



HI-LO DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS



ALBERTA FORMAT

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COMPETITION FORMAT

The Alberta 5 Pin Bowlers Association (A5PBA) Hi-Lo Doubles 5 Pin Bowling Championships consist of 5 (five) steps:

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

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

1. Provincials: **April 6, 2019**
2. Host: **Lethbridge**
3. Zones: to be completed no later than 3 (three) weeks prior to the Provincial Championships in a centre designated by the Zone Association

GENERAL RULES

1. C5PBA rules shall apply in all rounds. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Zone or A5PBA Tournament Committee (for Zone and Provincial levels of competition) shall be final.
2. Entry Deadline and Entry Fee shall be determined by the Zone Association and A5PBA.
3. All zones will use and submit the forms sent to them by the host committee including an A5PBA Liability Waiver which will be signed by all participants including Managers
4. If a bowler misses a game or games they shall be allowed 95% of their average during the House / League round.
5. Should a bowler miss any frames in the Zone and Provincial Championships, the bowler will receive 0 (zero) for the frame(s) missed. No bowler shall bowl the Zone and / or the Provincial Championships without a partner.
6. Scores and averages of all winners in all rounds shall be authenticated and checked thoroughly.
 - a. Any falsification or misrepresentation of scores or averages knowingly or unknowingly, shall result in Automatic Disqualification of the individual from the event and could result in suspension of A5PBA membership.
7. Final results shall be officially checked and audited.
8. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to complete the field and all decisions by this Committee shall be final.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Open to all Alberta 5 Pin Bowlers Association (A5PBA) members 18 (eighteen) years of age and over as of DECEMBER 31 of the current season.
2. All bowlers must bowl in the Zone of the "Principal Residence".
 - a. Definition: As a guide, Principal Residence shall be the residence the individual uses for taxation purposes, 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.
 - b. Bowlers who compete in regular league in both the Zone of their principal residence and another Zone must indicate in which Zone they will compete in by filing a Declaration of Intent along with the appropriate average sheets to the Zone Tournament Director by December 31 of the current season. A copy of the current year average sheet(s) confirming their participation in said league(s) must accompany the Declaration of Intent. If a declaration is not filed by that date, the bowler must compete in the Zone of their principal residence.
 - c. Bowlers who only compete in regular league play in the Zone of their principal residence must enter the Hi-Lo Doubles in the Zone of their principal residence.

TEAM COMPOSITION

1. Teams will advance to the Provincial Championships based on order of finish in the Zone Championships.
2. The number of teams advancing to the provincial championships will comprise the following:
 - a. Each zone will advance the same number of teams to the Provincials.
 - b. The limiting factor on teams advancing will be based on the location of the event and the number of lanes available
3. Each zone may have a manager, who may also be a participant in the event.

REPLACEMENT BOWLERS

1. Replacement shall be allowed in all rounds (except the League Round).
2. Whenever possible a replacement team would be the next eligible team in order of finish from the preceding round.
3. Whenever possible, a replacement bowler is the next eligible bowler in order of finish from any preceding round.

CONDUCT

1. During the Provincial Championships, the consumption of alcohol or illegal substances is prohibited during scheduled play of the event. Bowlers, coaches, managers or tournament officials who are found to be under the influence of such substances will be suspended immediately.
2. The use of profanity of any nature will NOT be tolerated. The use of chants, songs, and cheers containing profanity, slanderous remarks or words which are deemed detrimental to the image of 5 Pin Bowling, will not be allowed as well as the use of offensive body language, of any nature. Use of such illegal chants or gestures will NOT be tolerated and will result in a warning or immediate suspension from competition.
3. The use of electronic devices on the approach will not be allowed except for medical reasons.
4. No noisemakers of any kind will be allowed.
5. Violation of any rule may result in penalties being assessed by the A5PBA.
6. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Zone or A5PBA Tournament Committee (for Zone and Provincial levels of competition) and the C5PBA Tournament Committee (for the National competition) shall be final.
7. Dress code for the Provincial Championships will be "neat and tidy" (no caps / no sweats).

EQUIPMENT

1. Personal bowling balls may be used if facilities permit.
 - a. The use of personal bowling balls is at the bowlers' own risk.
 - b. House balls must be used if the bowlers' personal bowling balls have not been returned (no delay of game).
 - c. Personal bowling balls may be randomly inspected at any time during the tournament or upon completion of the tournament.
 - d. Should a question arise regarding the legality of a ball, the Tournament Director is the final arbiter. Appeals / complaints regarding personal bowling balls may be made following the procedure outlined in the C5PBA Rule Book.

Penalty: Any scores rolled using non-regulation equipment in sanctioned league or tournament competition shall be disqualified for C5PBA Record or High Score Awards and/or shall nullify scores being used in qualifying for C5PBA sanctioned tournaments.

2. The resetting of the pins will be done by the bowlers.

EVENT FORMAT

AVERAGES

1. Each league using averages as of dates and criteria as set by the A5PBA of the current season shall select their doubles teams (see League Championships Rule #4) as follows:
 - a. Highest average bowler in the league is paired with the lowest average bowler.
 - b. Second highest average bowler in the league paired with the second lowest average bowler and so on, until all of the bowlers have been paired.
2. EXAMPLE: 37 Bowlers in a League
 - a. Number bowlers # 1 to # 37 according to averages with the highest average bowler being # 1.
 - b. The # 1 bowler (highest average) is paired with the # 37 bowler (lowest average). The # 2 bowler is paired with the # 36 bowler, and so on, which will leave the # 19 bowler without a partner. This bowler shall be paired with the # 18 bowler thus giving bowler # 18 2 (two) partners.
3. Bowlers who bowl regularly in 2 (two) or more leagues in the same centre, or who bowl in 2 (two) or more centres, may enter in each league or centre and compete in the League Championships and Zone Finals in each league or centre, provided the scheduling of same permits, but shall only be permitted to bowl once in the Provincial Championships.

4. Only averages established under Official Rules of the C5PBA shall be accepted.
5. This event is a doubles beat-your-average tournament.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Doubles teams shall bowl the number of games normally bowled by that league in the four to six week period during regular league play between dates as set by your local/house or Zone Association.
2. PRE-BOWL SCORES MAY BE ACCEPTED in the League Championships, provided that the league allows pre-bowling.
3. Entrants must use their league average as of a date as set by your local/house or Zone Association of the current season, with a minimum of 12 (twelve) league games having been bowled.
4. Leagues with teams that play with a substitution format and carry extra members, may adjust the format so that all members are eligible to participate.

Example: The bowler that does not start the game would be considered the same as absent and would count 95% of their average. A player that starts the game but does not finish, would be given the final score of the game that they had started.

5. Spare bowlers are ineligible unless they can compete until the final week
6. Teams shall bowl each of the 4 (four) to 6 (six) weeks (as set by the Zone) using running scores.
7. All teams or a percentage thereof, beating or tying their average over the 4 (four) to 6 (six) week total score shall advance to the next round as determined by the A5PBA.
8. In the final week, the team with the most pins over or closest to its average in the 4 (four) to 6 (six) week period, shall be declared League Champions and advance to the next round.
9. In the event of a tie after the final week, the tied team beating its average by the most pins the final week shall receive the higher placing. If all teams fail to beat their average, the team tying or coming closest to their average in the final week shall receive the higher placing.
10. All League Championships qualifiers (doubles teams) in a Zone shall bowl a minimum of 3 (three) games on a date as set by the Zone Association of the current season in centres approved by the Zone Association.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS (OPTIONAL)

1. The House Championships shall consist of a minimum of 3 (three) games.
2. Format and average date to be determined by your local / house or Zone Association.

ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. All League Round qualifiers (doubles teams) in a Zone shall bowl a minimum of 3 (three) games on a date as set by the Zone Association of the current season in centres approved by the Zone Association.
2. All bowlers who compete in the Zone Finals must use their highest league average (if a bowler bowls in more than 1 (one) league), with a minimum of 15 (fifteen) games bowled as of 3 (three) weeks prior to the Zone qualifying Championships.
3. In the event a bowler is absent, see Replacement Bowlers for replacement procedures.
4. In the event of a tie for the final qualifying position, the team beating its average by the most pins in the last game shall receive the higher placing. If the teams failed to beat their average, the team tying or coming closest to their average in the final game shall receive the higher placing. If a tie still exists, using the same rule, the scores of the preceding game shall be used to break the tie.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championships must use their highest league average (if a bowler bowls in more than 1 (one) league) as of 3 (three) weeks prior to the Provincial Championships based on a minimum of 24 (twenty-four) games having been bowled.
2. Bowlers who bowl in more than 1 (one) league must use their highest average and must provide the Provincial Host with copies of all average sheets in which they have bowled the minimum number of games (including leagues spared in). Failure to provide all average sheets will result in immediate disqualification of bowler and any pinfall contributed in the tournament.
3. All bowlers shall be required to sign an average verification sheet prior to throwing their first ball of the Provincial tournament.
4. The A5PBA Provincial Championships shall consist of 5 (five) games.
5. The lane draw is pre-drawn under the auspices of the A5PBA Tournament Committee.
6. For interpretation of any rules or controversy of any kind, stop play on your set of lanes and call the Judge of Play IMMEDIATELY.
7. The Judge of Play shall make all rulings and all decisions shall be subject to appeal to the A5PBA.
8. The team beating their average by the most pins shall be declared the winners. If all teams fail to beat their average, the team tying or coming closest to their average shall be declared the winners.
9. In the event of a tie for any position, the prize money will be split equally for those positions.