



Alberta 5 Pin Bowlers Association

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The Executive and the Board of Directors of the Alberta 5 Pin Bowlers' Association held our AGM & September meeting on the 20th.

As for the AGM, Tim Wiseman was re-elected as President, and Melynda Miller was re-elected as 2nd Vice President. Both are two-year terms.

We are so very excited and proud to announce that Trudy Metcalfe, Brian Rossetti, Bob Guthrie & Terry McLeod have both been selected as our newest Lifetime Members of our Association. Congrats all!

For the upcoming 2025/26 season, this will be our *Schedule of our Provincial Events*:

Inter-Provincials: January 10th & 11th – HJ's – Grande Prairie

Youth Challenge: January 30th & 31st – Holiday Bowl, Lethbridge

Open: April 1st to 4th – Heritage Lanes, Red Deer

The *League Executive Draw* from the 2024/25 season was Darcy Schmitke from Toppler Bowl! Congratulations Darcy!

Back in August, we had three new members of the C5PBA Hall of Fame! Congratulations to Annette Bruneau, Desiree Tytgat & Heidi Mapstone on their achievements!

Back in May, there was a request for an Open Provincial Survey to be sent out to the last 3 years' worth of Provincial participants about introducing a Team Stepladder. We received over 80% response rate back. With most of the responses requesting a Stepladder, for the 2026 Open Provincials, we will be inducing a Stepladder for the Team Event.

The Team Event will feature a Stepladder format:

- 4 Round Robins (16 games per team)
- 3 Team Stepladder after completion of Round Robin
- Top seed must be beaten twice (double knockout)

The winning teams of the Stepladder will move on to represent Alberta at the Nationals. The whole information on the Open Questionnaire will be posted on a separate post.

Just as a reminder, we are excited to be introducing some of the new touches to our programming this year. These are some of the changes:

Youth Challenge Provincials – New “Rising Stars” Award:

We're introducing the *Rising Stars Award/Team*, a new Pins Over Average (POA) All Star team. This new accolade will be open to all bowlers participating in the Youth Challenge Provincials. However, bowlers already named to the National All Star Team will not be eligible for the Rising Stars distinction. This is our way of recognizing excellence across all skill levels.

Inter-Provincials – Optional Third Team:

With the removal of the High Low Doubles Provincials, zones will now have the option to send a third team to Inter-Provincials. Zones must confirm their intent to do so by the September meeting of each year.

All Provincials – Hats Now Permitted:

Hats will now be allowed at all Provincial events—provided they meet our new uniform guidelines. Hats must be zone-issued or purchased through your zone, match your zone colors, and display your zone name or logo. While team members don't all have to wear hats, those who do must wear the same style.

At the C5 AGM, there were some small rule changes that our members should be aware of.

Personal Bowling Balls must have distinguished markings with identifying letters or symbols for ball registration and identification. No longer is it requiring to have engraving, but as an example the use a marker instead – would be sufficient.

In the event of a mechanical breakdown during play involving a pinsetter, a Shield Judge may be utilized like that of a Foul Line Judge. Following the C5PBA Standards and Specs, the Judge will give up 5 seconds for the machine to cycle.

On behalf of the Alberta 5 Pin Bowlers' Association,

Tim Wiseman
President