the Perfect Game Awards.
4. For a Perfect Game to be recognized, all C5PBA rules must be in effect (this includes the requirement of certified lanes, shields or recognized light system on machines and working foul lines).

At present, the Perfect Game Awards are:

1. Congratulatory letter with Crest and Pin from the President of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
2. Perfect Game Plaque.
3. One Perfect Game commemorative ball.
4. Any additional award(s) as provided by the BC5PBA.

NOTE: All perfect games must be reported to the BC5PBA within one calendar year to receive the above awards.

YOUTH CHALLENGE

Format

The Youth Challenge Championships consist of two (2) rounds:

- I. The Provincial Championships
- II. The National Championships

General Rules

1. Open to all bowlers twelve (12) years of age and not yet nineteen (19) years of age as of December 31 of the current bowling season.
2. ENTRY DEADLINE shall be set by the BC 5 Pin Bowlers' Association but shall not be later than January 31 of the current bowling season.
3. Entry fee shall be determined by the BC5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
4. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules and regulations shall apply in all rounds.
5. For Provincial competitions, the BC 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field and all decisions by this committee shall be final.
6. Personal bowling balls may be used if facilities permit. House balls must be used if the bowlers' personal bowling balls have not been returned (no delay of game). The use of personal bowling balls is at the bowlers' own risk. The proprietor shall not be liable for any damage to personal bowling balls.

Personal bowling balls may be randomly inspected at any time during the tournament or on completion of the tournament. Personal bowling balls must meet the specifications as set by the C5PBA. Weight to be not less than 3 lbs. 4 ounces and not greater than 3 lbs. 12 ounces. The diameter be not less than 4 3/4 inches and not greater than 5 inches. (See C5PBA rule book - Section B, Rule 6)

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.

Should a question arise regarding the legality of a ball, the Provincial 5-Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee has final say. Appeals/complaints regarding personal bowling balls may be made following the procedure outlined in the C5PBA Rule Book (Section B, Rules 18 & 19)

7. Any article falling from a bowler's person on or over the foul line during delivery of the ball is NOT a FOUL. A foul shall not be called when a participant receives permission from the Judge of Play/Tournament Official to retrieve an article. (i.e. – ball in the channel, etc.)
8. At all levels of competition, there shall be a minimum fifteen (15) minute warm-up.
9. The consumption of alcohol, chemical depressants or stimulants (performance enhancing drugs) are prohibited during all levels of competition. Bowlers and/or coaches who are found to be under the influence of such substances will be suspended from the remainder of the competition.
10. The use of chants, songs, cheers, etc. which contain profanity, slanderous remarks or words which are deemed detrimental to the image of 5 Pin Bowling will not be allowed. Use of such illegal chants will result in forfeiture of game and repeated violation of this rule shall lead to suspension from competition.

11. The use of profanity, of any nature, will NOT be tolerated, A warning will be given, however, if use is continued, the offender will be suspended from competition.
12. No mechanical noisemakers of any kind will be allowed at all levels of the competition.
13. The wearing or use of external electronic devices such as MP3 players, cell phones, etc. is prohibited. This applies while the bowler is on the approach but does not prohibit the bowler from using the device while awaiting their turn.
14. In case of any dispute, the decision of the BC 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee (for Provincial levels of competition) and the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association's Tournament Committee (for the National competition) shall be final.
15. In all rounds, scorekeepers will be used only in the event of a malfunction with the scoring system.

Provincial Championships

1. The Provincial Championships date shall be determined by the BC 5 Pin Bowlers' Association in accordance with the date formula. (see Appendix A, for provincial championship dates) but no later than January 31 of the current bowling season.
2. Dress Code:
 - a. All bowlers participating in the provincial championship will be required to wear black dress pants, skirts, skorts, dress shorts or capris with a straight hemmed bottom (no fluorescent colours, no denim of any colour, stirrups, see through or sheer leggings, harem, cargo, ruggers or sweatpants of any kind. No draw strings or no elastic at the hem of any kind). The dress pants, skirts, skorts, capris or dress shorts shall not be faded, torn, ripped, contain studs, buttons, or pockets on the legs. The skirts, skorts or dress shorts may not be shorter than just below the fingertips when placing your arms at your side.
 - b. All participants will be required to either wear the YBC bowling shirt that represents their bowling center, Youth Challenge national team shirt or a golf shirt.
 - c. No hats or caps or other headgear are allowed unless worn for religious or medical reasons. Headbands are allowed if in the zone colours or black.
 - d. Failure to adhere to the dress code will result in the bowler not being allowed to participate in the tournament.
3. The Provincial Championship shall consist of eight (8) games.
4. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the BC 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.
5. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. All other bowlers must remain off the approach to the side or behind the score stand.
6. Each lane must be in sync with the opposing lane. Lead-off bowlers shall not start the next frame until their anchor bowler has finished AND the opposing team anchor bowler has completed the same frame. A penalty of fifteen (15) pins shall be assessed said bowler for violating this rule and the ball or balls thrown shall be declared "dead".
7. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, stop play on your set of lanes and call the Judge of Play IMMEDIATELY.
8. Flagrant violation of any rule may result in penalties being assessed by the BC 5 Pin Bowlers' Association's Tournament Committee.
9. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings, and all decisions shall be subject to appeal to the BC 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee.

10. In the event of a tie for first (1st) place in any division, a one (1) game roll-off shall be required to determine the winner.
11. The top three (3) men and top three (3) ladies based on scratch scores bowled at the Provincial Championships will advance to the National Championships.
12. The BC 5 Pin Bowlers' Association will designate a primary and secondary coach for the National Championships. One coach of each gender (male and female) will be selected. Both coaches will be fully certified Competitive Coach Certified a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Championship and be a current C5PBA member in good standing.
13. The top scratch male and female will win a \$250 scholarship.
14. The top pins over average male and female will win a \$100 scholarship.
15. A bowler may only win one scholarship award in the Provincial Championships.
16. Each bowler and coach advancing to Nationals will be required to pay an assessment towards the cost to attend the National Championships.
17. The assessment amount will be set by the BC 5 Pin Association Board each year.

National Championships

1. The National Championships will be held on the last FULL weekend of March unless the Easter Holidays fall on this weekend -- then the weekend before Easter.
2. The National Championships are governed by Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers Association Rules <https://c5pba.ca/files/960.pdf>

Coaches Instructions

All coaches assigned to teams in the 2026 C5PBA Youth Challenge Championships must be a current C5PBA affiliated member in good standing and must be registered as having FULL COMPETITIVE COACH CERTIFICATION plus Safe Sport and Making Headway training a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Championships.

All coaches must pass a police check or equivalent prior to coaching the Youth Challenge National Championship. This is required by all Youth Challenge coaches and is effective September 1 annually.

1. Coaches are to make sure their team knows at what times and on what lanes they bowl (see Official Program and Coach's Manual).
2. All bowlers are required to be at the lanes twenty (20) minutes prior to bowling. Coaches must contact the Chief Judge of Play or Tournament Official to register their bowlers prior to bowling.
3. Coaches are to make sure their bowlers are on hand for warm-up preceding each block.
4. Coaches should make sure all team members are dressed properly.
5. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their bowlers
 - a) alcoholic beverages may not be consumed during the event (this includes "Byes")
 - b) upon the legalization of marijuana, marijuana may not be consumed during an event including byes but excluding medical marijuana. Documentation for the use of medical marijuana must be provided.
 - c) chemical depressants or stimulants (performance enhancing drugs) may not be consumed during the event
 - d) intoxicated bowlers or coaches shall be removed from the competition and may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament
 - e) no food or beverages are allowed in the bowlers' enclosure

6. Coaches are responsible for watching the score for errors. After a frame has been completed and the next frame has been bowled, you cannot change the score unless it is an obvious error in addition. The scorepad is the official score and it is your responsibility to check it for accuracy. Team score recap forms and scoresheets must be signed by the coach after each game. Score sheets filled out improperly or not signed will result in an initial warning. A second offence will result in a final warning being given. For each additional infraction, a one (1) point penalty will be assessed against the team.
7. If there is a dispute regarding pinfall, call the Judge of Play for a ruling.
8. Lane courtesy should be observed at all times but should not be overdone.
9. Substitutions must be reported to the opposing coach when they are made.
10. In all team events, only bowlers competing in the event, coaches, and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowlers enclosure.
11. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. Coaches and all other team members must remain off the approach to the side or behind the score stand.
12. A bowler who wishes to leave the bowlers enclosure must inform the coach.
13. The Coach is responsible for having his/her team line-up submitted on the official scoresheet for each game as quickly as possible.
14. Only Coaches will be allowed to discuss, dispute or protest any point pertaining to the Championships with the Judge of Play. Please inform the bowlers of this ruling in order to save any unnecessary delays.
15. Coaches must not approach a member of the opposing team with a complaint. If you have a dispute of any kind, stop the bowling on both lanes and summon the Judge of Play.
16. Coaches are not allowed to compete in any event.
17. Coaches are responsible for having all bowlers arrive on time and in uniform at the Victory Banquet.
18. Coaches should make their bowlers aware of all rules as violations may result in penalties being assessed or suspensions from the Championships.
19. The use of chants, songs, cheers etc. which contain profanity, slanderous remarks or words which are deemed detrimental to the image of 5 Pin Bowling will not be allowed. Use of such illegal chants will result in forfeiture of game and repeated violation of this rule shall lead to suspension from competition.
20. The use of profanity, of any nature, will NOT be tolerated! A warning will be given, however, if use is continued, the offender will be suspended from competition.
21. The wearing or use of external devices such as MP3 players, cell phones, etc. is prohibited. This applies while the bowler is on the approach but does not prohibit the bowler from using the device while awaiting his/her turn.
22. Official Game Recap Sheet
 - Step 1 – Official Game Recap Sheets will be distributed at the Coaches/Managers meeting.
 - Step 2 – Prior to the start of each match, the VISITING team coach must complete his/her lineup position section of the form. Use numerals 1 through 5 and the word SUB only.
 - Step 3 – The HOME team coach must then complete his/her lineup portion of the recap sheet.
 - Step 4 – Each coach will enter their lineups (with the assistance of a Judge of Play if required) in the computer scoring system.

- Step 5 – When bowlers are substituted, record the score of the starting bowler and the frame they were substituted. To assist the coach with assigning points at the completion of the match, make a note of the status of the match at the time of substitution.
 - Step 6 – At the completion of the match enter the scores of the bowlers and the number of frames they bowled. It is important to record both the starting and substitute bowler's scores and frames bowled. If the starting bowler is substituted midway through a frame, the complete score of that frame will be recorded as bowled by the starting bowler.
 - Step 7 – Under the points column each individual match is one point. You would place "1" for a WIN, "0" for a LOSS and "0.5" for a TIE. The team with the highest team pin fall would receive "3" for a WIN, "0" for a LOSS and "1.5" for a TIE. A total of 8 points will be awarded for the match. In the event a substitution is made, points will be awarded based on the following:
 - a. Starting bowler leading match at time of substitution, position wins match, point to starting bowler.
 - b. Starting bowler leading match at time of substitution, position loses match, loss to substitution bowler.
 - c. Starting bowler losing match at time of substitution, position loses match, loss to starting bowler.
 - d. Starting bowler losing match at time of substitution, position wins match, point to substitute bowler.
 - Step 8 – Once the sheets are completed, both HOME and VISITING coaches must sign both sheets.
 - Step 9 – Signed Game Recap Sheets should be placed on the score-table and left for the Judge of Play or score runners to collect. Remember, once these forms are signed, the scores are official and only obvious errors in addition will be corrected.
23. This applies only to infractions/complaints not noted in our Tournament Formats to be handled by the Tournament Judges of Play and/or Head Judge of Play.
- 1st Step – Complaint brought to the National Tournament Committee. To be reviewed the complaint must be made by a Provincial Contingent Manager or Team Coach.
 - 2nd Step – National Tournament Committee reviews the complaint to determine appropriateness.
 - 3rd Step – If the complaint is not valid the National Tournament Committee will advise the Provincial Contingent/Team Manager who made the complaint. The decision of the National Tournament Committee is final.
 - 4th Step – If the complaint is valid, the National Tournament Committee will discuss the matter with the applicable Provincial Contingent/Team Manager and advise what has to occur to rectify the matter. The decision of the National Tournament Committee is final.
 - 5th Step – If the decision is not followed, the National Tournament Committee will take one of the following steps:
 - a. take a point or points away, if the infraction continues on a Team issue
 - b. call a foul or fouls, if the infraction continues on a Single issue.
 - c. immediately disqualify a competitor

- d. immediately disqualify a team
- e. for any of the above occurrences, put forth a recommendation for appropriate suspension and/or monetary fine towards individuals, teams, Contingent Manager or province or combination thereof.

INTER PROVINCIAL 5 PIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP

General Rules

1. Open to all Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association members nineteen (19) years of age and over as of December 31 of the current bowling season.
2. Entry fee structure shall be determined by the BC 5 Pin Bowlers Association.
3. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers Association rules and regulations apply in all rounds.
<https://c5pba.ca/files/960.pdf>
4. Entrants must have a current league average as of the date of entry, based on a minimum number of games as set by BC 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
5. Format in all rounds, except the National Championship, will be determined by the Provincial Association. Qualifying in all rounds shall be based on Pins Over Average. The National Championship will be match play based on Pins Over Average. Teams at the National Championship shall consist of four (4) players.
6. Only averages established under official rules of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association shall be accepted. Scores and average 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.
7. Replacement bowler shall be allowed in all rounds.
8. A replacement bowler must be the next eligible bowler in order of finish from the previous round. Any bowler who vacates their position on a team for the next level of competition, forfeits their right to return to that team in the current year.
9. The Provincial Championship shall be bowled on or before the second Sunday in March, in centres designated by the Provincial Association. The Provincial Association shall determine the format for the Provincial Championship.
10. The Provincial Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field and all decisions by this committee shall be final.
11. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the Provincial Association Tournament Committee.
12. Provincial dress code rules are in effect.
13. Only bowlers competing in the event shall be permitted in the bowlers' enclosure.
14. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. All other bowlers must remain off the approach to the side or behind the score stand.
15. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, stop play on your set of lanes and call the Judge of Play IMMEDIATELY.
16. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings, and all decisions shall be subject to appeal to the Provincial Tournament Committee.

Provincial Championships

1. The Provincial Championships will consist of six (6) games.
2. All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championship must use their highest league average (if a bowler bowls in more than one (1) league) as of December 31 of the current bowling season, based on a minimum of twenty-one (21) games having been bowled.
3. The format to be used will be pins over average based on using the bowler's highest league average.
4. The top bowler from each of the three (3) regions and a "wild card" position where the next highest competitor that did not win their Region based on pins over average at the Provincial Championships will make up the Provincial team to advance to the National Championships.
5. The Regions are as follows:
 - a. Region 1 will include Vancouver island and the Lower Mainland
 - b. Region 2 will include the Okanagan and Kootenays
 - c. Region 3 will include the Cariboo and Northern BC
6. All competitors have the option to choose which Region they wish to bowl. Competitors must declare the Region they are going to bowl in by the entry deadline. If a bowler fails to declare the Region in which they wish to bowl they will then only be able to bowl in the Region, they reside.
7. Each bowler and coach advancing to Nationals will be required to pay an assessment towards the cost to attend the National Championships.
8. The assessment amount will be set by the BC5PBA Board each year.

National Championships

1. The National Championships will be held on the last FULL weekend of April.
2. The National Championships are governed by Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers Association Rules <https://c5pba.ca/files/960.pdf>

Coaches Instructions

All coaches assigned to teams in the C5PBA Inter Provincial Championship must be a current C5PBA affiliated member in good standing and must be registered as having a minimum of COMMUNITY COACH TRAINED plus Safe Sport and Making Headway training a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Championship of this event.

1. Coaches are to make sure their team knows at what times and on what lanes they bowl (see Official Program and Coach's Manual).
2. All bowlers are required to be at the lanes twenty (20) minutes prior to bowling. Coaches must contact the Chief Judge of Play or Tournament Official to register their bowlers prior to bowling.
3. Coaches are to make sure their bowlers are on hand for warm-up preceding each block.
4. Coaches should make sure all team members are dressed properly.
5. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their bowlers
 - f) alcoholic beverages may not be consumed during the event (this includes "Byes")

- g) upon the legalization of marijuana, marijuana may not be consumed during an event including byes but excluding medical marijuana. Documentation for the use of medical marijuana must be provided.
 - h) chemical depressants or stimulants (performance enhancing drugs) may not be consumed during the event
 - i) intoxicated bowlers or coaches shall be removed from the competition and may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament
 - j) no food or beverages are allowed in the bowlers' enclosure
6. Coaches are responsible for watching the score for errors. After a frame has been completed and the next frame has been bowled, you cannot change the score unless it is an obvious error in addition. The scorepad is the official score and it is your responsibility to check it for accuracy. Team score recap forms and scoresheets must be signed by the coach after each game. Score sheets filled out improperly or not signed will result in an initial warning. A second offence will result in a final warning being given. For each additional infraction, a one (1) point penalty will be assessed against the team.
 7. If there is a dispute regarding pinfall, call the Judge of Play for a ruling.
 8. Lane courtesy should be observed at all times but should not be overdone.
 9. In all team events, only bowlers competing in the event, coaches, and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowlers' enclosure.
 10. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. Coaches and all other team members must remain off the approach to the side or behind the score stand.
 11. A bowler who wishes to leave the bowlers enclosure must inform the coach.
 12. The Coach is responsible for having his/her team line-up submitted on the official scoresheet for each game as quickly as possible.
 13. Only Coaches will be allowed to discuss, dispute or protest any point pertaining to the Championships with the Judge of Play. Please inform the bowlers of this ruling in order to save any unnecessary delays.
 14. Coaches must not approach a member of the opposing team with a complaint. If you have a dispute of any kind, stop the bowling on both lanes and summon the Judge of Play.
 15. Playing coaches are not allowed to in this event.
 16. Coaches are responsible for having all bowlers arrive on time and in uniform at the Victory Banquet.
 17. Coaches should make their bowlers aware of all rules as violations may result in penalties being assessed or suspensions from the Championships.
 18. The use of chants, songs, cheers etc. which contain profanity, slanderous remarks or words which are deemed detrimental to the image of 5 Pin Bowling will not be allowed. Use of such illegal chants will result in forfeiture of game and repeated violation of this rule shall lead to suspension from competition.
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21. Official Game Recap Sheet

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- ii. Step 2 – Prior to the start of each match, the VISITING team coach must complete his/her lineup position section of the form. Use numerals 1 through 4 only.
- iii. Step 3 – The HOME team coach must then complete his/her lineup portion of the recap sheet.
- iv. Step 4 – Each coach will enter their lineups (with the assistance of a Judge of Play if required) in the computer scoring system.
- v. Step 5 – Under the points column each individual match is one point. You would place “1” for a WIN, “0” for a LOSS and “0.5” for a TIE. The team with the highest team pins over average would receive “3” for a WIN, “0” for a LOSS and “1.5” for a TIE. A total of 7 points will be awarded for the match.
- vi. Step 6 – Once the sheets are completed, both HOME and VISITING coaches must sign both sheets.
- vii. Step 7 – Signed Game Recap Sheets should be placed on the score-table and left for the Judge of Play or score runners to collect. Remember, once these forms are signed, the scores are official and only obvious errors in addition will be corrected.

22. This applies only to infractions/complaints not noted in our Tournament Formats to be handled by the Tournament Judges of Play and/or Head Judge of Play.

- i. 1st Step – Complaint brought to the National Tournament Committee. To be reviewed the complaint must be made by a Provincial Contingent Manager or Team Coach.
- ii. 2nd Step – National Tournament Committee reviews the complaint to determine appropriateness.
- iii. 3rd Step – If the complaint is not valid the National Tournament Committee will advise the Provincial Contingent/Team Manager who made the complaint. The decision of the National Tournament Committee is final.
- iv. 4th Step – If the complaint is valid, the National Tournament Committee will discuss the matter with the applicable Provincial Contingent/Team Manager and advise what has to occur to rectify the matter. The decision of the National Tournament Committee is final.
- v. 5th Step – If the decision is not followed, the National Tournament Committee will take one of the following steps:
 - a. take a point or points away if the infraction continues on a team issue
 - b. call a foul or fouls if the infraction continues on a singles issue.
 - c. immediately disqualify a competitor
 - d. immediately disqualify a team
 - e. for any of the above occurrences, put forth a recommendation for appropriate suspension and/or monetary fine towards individuals, teams, Contingent Manager or province or combination thereof.

OPEN 5 PIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Format

Open 5 Pin Bowler Championships consist of three (3) rounds:

- a) Zone Finals
- b) Provincial Championship
- c) National 5 Pin Bowling Championship

General Rules

1. Open to all Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association members nineteen (19) years of age and over as of December 31 of the current bowling season, except where prohibited by law.
2. Entry deadline shall be set by the BC5PBA but shall not be later than January 31 of the current tournament year.
3. Entry fee shall be determined by the BC5PBA.
4. Bowler Withdrawal
 - a. Any bowler who withdraws during the Zone Finals shall be suspended from any further participation in this event. Any bowler suspended under this rule has the right to appeal to the BC 5 Pin Bowlers Association and may have the suspension repealed if an acceptable reason for the withdrawal is provided in writing
 - b. Any bowler who withdraws after having qualified for the Zone or Provincial contingent shall be suspended by the BC 5 Pin Bowlers Association from any further participation in this event. Any bowler suspended under this rule has the right to appeal to the BC 5 Pin Bowlers Association and may have the suspension repealed if an acceptable reason for the withdrawal is provided in writing.
 - c. Any bowler who withdraws during the National event shall be suspended by the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers Association from any further participation in this event. Any bowler suspended under this rule has the right to appeal to the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers Association and may have the suspension repealed if an acceptable reason for the withdrawal is provided in writing.
5. A bowler who has withdrawn from the Provincial or National Championships, shall not be replaced unless the reason for withdrawal is submitted in writing and signed by said bowler at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the event. In extenuating circumstances, within the seven (7) daytime limit, refer to Rule #6.
6. For Provincial competitions, the Provincial Association Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field and all decisions by this committee shall be final.
 - i. A replacement bowler must be the next eligible bowler in order of finish from the previous round provided that the replacement bowler is from the same local association.
 - ii. In the event there is no replacement bowler available from the same association, a bowler may be selected from another zone association qualifiers.
 - iii. Any bowler who vacates their position on a team for the next level of competition, forfeits their right to return to that team in the current year.
7. Formats in all qualifying rounds to be based on scratch score style.
8. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules and regulations shall apply in all rounds.
9. Personal bowling balls may be used if facilities permit. House balls must be used if the bowlers' personal bowling balls have not been returned (no delay of game). The use of personal bowling balls is at the bowlers' own risk. The proprietor shall not be liable for any damage to personal

bowling balls. Personal bowling balls may be randomly inspected at any time during the tournament or on completion of the tournament.

Personal bowling balls must meet the specifications as set by the C5PBA. Weight to be not less than 3 lbs. 4 ounces and not greater than 3 lbs. 12 ounces. The diameter be not less than 4 3/4 inches and not greater than 5 inches. (See C5PBA rule book - Section B, Rule 6 and 5 Pin Bowling Standards & Specifications Manual)

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.

Should a question arise regarding the legality of a ball, the Provincial 5-Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee has final say. Appeals/complaints regarding personal bowling balls may be made following the procedure outlined in the C5PBA Rule Book (Section B, Rules 18 & 19)

10. Any article falling from a bowler's person on or over the foul line during delivery of the ball is NOT a FOUL. A foul shall not be called when a participant receives permission from the Judge of Play/Tournament Official to retrieve an article. (i.e. – ball in the channel, etc.)
11. At all levels of competition, there shall be a minimum fifteen (15) minute warm-up.
12. The consumption chemical depressants or stimulants (performance enhancing drugs) are prohibited during all levels of competition. Bowlers and/or coaches who are found to be under the influence of such substances will be suspended from the remainder of the competition.
13. The use of chants, songs, cheers, etc. which contain profanity, slanderous remarks or words which are deemed detrimental to the image of 5 Pin Bowling will not be allowed. Use of such illegal chants will result in forfeiture of game and repeated violation of this rule shall lead to suspension from competition.
14. The use of profanity, of any nature, will NOT be tolerated! A warning will be given, however, if use is continued, the offender will be suspended from competition.
15. No mechanical noisemakers of any kind will be allowed at all levels of the competition.
16. The wearing or use of external electronic devices such as MP3 players, cell phones, etc. is prohibited. This applies while the bowler is on the approach but does not prohibit the bowler from using the device while awaiting their turn.
17. Suspended bowlers may NOT be replaced by emergency spares.
18. In case of any dispute, the decision of the BC 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Tournament Committee (for Zone and Provincial levels of competition) and the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association's Tournament Committee (for the National competition) shall be final.
19. In all rounds, scorekeepers will be used only in the event of a malfunction with the scoring system.

Zone Finals

1. The Zone Finals shall be bowled between November 1 and January 31 of the current bowling season and on dates approved by the BC5PBA in a center as designated by the Zone Association.
2. There is six (6) Zone defined by region within BC5PBA:
 - a. Vancouver Island (Zone1) including Powell River
 - b. Lower Mainland (Zone 2), Greater Vancouver, including the Wednesday evening league at POCO Bowl
 - c. Fraser Valley South (Zone 3), south of the Fraser River, excluding Aldergrove Lanes in Langley
 - d. Fraser Valley North (Zone 4), north of the Fraser River, including Aldergrove Lanes in Langley
 - e. Okanagan (Zone 5) including east and west Kootenays
 - f. Cariboo-North (Zone 6) including north, east and west of 100 Mile House.
3. All bowlers must bowl in the Zone of their "Principal Residence" unless they meet the criteria of item b.

Definition: As a guide, Principal Residence shall be the residence individuals use for taxation purpose, driver's license, etc. Bowlers with more than one residence, such as commuters living away from home for employment reasons and students living away from home for school reasons, must contact the Provincial Office for a ruling.

- a) Bowlers who only compete in regular league play in the zone of their principal residence, and individuals who do not compete in regular league play must enter the Open in the Zone of their principal residence.
- b) Bowlers who compete in regular league play in both the Zone of their principal residence and another Zone; must indicate in which Zone they will compete in the Open Championship by filing a Declaration of Intent
- c) The Declaration of Intent must be filed with the respective Zone Representative by January 1 of the current season. If a declaration form is not filed by that date, the bowler must compete in the Zone of their principal residence. A copy of the current season average sheet confirming their participation in said league must accompany the Declaration of Intent. In the current season a bowler must have bowled a minimum of twenty-one(21) games in a sanctioned affiliated league of the zone they wish to declare in. Once a Declaration of Intent is filed the Bowler cannot bowl in the zone of their principal residence for that year. Exceptions can be made by the Board, but must be submitted in writing for a ruling to be made.

Definition: A sanctioned or affiliated league is any league that is played in any centre with that zone's boundaries with the following exception: For the purposes of keeping all zones intact and competitive, the Wednesday Night League that is played at Port Coquitlam Bowl, will be recognized as a league that is affiliated solely with Zone 2 (Lower Mainland).

4. The Zone Finals shall consist of a minimum of ten (10) games.
5. Each zone contingent will consist of a maximum eighteen (18) participants advancing to the Provincial Championship.
6. Top three (3) men and top three (3) ladies have the option to participate in the Singles competition at the Provincial Championships.

7. Teams will consist of:
 - a. Men's Team, top six (6) men (including singles).
 - b. Ladies Team, top six (6) ladies (including singles).
 - c. Mixed, the next three (3) men and next three (3) ladies (places 7th to 9th).
 - d. The next man and lady finisher based on total pinfall and not qualified to a team will be considered the alternates.
8. In the event of a tie for 1st, 3rd, 6th or final qualifying positions, a one (1) game roll-off may be held to determine the final placing.
9. Coaches shall be selected for each team (Men's, Ladies and Mixed) at the completion of the Zone Finals. All coaches must:
 - a. Be a current BC5PBA member in good standing.
 - b. Be a Competitive Coach, certified a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Championships. In the event Competitive Coaches are not available, approval may be given by the BC5PBA to allow for Community Coaches on a team-by-team basis.
 - c. Playing coaches are not allowed to compete in any event.

Provincial Championships

1. The Provincial Championships date will be determined by BC 5 Pin Bowlers' Association but will be completed no later than Easter Sunday of the current bowling season.
2. All contingents shall be composed of the winners in the Zone finals. Only bowlers declared as Zone Champions shall be eligible to participate in the Provincial Championships.
3. In the event a Zone qualifier is unable to compete at the Provincial Championships, all positions on the contingent shall be filled by the alternate man or lady, from the Zone Finals.
 - a. If a singles qualifier is unable to compete in the Provincial Championships, the fourth (4th) place qualifier shall move up into third (3rd) place qualifying position as a singles competitor.
4. Zone teams must be dressed uniformly comprising of:
 - a. Bowling shirts or blouses with sleeves, a collar and be of the same design in registered Zone Association colours with appropriate zone and bowler identification. Participants may have an unlimited amount and unlimited sizing of sponsorship logos and/or identification anywhere on their team's shirts while maintaining a clear view of participants zone and name. Sponsors may vary between individuals. Individuals on a team must wear bottoms in the same colour but each may wear a different length/style bottom Dress pants, skirts, skorts, dress shorts or capris shall be of the same colour with a straight hemmed bottom (no fluorescent colours, no denim of any colour, stirrups, see through or sheer leggings, harem, cargo, ruggers or sweatpants of any kind. No draw strings or no elastic at the hem of any kind). The dress pants, skirts, skorts, capris or dress shorts shall not be faded, torn, ripped, contain studs, buttons, or pockets on the legs. The skirts, skorts or dress shorts may not be shorter than just below the fingertips when placing your arms at your side.
 - b. No hats or caps or other headgear are allowed unless worn for religious or medical reasons. Headbands are allowed if in the zone colours or black.
5. The Provincial Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field and all decisions by the committee shall be final.

6. The Provincial Championship Singles Competition
 - a. All singles competitors (Men and Ladies) shall bowl a qualifying round consisting of ten (10) games.
 - b. The top five (5) men and top five (5) ladies based on total pinfall advance to the singles stepladders.
 - c. Singles Stepladder
 - i. 5th vs. 4th
 - ii. Winner vs. 3rd
 - iii. Winner vs. 2nd
 - iv. Winner vs 1st, (1st must win 1 game or "winner" must win 2)
 - v. A singles competitor may select a coach to accompany them in the bowler's enclosure. The selected coach must be dressed in a Zone uniform The selected coach MUST have full Competitive Coach Certification a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Championship and be a current C5PBA member in good standing.
 - d. In the event of a tie in qualifying or stepladders, a one (1) game roll-off shall decide the higher placing
 - e. During the stepladder event, a bowler may concede their match with the permission of the Tournament Director, if and only when they are mathematically eliminated from winning said match.
7. The Provincial Championship Triple Round Robin.
 - a. All Zone Round qualifiers will bowl three (3) games against each Zone.
 - b. In each game of the competition, five (5) players shall bowl, and the five (5) scores shall count towards a team total.
 - i. Substitutions may be made at any time, but the bowler being substituted may not bowl again in the same game.
 - ii. If the starting bowler is ahead when a substitution is made, the starting bowler gets credit for any match point won. If the starting bowler is behind when a substitution is made, the substitute bowler gets the credit for any match point won
 - iii. Only non-playing coaches shall be allowed to coach. "Coach" designation shall appear on the shirt or blouse.
 - c. The starting line-up for the first (1st) game only of any team event must not include a replacement bowler – i.e. - the line-up must be the top five (5) original qualifiers from the Zone Finals.
 - d. In all team events the order of bowling may be changed for each game (unrestricted line-up) with a maximum of five (5) bowlers bowling.
 - e. Each match is a match play format
 - f. Each bowler who beats their opponent on the opposing team, shall receive one (1) point. Three (3) points shall be awarded to the team with the higher Scratch Team Total for the game, making a total of eight (8) points maximum for the game.
 - g. 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 between the tied teams or individuals.
 - h. 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.

- i. Team scoresheets must be signed by the coach after each game. Score sheets filled out improperly or not signed may result in a penalty on one (1) point being assessed to the team.
 - j. The top four (4) teams based on accumulated match points from each division advance to the playoff stepladder. I
 - k. Each Team stepladder will be:
 - i. 4th v 3rd
 - ii. Winner vs 2nd
 - iii. Winner vs 1st (1st must win 1 game or "winner" must win 2)
8. Medals will be presented to the winning singles and teams in the Provincial Championships, and the GOLD MEDAL SINGLES AND TEAMS will advance to the National Open 5 Pin Bowling Championships.
- a. Bowlers declared as Provincial singles champions will be eligible to bowl in both the singles and Men's or Ladies team events however, singles champions will not be allowed to bowl on a Mixed team.
 - i. If that bowler chooses to compete in the singles event only, the team roster must be filled in accordance with National Rule #3.
 - ii. If that bowler chooses to compete in the team event only, the singles qualifier shall be in accordance with National Rule #2
9. In the event of a tie in total points for first or third (1st/3rd) places, after completion of the triple round robin qualifying, the ties shall be broken by:
- a. Head-to-head matchups between tied teams based on points won or lost.
 - b. Total pinfall between the tied teams.
10. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the BC5PBA Tournament Committee.
11. There shall be a minimum fifteen (15) minute warm-up before each block.
12. All games shall start when the Judge of Play gives the starting signal. Any bowler who throws a ball prior to the starting signal shall be assessed a fifteen (15) pin penalty. If the bowler is a non-starter the fifteen (15) pin penalty shall be assessed against the team. Any ball or balls so thrown shall be declared a dead ball.
13. In each game, the team **assigned** by lane draw to the **right-hand lane** shall be the "HOME" team and 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 finalized.
14. At the beginning of the 10th frame, the Home team (the team now on the left lane) has the advantage to bowl first or allow the Away team to bowl first, then ball for ball to complete the frame. The next bowler in the line-up for the Home team will have the same advantage, and so on.
15. 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. a. This rule also applies to singles competitors.
16. Only coaches and bowlers competing in the event shall be permitted in the bowlers enclosure.
- a. No food or beverage of any kind shall be permitted in the bowlers enclosure.
 - b. Bowlers or coaches violating this rule may be removed from the tournament by the Judge of Play.
17. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. All other bowlers on the team and the coach must remain off the approach to the side or behind the score stand.
18. Teams must be in sync with the opposing team. Lead-off bowlers shall not start the next frame until their anchor bowler has finished AND the opposing team anchor bowler has completed the

same frame. A penalty of fifteen (15) pins shall be assessed said bowler for violating this rule and the ball or balls thrown shall be declared "dead".

19. Flagrant violation of any rule may result in penalties being assessed by the BC5PBA Tournament Committee.
20. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, stop playing on your set of lanes and call the Judge of Play IMMEDIATELY.
21. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings, and all decisions shall be subject to appeal to the BC5PBA Tournament Committee.
22. The Provincial Aggregate Banner shall be awarded to the Zone Association that finishes with the most aggregate points based on the contingents standing in all events: Men's, Ladies, Mixed, Ladies Singles and Men's Singles. The Aggregate point system to be used shall be determined by the BC5PBA.
 - a. In the event of a tie for any position, all available aggregate points shall be divided equally between said teams. (See Rule #9)
23. The Aggregate Point System to be used shall be as follows:
 - a. Singles standings, top five (5) men or ladies with first (1st) scoring 5 decreasing to one (1) for the fifth (5th) place finisher.
 - b. Team Divisions
 - i. First (1st) place team receives six (6) points.
 - ii. Second (2nd) place team, up to teams competing receives, five (5) points decreasing from second place to one (1) point for the last place team. Example: (1st – 6, 2nd – 5, 3rd – 4, 4th – , 5th –4, 6th-1)

National Championships

1. The National Championships will be held in a centre designated by the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers Association with departures from the host site to be the first Sunday in June.
2. If a singles qualifier is unable to compete at the National Championships the runner-up in the Provincial Championships shall be the singles competitor at the National Championships.
3. If a bowler on the Men's, Ladies' or Mixed team is unable to compete in the National Championships, the team roster must be filled by the next eligible qualifier from the Provincial Championship. If a province cannot field a full team due to unforeseen circumstances, the C5PBA Executive will fill the field. Replacement bowlers would have all the rights and privileges of a team member. The affected province will cover all costs related to the replacement bowler.
4. Each team must be dressed uniformly. Please refer to the C5PBA Dress Code Policy at www.c5pba.ca – About Us - Governance
 Penalty: Failure to adhere to the dress code rule will result in a penalty being assessed for each uniform infraction to the province as follows: 1st Offence - \$100.00
5. Each province shall be eligible to declare one male and one female ONLY as an emergency spare. These bowlers must be named, in writing, prior to the Coach/Manager's Meeting and may only be used with the approval of the Tournament Committee. The bowler replaced shall not be allowed to compete in any event for the balance of the tournament. A team coach may fill in as an emergency spare if the situation arises, provided there is another "Certified" Level 2 or Competitive coach available to take over the coaching duties. The replacement coach must be named at the Coaches/Managers meeting. The new coach must be uniformly dressed in that provinces uniform.

6. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association's Tournament Committee.
7. There shall be a minimum fifteen (15) minute warm-up preceding each block.
8. All games shall start when the Judge of Play gives the starting signal (see Rule #9).
9. Any bowler who throws a ball prior to the starting signal shall be assessed a fifteen (15) pin penalty. If the bowler is a non-starter, the fifteen (15) pin penalty shall be assessed against the team. Any ball or balls thrown shall be declared a "dead ball".
10. No food or beverage of any kind shall be permitted in the bowlers enclosure. Bowlers or coaches violating this rule may be removed from the tournament by the Judge of Play
11. Bowlers declared as Provincial singles champions will be eligible to bowl in both the singles and team events however, singles champions will not be allowed to bowl on a mixed team. The first (1st) round of the singles competition shall be a qualifying round of twenty-one (21) games. The top five (5) men and five (5) ladies, based on total pinfall in the qualifying round, shall advance to a stepladder final.
12. In event of a tie in the singles competition for any of the top five (5) positions after completion of the qualifying round, a one (1) game roll-off shall decide the higher placing. Aggregate points for all other positions shall be divided equally.
13. The gold medal match will be a two-game playoff with the first (1st) place qualifier being required to win only one game to be declared champion. The fourth (4th) place qualifier will play the third (3rd) place qualifier, the winner of that match will play the second (2nd) place qualifier, the winner of that match must defeat the first (1st) place qualifier twice to be declared champion. In event of a tie in the singles competition during the stepladder finals, an extra game shall be bowled to determine the winner.
14. A singles competitor may select a coach to accompany them in the bowler's enclosure. The selected coach must be dressed in the uniform of the province and if not part of a provincial contingent, the bowler will be responsible for any additional costs. The selected coach MUST be COMPETITIVE COACH CERTIFIED a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Championship and be a current C5PBA member in good standing.
15. Each team in the Qualifying Rounds shall bowl every other team at least twice in a Round Robin format using the individual and team match play system. In the event that there are eight (8) teams or less in a division, a triple round robin will be played.
16. The Men's and Ladies' teams shall consist of six (6) players each. Mixed teams shall consist of six (6) players each -- i.e. three (3) men and three (3) ladies.
17. In all team events, bowl five (5) and count five (5).
18. The starting line-up for the first (1st) game only of any team event must not include a replacement bowler -- i.e.: the line-up must be the top five (5) original qualifiers from the Zone Finals.
19. In each game, the team assigned by lane draw to the RIGHT-HAND lane shall be the "HOME" team and 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.
20. At the beginning of the 10th frame, the Home team has the advantage to bowl first or allow the Away team to bowl first, then ball for ball to complete the frame. The next bowler in the line-up for the Home team will have the same advantage, and so on.
21. 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. This rule also applies to singles competitors.

22. In all team events the order of bowling may be changed for each game (unrestricted line-up) with a maximum of five (5) bowlers bowling.
23. Substitutions may be made at any time, but the bowler being substituted may not bowl again in the same
24. In all team events, only bowlers competing in the event, coaches, and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowler's enclosure.
25. Only non-playing coaches shall be allowed to coach. "Coach" designation shall appear on the shirt or blouse.
26. Lead-off bowlers shall not start the next frame until their anchor bowler has finished. A penalty of fifteen (15) pins shall be assessed said bowler for violating this rule and the ball or balls thrown shall be declared "dead".
27. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. All other bowlers on the team and the coach must remain off the approach to the side or behind the score stand.
28. Any article falling from a bowler's person on or over the foul line during delivery of the ball is NOT a FOUL. You must call the Judge of Play/Tournament Official for permission to retrieve any such article.
29. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, stop play on your set of lanes and call the Judge of Play IMMEDIATELY.
30. Flagrant violation of any rule may result in penalties being assessed by the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association's Tournament Committee.
31. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings, and all decisions shall be subject to appeal to the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association's Tournament Committee.
32. At the completion of each game, teams will leave their balls and equipment on their respective lane until a signal to move is indicated by the Judge of Play. A second signal will be given to begin the next game. First offence would be a warning, and a second offence would be a \$50 fine.
33. Team score recap forms and scoresheets must be signed by the coach after each game. Score sheets filled out improperly or not signed will result in an initial warning. A second offence will result in a final warning being given. For each additional infraction, a one (1) point penalty will be assessed against the team.
34. If the starting bowler is ahead when a substitution is made, the starting bowler gets credit for any match point won. If the starting bowler is behind when a substitution is made, the substitute bowler gets the credit for any match point won.
35. A match play format shall be used to determine the qualifiers and champions. Each bowler who beats their opponent on the opposing team, based on total pinfall, shall receive one (1) point. Three (3) points shall be awarded to the team with the higher pinfall for the game, making a total of eight (8) points maximum for the game.
36. 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 between the tied teams or individuals.
37. 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-game playoff with the first (1st) place qualifying team being required to win only one game to be declared champions. Using the match play format as described in rule #35 above, the fourth (4th) place qualifying team will play the third (3rd) place qualifying team, the winner of that match will play the second (2nd) place qualifying team, the winner of that match must defeat the first (1st) place qualifying team twice to be declared champions. In the event of a 4-4 tie, another game will be bowled.

38. In the event of a tie or ties in total points for any of the top four positions, after completion of the match play 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 winners 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 game roll-off will be held using the same format as described in Rule 35 above. Aggregate points for all other positions shall be divided equally.
39. The National Aggregate Banner shall be awarded to the Provincial Association that finishes with the most aggregate points based on the contingent's standing in all events: Men's and Ladies Singles; Men's, Ladies and Mixed teams. Replicas of this banner shall be awarded to all members of the contingent.

Coaches Instructions

All coaches assigned to teams in the C5PBA Open 5 Pin Bowling Championships must be a current C5PBA affiliated member in good standing and must be registered as having COMPETITIVE COACH CERTIFICATION plus Safe Sport and Making Headway training a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Championship.

1. Coaches are responsible for providing each team member with his/her lane pass (if required).
2. Coaches are to make sure their team knows at what times and on what lanes they bowl (see Official Program and Coach's Manual).
3. All bowlers are required to be at the lanes twenty (20) minutes prior to bowling. Coaches must contact the Chief Judge of Play or Tournament Official to register their bowlers prior to bowling.
4. Coaches are to make sure their bowlers are on hand for warm-up preceding each block.
5. Coaches should make sure all team members are dressed properly.
6. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their bowlers
 - k) alcoholic beverages may not be consumed during the event (this includes "Byes")
 - l) upon the legalization of marijuana, marijuana may not be consumed during an event including byes but excluding medical marijuana. Documentation for the use of medical marijuana must be provided.
 - m) chemical depressants or stimulants (performance enhancing drugs) may not be consumed during the event
 - n) intoxicated bowlers or coaches shall be removed from the competition and may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament
 - o) no food or beverages are allowed in the bowlers' enclosure
7. Coaches are responsible for watching the score for errors. After a frame has been completed and the next frame has been bowled, you cannot change the score unless it is an obvious error in addition. The scorepad is the official score and it is your responsibility to check it for accuracy. Team score recap forms and scoresheets must be signed by the coach after each game. Score sheets filled out improperly or not signed will result in an initial warning. A second offence will result in a final warning being given. For each additional infraction, a one (1) point penalty will be assessed against the team.
8. If there is a dispute regarding pinfall, call the Judge of Play for a ruling.
9. Lane courtesy should be observed at all times but should not be overdone.

10. Substitutions must be reported to the opposing coach when they are made.
11. In all team events, only bowlers competing in the event, coaches, and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowlers' enclosure.
12. Only a bowler taking their regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at any given time. Coaches and all other team members must remain off the approach to the side or behind the score stand.
13. A bowler who wishes to leave the bowlers enclosure must inform the coach.
14. The Coach is responsible for having his/her team line-up submitted on the official scoresheet for each game as quickly as possible.
15. Only Coaches will be allowed to discuss, dispute or protest any point pertaining to the Championships with the Judge of Play. Please inform the bowlers of this ruling in order to save any unnecessary delays.
16. Coaches must not approach a member of the opposing team with a complaint. If you have a dispute of any kind, stop the bowling on both lanes and summon the Judge of Play.
17. Playing coaches are not allowed to in this event.
18. Coaches are responsible for having all bowlers arrive on time and in uniform at the Victory Banquet.
19. Coaches should make their bowlers aware of all rules as violations may result in penalties being assessed or suspensions from the Championships.
20. The use of chants, songs, cheers etc. which contain profanity, slanderous remarks or words which are deemed detrimental to the image of 5 Pin Bowling will not be allowed. Use of such illegal chants will result in forfeiture of game and repeated violation of this rule shall lead to suspension from competition.
21. The use of profanity, of any nature, will NOT be tolerated! A warning will be given, however, if use is continued, the offender will be suspended from competition.
22. The wearing or use of external devices such as MP3 players, cell phones, etc. is prohibited. This applies while the bowler is on the approach but does not prohibit the bowler from using the device while awaiting his/her turn.
23. Official Game Recap Sheet
 - i. Step 1 – Official Game Recap Sheets will be distributed at the Coaches/Managers meeting.
 - ii. Step 2 – Prior to the start of each match, the VISITING team coach must complete his/her lineup position section of the form. Use numerals 1 through 4 only.
 - iii. Step 3 – The HOME team coach must then complete his/her lineup portion of the recap sheet.
 - iv. Step 4 – Each coach will enter their lineups (with the assistance of a Judge of Play if required) in the computer scoring system.
 - v. Step 5 – Under the points column each individual match is one point. You would place "1" for a WIN, "0" for a LOSS and "0.5" for a TIE. The team with the highest team pins over average would receive "3" for a WIN, "0" for a LOSS and "1.5" for a TIE. A total of 7 points will be awarded for the match.
 - vi. Step 6 – Once the sheets are completed, both HOME and VISITING coaches must sign both sheets.
 - vii. Step 7 – Signed Game Recap Sheets should be placed on the score-table and left for the Judge of Play or score runners to collect. Remember, once these forms are signed, the scores are official and only obvious errors in addition will be corrected.

24. This applies only to infractions/complaints not noted in our Tournament Formats to be handled by the Tournament Judges of Play and/or Head Judge of Play.
- i. 1st Step – Complaint brought to the National Tournament Committee. To be reviewed the complaint must be made by a Provincial Contingent Manager or Team Coach.
 - ii. 2nd Step – National Tournament Committee reviews the complaint to determine appropriateness.
 - iii. 3rd Step – If the complaint is not valid the National Tournament Committee will advise the Provincial Contingent/Team Manager who made the complaint. The decision of the National Tournament Committee is final.
 - iv. 4th Step – If the complaint is valid, the National Tournament Committee will discuss the matter with the applicable Provincial Contingent/Team Manager and advise what has to occur to rectify the matter. The decision of the National Tournament Committee is final.
 - v. 5th Step – If the decision is not followed, the National Tournament Committee will take one of the following steps:
 - a. take a point or points away if the infraction continues on a team issue
 - b. call a foul or fouls if the infraction continues on a singles issue.
 - c. immediately disqualify a competitor
 - d. immediately disqualify a team
 - e. for any of the above occurrences, put forth a recommendation for appropriate suspension and/or monetary fine towards individuals, teams, Contingent Manager or province or combination thereof.

Appendix A

Perfect Game Award Report Form

Bowlers Name _____ C5PBA Membership Number: _____

Full Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Bowling Centre: _____ Association: _____

Lane Certification Number: _____

Bowling Ball Used House Personal Manufacturer _____

Brand _____

Type of Lanes Wood Synthetic

Pin Spotting Equipment String Free Fall Manufacturer _____

Bowling Pins Wood Synthetic Manufacturer _____

Game Information

Date of 450 Game: _____ Bowlers' Current League Average: _____

Was this game bowled in? League Tournament

Name League/Tournament: _____

Which game (i.e. 1st, 2nd, etc.) _____ Lane: _____

Were C5PBA Rules Used Yes No

This Portion to be Completed in Full

Completed by: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I hereby certify that the reported information is correct.

Signature of person completing form

Date

Signature of President of BC 5 Pin Bowlers' Association

Date

APPENDIX B
BC OPEN
DECLARATION OF INTENT



BC 5 PIN BOWLERS ASSOCIATION

9345 Robson Road, Prince George, B.C. V2N 5B5

Email: bc5pinbowlers@gmail.com

Date: _____

Current Season: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Bowling Centre: _____

Declared Zone: _____

I hereby declare that I intend to bowl in the above-named event in the declared Zone in the current season and I am a current registered member in the above stated league.

Attached is a copy of the current year's average sheet to date to verify my eligibility.

Bowler's Signature

Submit form to either your Zone Representative or BC5PBA at above address or by email by January 1.

Office Use Only

Date Received: _____