

**BC 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION
PROVINCIAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
BRECHIN LANES, NANAIMO
APRIL 19, 20 & 21, 2019
RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules will govern this tournament.
2. **Competitors and Coaches are expected to conduct themselves in all phases of the Championships in a manner that does not bring disrespect to the sport of five pin bowling or any representatives running the event on behalf of the competitors and/or coaches. There will be a zero tolerance rule in effect and should it be necessary a bowler and/or coach shall be removed from the competition and may be suspended from further competition.**
3. The Championship is open to all bowlers 19 years of age and over residing in BC and is affiliated with the C5PBA.
4. Entry fee is \$50.00 plus lineage, if the Canadian 5 Pin affiliation fee has been paid through the Master Bowlers' Association of BC. If not the entry fee will be \$60.00 for the zone roll-off. **THIS ENTRY FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES THAT A ZONE MAY WISH TO CHARGE.**
5. At the zones finals all bowlers will bowl 16 games unless otherwise noted.
6. Cheque or money order must be made payable to the B.C. 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
7. The **top nine (9) men and nine (9) ladies**, based on total scratch pinfall at the completion of the zone finals, qualifies for the B.C. Championship to be held in on April 19, 20 & 21, 2019 at Brechin Lanes, Nanaimo.
8. Events will be scheduled to allow the three (3) men and three (3) ladies from each zone to bowl in the singles competition. **THE SINGLE PARTICIPANTS WILL COME FROM THE TOP SIX (6) MEN AND TOP SIX (6) LADIES TO A MAXIMUM OF THREE (3) MEN AND THREE (3) LADIES PER ZONE ASKED IN ORDER OF FINISH AT THE END OF THE ZONE FINALS.**
9. The winners of the men's, ladies' and mixed teams, along with the men's and ladies' singles champions will be eligible to compete in the 2018 National Championships in the Fraser Valley, British Columbia on May 29 to June 1 with travel days being May 28 and June 2, 2019.
10. All qualifiers who withdraw or do not appear at the Provincial finals, without a valid reason are liable for suspension. **A letter in writing stating the reason for withdrawing must be forwarded to the BC 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.**
11. Each zone will conduct their zone roll-off. A zone must have a minimum of three (3) men from their zone to be eligible to field a men's team; a zone must have a minimum of three (3) ladies from their zone to be eligible to field a ladies' team; a zone must have 3 additional bowlers from their zone, consisting of a combination of genders to field a mixed team. If a zone cannot complete their contingent they must go to a published active list of bowlers who did not qualify in other zones. A complete list of eligible bowlers will be published when all zones have completed their roll-offs.
12. At the completion of the zone finals each team shall appoint an upgraded Level 2 Certified Coach or a Competitive Coach who has certification a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Championships. Coaches are not allowed to compete in any event.
13. All bowlers must bowl 18 games, in one league, in a particular zone, prior to the date of the zone roll-offs, to be eligible to participate in a zone other than the one that they reside. This rule only applies to bowlers from Zones 2, 3 and 4.
14. A bowler is only eligible to enter ONE zone roll-off.
15. The BC 5 Pin Bowlers' Association reserves the right to complete the field and all decisions will be final.
16. **At the completion of the zone finals all bowlers who did not qualify for the teams will be placed on a list and will be eligible to be picked up by another zone that requires bowlers. If a bowler refuses to bowl for the zone that has requested them they will no longer be eligible to participate in the event.**
17. For the National Championships, each bowler and coach will pay **A MINIMUM OF \$500.00** towards the cost to go to the National Championships in The Fraser Valley, British Columbia.

