

# OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

## **RULE 1 - TOURNAMENT (*Definition of*)**

- (a) A bowling tournament is defined as a pre-arranged contest between teams, individuals or a combination of both.
- (b) A tournament can be sponsored by a tournament association(s) or an individual(s).
- (c) Any tournament consisting of four or more teams or singles tournaments consisting of four or more individual participants shall be eligible to apply for sanction with the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
- (d) Teams shall be composed of the number of players fixed by the rules of the particular tournament association in which competition is restricted.
- (e) The tournament shall provide in its rules for the designation of annual champions of the events in which individuals are entered and total pins shall decide such championships and other prize winners in the various events unless another system, based on pinfall is otherwise provided for in the tournament rules.
- (f) When two or more events are held, an all events championship may be determined, based on the total pins scored in these events.
- (g) Tournament champions shall hold such title until the next tournament is held. Such champions and other prize winners shall be certified and reported to the Technical Director of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association upon conclusion of the tournament after such championships have been determined.

## **RULE 2 - MANAGEMENT OF TOURNAMENT**

- (a) The Tournament Managing Committee of the tournament must decide upon all disputes, complaints or protests relating to any claim, controversy or violation in the tournament involving any C5PBA or tournament rule.
- (b) It shall have the authority to hear, and the power to decide proper appeals from the decision of the tournament director or any tournament official.
- (c) The Tournament Committee or Board has the authority to adopt, enforce or revoke any of its own tournament rules, as may be found necessary, to the successful conduct of such tournament, when not inconsistent with the rules of the C5PBA, provided such rules are submitted to and approved by the C5PBA prior to their publication on the tournament entry form or publicity material.
- (d) The decision of the tournament committee is final except where an appeal is made to the Provincial Association or C5PBA for its further consideration.

## **RULE 3 - AUTHORITY OF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

- (a) The Tournament Director shall be the authorized representative of the tournament committee when it is not in session.
- (b) The Tournament Director shall have supreme power as to the players who are to bowl in the tournament whether originally entered or those who bowl as authorized replacements or substitutes. If accepted, each bowler must bowl each event under his/her own full name and then only at the time and date designated by the Tournament Director.
- (c) The Tournament Director shall also have the power to decide upon any other matters pertaining to the operation of the tournament when not inconsistent with its own tournament rules or any provision of the C5PBA Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

#### **RULE 4 - AUTHORITY OF TEAM CAPTAINS/COACHES**

- (a) The team captain and/or coach is his/her team's representative in all matters pertaining to behaviour, eligibility, line-up and compliance with all tournament rules when entered in a tournament.
- (b) The team captain/coach is responsible to the Tournament Director for the conduct of his/her team, and receives in trust, any prize money his/her team may win, which all the team members are expected to share in accordance with the team members' previous understanding.
- (c) The acceptance of the entry of a team by the Tournament Director constitutes an agreement by the team captain and/or coach on behalf of his/her team to abide by all laws, playing rules and regulations prescribed by the C5PBA and the tournament committee.
- (d) The team captain and/or coach may furthermore, authorize the replacement of those names on the entry form who are unable to attend or compete in the tournament at the scheduled time.
- (e) The team captain or coach, shall determine who may bowl on his/her team in the team event of any tournament.
- (f) When the team captain or coach replaces a player originally entered in the team event, the team captain/coach shall give ample notification to the player being replaced. If the player being replaced has paid his/her own entry fee, it must be fully returned, except that any indebtedness may be withheld.

### **SANCTIONING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES**

#### **RULE 5 - TOURNAMENT SANCTIONS**

- (a) When a tournament is conducted and members of the C5PBA participate, a tournament sanction must be applied for by the Tournament Director.
- (b) Tournaments granted a regular or moral sanction shall display the sanction certificate in the establishment(s) where the tournament event or events are scheduled and shall comply with all rules governing tournaments as set forth in the C5PBA Rule Book.
- (c) Such tournament and teams and individuals competing therein must conduct and play all their games in strict compliance with the rules and regulations governing such games, as adopted by the C5PBA.
- (d) When such tournaments are conducted without a C5PBA sanction, the participants shall not be eligible for C5PBA membership services including high score recognition and awards. Furthermore, bowling establishments where such tournaments are held, will not be considered for hosting any portions of C5PBA sanctioned tournaments.

#### **RULE 6 - SANCTIONING REQUIREMENTS**

- (a) The following requirements must be complied with when applying for C5PBA tournament sanctions:
  - i. The lanes used for competition must have a current season C5PBA Regulation Bowling Lane Certificate, posted in the establishment.
  - ii. An application must be filed on a form made available by the C5PBA. *(See your Local Association Secretary or write direct to the C5PBA.)*
  - iii. Application for sanction must be filed with the C5PBA. *Notification that a tournament is sanctioned, along with the starting and ending dates shall be sent by the C5PBA to the respective Provincial Association.*
  - iv. *Entry form, poster and/or tournament rules must be submitted with the sanction application. These items should be submitted in draft form as early as possible, to enable the C5PBA to advise of any rule violation or discrepancies prior to the printing of promotional material for the tournament.*

- v. *Competition among entrants in an event, with the exception of all-events, shall be held in the same establishment. When an event is divided into two or more divisions, competition in each division must be held in the same establishment.*
- (b) *The C5PBA may refuse sanctioning of any tournament which does not comply with C5PBA rules or which in its opinion, misrepresents in its advertising or otherwise the value of prizes which are offered or guaranteed or the volume of prize payments offered to the participants.*

#### **RULE 7 - MEMBERSHIP CARD EXPIRATION**

- (a) The individual bowler's current membership card will be accepted in all sanctioned tournaments without further payment of C5PBA membership fees until September 1 following the season of issue.

#### **RULE 8 - REGULAR TOURNAMENT SANCTIONS**

- (a) To participate in a tournament granted a regular sanction by the C5PBA, an entrant must qualify under that tournament's rules.
- (b) The Tournament rules shall require all entrants to be C5PBA members or specify that entrants become eligible to participate by one of the following methods, providing that the entrant is not under suspension or has been denied membership in the C5PBA.
  - i) Obtain C5PBA membership for the current season on an unattached member basis upon payment of the required dues. The Tournament committee will retain a specified portion and forward the remainder to the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association who in turn will forward an unattached membership fee to the Provincial Association where the bowler resides.
  - ii) Pay no unattached membership fee and accept the fact that the bowler will not be eligible for any high score recognition or prizes or points awarded for National Ranking recognition and awards.
- (c) Only those entrants who are C5PBA members prior to participation shall qualify for C5PBA High Score or National Ranking Recognition.

#### **RULE 9 - MORAL SUPPORT SANCTIONS**

- (a) Tournaments operated by a single civic, fraternal, benevolent, military service, union or religious organizations which has annual national, provincial, regional or city bowling tournaments, may be granted moral support sanctions.
- (b) All entrants shall be bona-fide members of said organization.
- (c) No combination of several fraternities or groups will be allowed in any one such tournament.
- (d) A moral support sanction or regular tournament sanction may be granted at the discretion of the Technical Director of the C5PBA for tournaments which restrict participation to specified individuals or groups and firms which restrict participation to their own employees.
- (e) Moral support sanctions will not be granted to any organization, which allows bowlers to participate in the tournament, who have been suspended from or refused membership in the C5PBA.
- (f) Entrants who have current season membership in the C5PBA prior to participation shall be qualified for C5PBA High Score recognition.

#### **RULE 10 - NOVELTY TOURNAMENTS**

- (a) Tournaments which utilize formats which are inconsistent with C5PBA rules, which shall include but not limited to; 2 Ball, No Tap, Scotch Doubles or Scotch Triples events, shall not be eligible for a regular tournament sanction or moral support sanction. However, such events shall be eligible for a "special event" sanction, if such event is conducted for the purpose of raising funds for a recognized charity or affiliated association.

## **RULE 11 - LANES MUST BE CERTIFIED**

- (a) All sanctioned tournaments must be so organized and their activities conducted in such a manner that they comply strictly with all C5PBA laws, rules and regulations and only C5PBA approved regulation equipment may be used.
- (b) Should there be a recognized C5PBA Lane Certification Program in force in the province where the tournament is conducted, the lanes upon which all such games are bowled must have been inspected and certified for the current bowling season.
- (c) Furthermore, the lanes and equipment in the establishment, must conform with C5PBA specifications, except where the manufacturer of equipment affecting any of these specifications has obtained approval to modify or alter one or several of the requirements from the C5PBA Board of Directors on the advice and counsel of the 5 Pin Bowling Standards & Specifications Committee.

## **FEES & PRIZES**

### **RULE 12 - NO FEES RETURNED**

- (a) After entries have been received, and the dates assigned by the Tournament Director or Committee are not refused by the team or individual entrant prior to preparation of the schedule, no fees shall be refunded, unless approved by the Tournament Committee.

### **RULE 13 - DESIGNATION OF FEES**

- (a) The management of any sanctioned tournament association, must in all cases, designate fees separately on the entry form and poster as follows:
  - i) Prize Fee
  - ii) Bowling Fee
  - iii) Tournament Expense Fee
  - iv) Total Per Entrant, Per Event
- (b) The "Tournament Expense Fee" shall be used to help defray the operating costs of said tournament.
- (c) Also, additional collections to qualify for participation in the tournament, such as donations to charity, subscriptions or banquet fees, may be authorized providing these fees are designated separately on the entry form and poster.

### **RULE 14 - CONDITIONS CANNOT CHANGE**

- (a) The conditions under which entries are accepted cannot be changed or modified after the tournament starts. This includes entry fee charges and the rules governing the competition.

### **RULE 15 - FREE OR REDUCED ENTRIES**

- (a) The tournament management may not provide or arrange to provide any kind of a free or reduced entry that is not fully advertised in the tournament program, entry form or publicity material.
- (b) When a free or reduced entry is made available, an amount equal to the prize fee must be placed in the tournament prize fund.

### **RULE 16 - DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZE FUNDS**

- (a) Upon application for and receipt of a C5PBA sanction, the tournament, its sponsor and management undertake an obligation that all funds, not including interest thereon, provided by that part of the entry fee, designated as "prize fee" shall be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of tournament participants.

- (b) Such funds cannot be used for any other purpose and must be returned to the participants in accordance with the following conditions:
  - i) All prize money collected in an event or division of an event, shall be returned to the participants in that event or division of that event, except where replacements require a change of classification, in which case, prizes shall be distributed to reflect the actual number of participants in that event or division of that event. However, re-classification to a lower division shall not be permitted unless tournament rules specifically permit this procedure. The last prize paid, including those paid for each tie, must be equal to at least the amount designated as the prize fee.
  - ii) In team, doubles and singles events, there shall be at least one prize for each ten entries or major fraction thereof.
  - iii) When there are 100 or more entries in an event or a division of an event, first place, or the amount expended from the prize fund for first prize, shall not exceed 40 percent of the total prize fund. Second place shall be equal to at least one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of first place or the amount expended from the prize fund for first prize. If special prizes are offered and a team or individual can qualify for both a position and special prize, the total prizes paid to second place shall be at least one-half of the combined total of first place plus the special prize of greatest value.
  - iv) Where special prizes exceed 25 percent of the prize fund in an event or a division of an event, and a bowler or team can qualify for both a special and position prize, in determining the minimum ratio of one prize for each ten entries, all prizes won by a bowler or team shall count only as one prize.
- (c) Special Prizes may include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - i) Scratch Prizes in a handicap event
  - ii) Single Game Prizes
  - iii) Limited group prizes (*Early Bird, Average Category, Sponsor, and weekend prizes, etc.*)
- (d) Shift prizes for which all participants in an event are eligible shall not be defined as special prizes.
- (a) The Technical Director of the C5PBA may at his discretion require a bond, or in lieu thereof, a satisfactory assurance that the prize fund obligations will be met.

## **RULE 17 - ALL-EVENTS COMPETITIONS**

- (a) Participants in tournaments may be charged optional fees for All-Events contests under the following conditions:
  - i) When two or more events are conducted as part of the tournament.
  - ii) When two or more tournaments are conducted under the same management and within the jurisdiction of the same provincial association.
  - iii) If expense fees are charged for participation in optional All-Events contests, the designation of such fees must comply with Section G - Rule 13.
- (b) The All-Events entry fee must be paid prior to the advertised closing date for entries or before the participant bowls any of the events, whichever comes first.
- (c) The tournament management shall be required to indicate in the schedule or post at the tournament site, the names of all such players, who are eligible to qualify for All-Events prizes.
- (d) An All-Event entry may be transferred, providing the transfer is made before the bowlers involved have participated in any event of the tournament.
- (e) Where a trophy or award, excluding cash awards, is provided for the All-Events winner, the bowler who places first in All-Events, shall be entitled to the trophy or award regardless of whether the bowler has paid the optional fee. However, in such cases, the trophy or award (*excluding cash*) must not be purchased from optional fees paid into the All-Events prize fund by its participants.

- (f) Distribution of prizes for All-Events Contests shall comply with the formula prescribed for payment of regular position prizes and the ratio of return to entries shall be at least one to 10 or major fraction thereof.

#### **RULE 18 - SPECIAL FEATURES**

- (a) Optional prize fees may be charged to tournament participants for one or more special feature events, provided such optional special feature events are open to all entrants in the tournament.
- (b) Distribution of prizes shall comply with the formula prescribed for payment of regular position prizes and the ratio of return to entrants shall be at least one to 10 or major fraction thereof.

#### **RULE 19 - PRIZE PAYMENT AND REPORT**

- (a) Within thirty days after completion of the tournament, the following post tournament requirements must be met:
  - i) Distribute all prizes, except when the C5PBA or Provincial Association has authorized holding up payment, pending settlement of any claim or protest which affects position standings.
  - ii) Submit the following to the C5PBA:
    - 1) A prize list showing the name and score of each entrant and prize won.
    - 2) A financial statement on forms provided by the C5PBA listing all receipts and disbursements.

### **TOURNAMENT OPERATION**

#### **RULE 20 - ENTRY DEADLINE IN ADVANCE OF TOURNAMENT & NOTIFICATION OF SCHEDULE**

- (a) When the date for closing entries is prior to the opening date of the tournament, advance notification of time and date of participation must be given to individual entrants and/or team captains and/or coaches by tournament management.
- (b) All entries postmarked or hand delivered the first post office business day following the entry closing date shall and must be accepted.
- (c) Additional entries for any event shall not be accepted after the closing date of entries for the tournament.
- (d) A schedule must be prepared or a complete list of entrants posted at the tournament site.
- (e) No Tournament Director may indicate in the schedule, the word "partner" or "reserved" or similar term in lieu of any team or individual entry.

#### **RULE 21 - ENTRY DEADLINE PRIOR TO LAST SHIFT**

- (a) When the date for closing of entries is set prior to the time the last shift is scheduled, the tournament management shall post in a conspicuous place in the establishment, a notice showing:
  - i) Number of entries to date. As entries are accepted the entry forms must be numbered consecutively and the entry number must appear with the contestant's name whenever current or final results are posted.
  - ii) Ratio of prizes to tournament entries (*at least 1 to 10*).
  - iii) A complete list of all entrants to be kept current and indicating scores bowled by each entrant. This list shall be returned and made available for inspection during the entire tournament and for thirty (30) days thereafter.
  - iv) Posted schedule kept current at all times.
  - v) The exact time of day that the last shift is scheduled to start.

- vi) The exact time of day for closing of entries.
- (b) This data shall be kept current as of six o'clock each evening. It is also required, that a complete prize list be similarly posted within one hour after entries have been closed.
- (c) No Tournament Director shall accept any additional entries for any event after the closing date of entries for the tournament.

## **RULE 22 - HANDICAPS & ASSIGNED AVERAGES**

- (a) When tournament prize winners are determined on a handicap, pins-over-average or average classification basis, the handicap or classification must be based on a known and proven average of a bowler or an average assigned prior to the start of competition.
- (b) Participants in a tournament granted a regular tournament sanction, who do not have an acceptably proven league average in accordance with the rules of the tournament, shall be required to bowl scratch (*with no handicap*) unless tournament rules provide that:
  - i) A bowler with prior league or tournament experience but who does not have a proven acceptable average under the tournament rules shall be accepted at his/her most recent league average or 210, whichever is higher.
  - ii) A bowler with no previous league or tournament experience shall be assigned an average as established by tournament rule, but not less than 175.
- (c) In addition, the Tournament Director, prior to the entrant bowling, may assign a higher average than the foregoing when information indicates the individual may be a better bowler than his/her average indicates.
- (d) In tournaments granted a moral support sanction, participants who do not have an acceptable and proven average under tournament rules, may be assigned an average in accordance with the figures established by tournament rules.

## **RULE 23 - AVERAGES**

- (a) The following conditions will apply to averages in sanctioned handicap, pins-over-average or classified tournaments unless otherwise specified in the tournament rules, except that any adjustment of an entrant's average must be accomplished before the entrant bowls. If the adjustment is not acceptable to the entrant, his/her entry fee shall be refunded.
  - i) Individual averages which are used to determine handicaps or classification of a bowler, must be based on a minimum of twenty one (21) games in a previous season's C5PBA sanctioned league.
  - ii) When a tournament uses the previous season's averages and at the time of bowling, the entrant has a current season's average for 12 games or more, of 15 pins or more higher than the previous season's average, the bowler must use his/her current average for entry in the tournament.
  - iii) It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average in handicap, pins-over-average or classified tournaments, whether originally submitted by the bowler, his team captain, coach or others. Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average. In the case of teams of two or more bowlers, the averages shall be combined to determine whether the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total.
- (b) Corrections in averages can be made up to the completion of the first game of a series, or within 48 hours after completion of a series, if the Tournament Director, prior to the completion of the first game of the series, has given written consent to the bowler, authorizing such extension of time to correct his/her average.

## **RULE 24 - REPORTING OF PRIZE WINNERS**

- (a) A tournament may require a bowler to report his/her previous tournament prize winnings as a condition for entry. However, in the absence of a specific tournament rule, a bowler who has qualified for a prize of \$300.00 or more in any event in a tournament within the previous 12 month period must report his actual score, position and amount won to the tournament management at time of bowling in a handicap, pins-over-average or classified tournament for possible re-rating.
- (b) It is the bowler's responsibility to report his/her scores in any tournament where the prize payment has not been made but in which the bowler has qualified for \$300.00 or more.
- (c) Failure to comply with either of these provisions shall be cause to forfeit tournament entry fee and prize winnings.

## **RULE 25 - MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION**

- (a) It shall be optional whether the entrants in a sanctioned tournament may participate more than once in an event provided it is duly publicized in advance. The number of times participation will be permitted must be indicated.
- (b) Where more than one time participation is permitted, one or more of the following provisions must appear on the entry form and poster:
  - i) Five member Team Event - Not more than three players on the same team can place more than once in a prize list for position standings.
  - ii) Three and four member Team Events - Not more than two players on one team can place more than once in the prize list for position standings.
  - iii) Two member Team Events - In no case shall the same two member team be permitted to place more than once in the prize list for position standings.
  - iv) Individual Events - In no case shall the same individual be permitted to place more than once in the prize list for position standings.
- (c) When a bowler competes more than once, his/her first appearance in each event shall count toward his/her All-Events score.

## **RULE 26 - SCORERS**

- (a) The tournament director of each sanctioned tournament is required to appoint or hire scorers to officially record any and all games bowled in the tournament or use an automatic scoring device that has been approved by the C5PBA Standards & Specifications Committee.
- (b) When a full compliment of scorers is not available and the entry cannot be rescheduled, the bowlers affected may be allowed to record their own score, under the supervision of tournament management.
- (c) In match-game tournaments where the pin count is not carried forward, the competing team captains or coaches or other players may be authorized to keep score by the tournament management.
- (d) After a score has been recorded, it cannot be changed except where there is an obvious error in scoring or calculation. The Tournament Committee may, by rule, set a time limit for the appeal of any scoring errors.
- (e) No scorer, shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in any bet or wager on any game or series. If at any time, the scorer shall be found to be so interested, is incompetent or interferes with tournament contestants, the Tournament Director may remove any such scorer.

## **RULE 27 - SUBMITTING ENTRIES**

- (a) The receipt of any entry in writing and its acceptance in any tournament by the Tournament Director for one or more events shall regulate the number of bowlers who shall participate.
- (b) Substitutions and replacements may be made in accordance with the provisions of Section G - Rules 29 and 34.



- (c) The entry form must contain the names of the bowlers entered and the necessary prize fees must be in the hands of the Tournament Director prior to the closing date of entries for the tournament.

#### **RULE 28 - REPLACEMENTS**

- (a) No one may bowl in a sanctioned tournament except those originally entered or such replacements who may be authorized by the captain or coach of a team.
- (b) The team captain or coach may make a replacement in the team event according to Section G - Rule 4. If a duly entered and scheduled entrant is unable to bowl when scheduled to do so, in the two member and individual events and will sign a replacement affidavit, a person qualified to bowl in the event under the tournament rules, may be named to take his/her place. Such affidavit must be presented to the Tournament Director at least thirty(30) minutes prior to the time the entrant is scheduled to bowl.
- (c) If a replacement request is made too late to secure the affidavit prior to bowling the scheduled games in question, the Tournament Director, may at his/her discretion, furnish replacement affidavit blanks and allow a replacement to be made in accordance with a team captain or coach's authority.
- (d) A replacement may be made in the All-Events providing the replacement is made before the original entrant or his/her replacement has bowled in the tournament.

#### **RULE 29 - CHANGES IN LINE-UPS OR PAIRINGS**

- (a) If a change in team line-up or a change in line-up or pairings in a two member team event is desired, it must be made to the Tournament Director at least thirty(30) minutes prior to the time the entrants are scheduled to bowl unless otherwise specified in the tournament rules.
- (b) Thereafter, no entrant shall change his/her position in any team or two member team line-up after the bowler has been checked onto the lanes to bowl, unless authorized by the Tournament Director. Violation of this rule may be cause for disqualification.
- (c) If a replacement is needed on each of two doubles teams, the two entrants present may be teamed together.

#### **RULE 30 - ENTRY IN BOTH SINGLES AND DOUBLES**

- (a) If a tournament committee elects to conduct both a two-member team and individual event, it may, by rule, make entry in both events a requirement to qualify for participation in either event, providing the rule is printed on the entry form.

### **TOURNAMENT RULES**

#### **RULE 31 - LATE/TARDY BOWLERS**

- (a) Bowling shall begin in accordance with a previously arranged schedule. Any player or team arriving late shall begin play with the score counting beginning with the frame then being bowled.
- (b) If a team refuses to start because a full line-up is not present, it shall forfeit all games, which it declines to bowl, at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- (c) No absentee scores shall be permitted and a bowler must bowl on the same lanes and at the same time his/her team bowls.
- (d) A bowler who misses one frame or more by not being present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn shall not be credited with any pinfall for any frames missed.

#### **RULE 32 - TEAM BOWLING ALONE**

- (a) When bowlers entered in the team, two member team, or individual event of a tournament are scheduled alone on a pair of lanes, they must bowl any and all games to be bowled as if they were actually contested. Each entrant must have completed his/her frame on one lane before the player bowling as lead-off shall commence his/her next frame on the adjoining lane.

- (b) The foregoing provision shall apply to all team tournaments except those which by rule, schedule each team alone on a pair of lanes and permit the members to follow each other immediately in order on the alternate lane.
- (c) In singles tournaments, a minimum of two entries shall constitute a shift and these entries must bowl on the same pair of lanes. If a bowler competes alone as a shift, his/her score shall be disqualified.

### **RULE 33 - PACERS**

- (a) A tournament may, by rule, permit the use of pacer bowlers.
- (b) No person who serves as a pacer shall be permitted subsequently to enter or compete in the tournament.
- (c) No person who has been suspended or refused membership in the C5PBA, shall serve as a pacer.

### **RULE 34 - SUBSTITUTIONS DURING GAME OR SERIES**

- (a) After a series has started, no changes shall be made in the order of the players, except that the captain or coach may replace any of his/her bowlers by another qualified substitute at any time.
- (b) When a substitution is made during a game, the score of such game shall be credited to the starting bowler, unless tournament rules provide that scores be maintained so that each individual's score also reflects the actual frames bowled.
- (c) In team and doubles competition, substitutes may be permitted after a game has started, but a bowler once removed cannot return to bowl for the balance of that game.
- (d) No substitutes will be allowed in Singles events.
- (e) Scores bowled through the efforts of more than one individual player shall not qualify for any C5PBA or tournament individual game awards nor shall the score be included in All-Events contest totals.

### **RULE 35 - BOWLING PROCEDURE**

- (a) Two lanes immediately adjoining each other must be used in each game of tournament play.
- (b) The bowling of ten(10) complete frames on the pair of lanes on which the game was started shall constitute an official game.

### **RULE 36 - IRRETRIEVABLY LOST SCORES**

- a) A Tournament game(s) or frame(s) within a game, which is irretrievably lost in the scoring process, is null and void. The game(s) or frame(s) must be re-bowled unless one of the following conditions is met:
  - i) Scores of any players that have been lost can be documented.
  - ii) The team captains/coaches can completely agree on one or more scores lost.
  - iii) The Tournament Committee rules that the game(s) or frame(s) are not to be re-bowled.

*If scores on a pair of lanes can be documented or agreed upon, the game shall be continued from the point of agreement. If some but not all of the scores can be documented or agreed upon, the bowlers whose scores cannot be substantiated, shall re-bowl the game to the point of agreement/interruption, at which time the game shall be continued in regular order.*

### **RULE 37 - INTERRUPTED GAME OR SERIES**

- (a) The Tournament Officials may authorize the completion of a game and series on another pair of certified lanes when equipment failure on the starting lanes would delay the normal progress of the game or series.
- (b) An interrupted game and series, which cannot be completed on the same lane, must be resumed from the point of interruption.

### **RULE 38 - TOURNAMENT LANE DRAWS**

- (a) In tournament play, the first game of a series shall be started on the lane on which the team or individual is scheduled.
- (b) Succeeding games shall be scheduled and played on different pairs of lanes, so that each team or individual bowls on a completely different pair of lanes for each game of the tournament series.

### **RULE 39 - ORDER OF BOWLING**

- (a) The members of contesting teams, doubles, and singles entrants shall successively and in regular order, bowl one frame on one lane and for the next frame alternate and use the adjoining lane and so alternating each frame until five(5) frames are bowled on each lane to complete the game.
- (b) Each bowler shall bowl three(3) balls in every frame, except where the bowler makes a strike or a spare.
- (c) No pins may be conceded and only those pins knocked down by the action of a legally delivered ball may be counted.
- (d) Every frame must be completed at the time the player is bowling in his/her regular order.
- (e) When a bowler makes a strike in the tenth frame, the bowler shall then and there, be permitted to bowl two more balls on the same lane on which the bowler bowled the strike in order to complete the frame and game.
- (f) When a bowler makes a spare in the tenth frame, the bowler shall then and there, be permitted to bowl one more ball on the same lane on which the bowler bowled the spare in order to complete the frame and game.

### **RULE 40 - SCHEDULING OF DOUBLES**

- (a) Normally, only one doubles team is scheduled on each lane and both members of the doubles team start on the same lane. This order of bowling may be changed, however, when a tournament schedules three or more doubles teams on a pair of lanes, as part of its normal scheduling pattern, in which case, the lead-off bowler of each team will start on one lane and the anchor bowler on the adjoining lane.
- (b) Bowlers must alternate lanes after each frame.
- (c) Succeeding games shall be scheduled and played on different pairs of lanes, so that each doubles team bowls on a completely different pair of lanes for each game of the tournament series.

### **RULE 41 - TIE SCORES**

- (a) In case of a tie for the team, doubles, singles or All-Events championships in a tournament, it shall be optional with the Tournament Committee to hold a play-off or declare co-champions, except as otherwise provided by Section G - Rule #41.
- (b) In the event that co-champions are declared, the cash prizes for the positions affected are to be equally divided and the Tournament Committee shall be required to supply such additional medals or other awards it makes to the champions, which are emblematic of co-championships, from a fund other than the prize fund.
- (c) In the case where a play-off shall be played to decide all ties, at least three games shall be played except in match game or elimination tournaments, where the number of games or frames shall be determined by the Tournament Committee.
- (d) The team or individual scoring the greatest number of pins (*including handicap if applicable*) in playing off of such tie, shall be entitled to the first prize allowed for each contest, and if the tie is in the team, doubles, singles or All-Events contest, such winning team or individual shall be entitled to the championship and medals or other awards offered for such contest.
- (e) The team or individual making the next greatest number of pins in playing off such tie, shall be entitled to the second prize, and so on.
- (f) Any and all ties other than for first prize and position, shall be decided by the Tournament Committee.

## **RULE 42 - TIES WITH DUPLICATION OF TEAM PERSONNEL**

- (a) When multiple participation is permitted in a tournament, and one or more bowlers are members of the team tied for the championship, the following procedure shall apply in conducting the play-off for the championship:
  - i) If two teams are tied, and the same person or persons are duplicated on both teams, co-champions may be declared. Otherwise, only those bowlers not duplicated on the teams, shall bowl a series of at least three games, with total pinfall (*including handicap, if applicable*) deciding the championship.
  - ii) If more than two teams are tied for the championship and there is a duplication of personnel on any of the teams involved, there shall be no play-off and co-champions shall be declared. If there is no duplication of personnel on the teams tied for the championship, it shall be optional to the Tournament Committee to have a play-off or declare co-champions.

## **RULE 43 - APPEAL OR PROTEST**

- (a) An appeal or protest regarding the decision of a foul judge, scorer or tournament official, may be made to and decided by the Board of Directors of the Local or Provincial Association under whose jurisdiction the tournament is conducted. They shall render a decision thereon as soon as possible, after submission (*in writing*) of the appeal or protest.
- (b) Such appeal or protest shall in all cases, be made in writing, and be signed by the party making the appeal or making the protest, and the grounds of appeal or protest shall be briefly stated.
- (c) If such party is not satisfied with the decision of the Local or Provincial Association, a final appeal or protest can be referred to the C5PBA, whose decision shall be final and binding.
- (d) If such appeal or protest affects prize payments and positions, the Tournament Committee shall withhold all payment of prizes until such appeal or protest is resolved.