

# **MBABC RULES & REGULATIONS**

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## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RULES**

- 1 - The Executive Committee consists of ten (10) elected members and the Past President, which forms the Board of Directors for the Master Bowlers Association of British Columbia.
- 2 – Five (5) members are elected for a two (2) year term each year.
- 3 - The Executive Committee is responsible for determining the Rules, Forms, Programs and Finances of the Association within their jurisdiction.
- 4 - Table Officers consisting of: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Technical Director and Secretary will be elected by the Board of Directors on a yearly basis at the first meeting of the season.
- 5 - It is required that the Table Officers have previous experience on the Board of Directors.
- 6 - The Board of Directors for the Association may appoint a member to fill any vacancy/ies on the board at their discretion.
- 7 - 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 Master Bowlers Association of British Columbia.
- 8 - A Quorum will be one half of the board plus one, to legally start the meetings. Invited guests, Past President, Past Board members if in attendance are not to be included to make a Quorum
9. The overall operation and actions of the Executive Committee and Master Bowlers of British Columbia will be reviewed on an annual basis by an Oversight Committee. A report will be presented at the AGM citing positive observations that have taken place over the past year, and also deficiencies that need to be corrected or clarified.

## **RESIDENCY RULE**

If there is no Proprietor Association member centre in the area in which a bowler lives they may bowl in the centre available to them and can purchase the Canadian 5 Pin Association card through the Master Bowlers Association of BC and be a member of the Master Bowlers Association of BC.

## CONDUCT ALL DIVISIONS

The following Rules of Conduct must be adhered to by all MBABC Members:

1. I will conduct myself at all times in a manner befitting a Master Bowler and I will actively support the Master Bowlers Association of British Columbia (MBABC) Rules and Regulations, Rules of Conduct and Ethics Code
2. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated during any tournament or event that an individual is wearing a Masters bowling shirt and will be addressed by the Judge of Play or Tournament Director
3. The use of obscene language, body gestures, verbal abuse or misuse of personal or proprietor's bowling equipment will not be tolerated and will be addressed by Judge of Play.
4. The consumption of alcohol or the use of non-medical drugs during a tournament will not be tolerated and will be addressed by Judge of Play.
5. Bowlers must wear their uniforms for all Tournament play. A plain black short sleeve garment may be worn under the shirt if necessary but the sleeve length must not extend beyond the length of the Master's shirt.
6. Smoking is not permitted in the playing area during any tournament. Members will adhere to all smoking regulations of the host bowling centre.
7. The breaking of any of the above rules could result in ejection from any tournament, suspension or further discipline
8. Any valid suspension of a member by any Bowling Organization for misconduct, upon receipt of written documentation, will be considered by the Master Bowlers Association of British Columbia.
9. Members have the right to appear before the Board of Directors and/or appeal (in writing) their suspension, ejection or disciplinary action. All appeals must be presented to the board in writing. The individual may appear before the board in person as long as the board has been advised prior and had the necessary time to review.

## Conduct Committee MBABC CONDUCT LOG

1. A log will be kept of all conduct offences and will be carried forward from tournament to tournament.
2. Penalties will be assessed as follows:
  - (A) First Offence - a verbal warning from the Judge of Play or the acting Tournament Director. If considered more serious in nature a first warning may be more severe than a verbal warning
  - (B) Additional Offences - Any additional offences after the first offence will be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Master Bowlers Association of B.C. and may result in suspension.
3. Any member who is penalized has the right to appeal in writing to the Board of Directors or may appear before the Board in person.

## **DRESS CODE ALL DIVISIONS**

A full Masters uniform **MUST** be worn for all Masters tournaments. It must follow the standard dress code below or one of the variations allowed for qualifying, provincial or national tournaments. Each dress code infraction will be dealt with separately by the Masters Board of Directors, providing no prior permission has been granted by the Tournament Director.

### **STANDARD DRESS CODE – ALL DIVISIONS**

1. The Masters Uniform is comprised of a green Masters Shirt which includes cresting & Tournament Stars (optional) and is to be worn only with black dress slacks for men and black skirt, skorts or dress slacks for ladies.

The Masters Shirt cannot be worn with any other colour of dress slacks, skirt or skorts. Slacks, skirts or skorts must be made of a dress style material. No other type of material will be permitted.

2. A short sleeved black garment is the only apparel that is allowed under the Masters Shirt. The sleeve length must not exceed the length of the sleeve length of your Masters Bowling Shirt. The buttons of the Masters Shirt must be fastened.
3. Stars awarded for winning a tournament should be worn. Once five or ten stars have been accumulated, they should be exchanged for stars that have a "5" or "10" on them, denoting that five or ten tournaments have been won. These stars should replace the single stars.
4. The only crests permitted on the Masters Shirts are the MBA of BC crest, MBA Instructors Crest, MBA Coaching Crest or Sponsor Crest that has been approved by the MBABC Board of Director
5. The only lapel pins that may be attached to your Masters Shirt are:
  1. Membership Year Pin – Left Side
  2. Provincial Participation Pin – Right Side
  3. Other Pins – National Participation Pin & Year Bars – Front
6. All other Provincial and National Pins may be worn on your MBA sweater, jacket and/or MBA black blazer with the Master Bowler of The Year Crest.

## **DRESS CODE – Qualifying Tournaments and Provincial Finals**

1. Participating bowlers can wear any of the following for qualifying tournaments and provincials.
  - (a) A Masters Shirt with black dress pants, dress shorts or capris for men or black dress pants, skirts, skorts, capris or dress shorts for women
  - (b) A golf shirt ( MBA of BC approved only ) and black dress pants, dress shorts or capris for men
  - (c) A golf shirt ( MBA of BC approved only )and black dress pants, skirts, skorts, capris or dress shorts for women
2. The MBA of BC has approved one golf shirt for qualifying tournaments, provincial finals and National competition. These shirts must be ordered through the uniform co-ordinator.

## **DRESS CODE – National Championships**

1. The Masters shirt must be worn at the opening and closing ceremonies at the MBA of Canada National Championships
2. For championship play only , each player ( Teaching Ladies & Men, Seniors, Tournament Ladies & Men ) have the option to compete in the following uniforms:
  - (a) A masters shirt with black dress pants, dress shorts or capris for men or black dress pants, skirt, skorts or capris for women
  - (b) A golf shirt ( MBA of BC approved only) and black dress pants, dress shorts or capris for men
  - (c) A golf shirt ( MBA of BC approved only ) and black dress pants, dress shorts, skorts or capris for women
  - (d) All socks worn must be of uniform style and be either black or white in colour
3. Each team must be dressed in uniform shirts each day. Men will wear dress pants, dress shorts or capris only and women will wear dress pants, dress shorts, skorts or capris, of the same colour (black). For example - one woman could wear shorts: another could wear a skirt while the rest could wear dress pants of the same colour

## **TOURNAMENT RULES ALL DIVISIONS**

1. All Canadian Five Pin Bowling Association rules are in effect with the exception of #9 as outlined.
2. All entry fees cheques may be postdated to the date of the tournament. No refund of entry fees will be made except at the discretion of the Tournament Director for extenuating circumstances.
3. Entry fees do not include lineage costs or prize money, with the exception of the Tournament Division. Tournament prize fund is optional.
4. It is the bowler's responsibility to contact the Tournament Director prior to the start of the Tournament if they are unable to attend or need to withdraw for medical or personal reasons. Acceptable means of advisement to Tournament Director are direct verbal, phone notification or by written email. Refunding of monies paid prior will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director and the Executive
5. Bowlers are responsible for the accuracy of their own scores. No changes will be made after the score sheets have left the score tables, with the exception of an obvious addition error. Score sheets must be signed by each bowler before leaving the score table, except for bowling centres which have automatic scoring and therefore signatures will not be required.
6. All Tournaments will be a minimum of eight (8) games. If the 8 games cannot be completed due to emergency situation or evacuation a decision on the completion of the tournament will be made by the Tournament Director after consultation with the Executive, bowlers and respective Proprietors.
7. In the event of a tie in the standings at the Provincial Championships, a one (1) game roll-off will be held between the participants involved in the tie to determine First place overall or Final Team positions and alternates.
8. All National Team Coaches must be have Nationally applicable coaching certification
9. If an epaulet, star or crest falls from the uniform and crosses the foul line during any Provincial Tournament, it shall not be considered a foul.
10. National Tournaments are governed by the Master Bowlers Association of Canada and may be ruled differently from #9 above.
11. The selection of coaches at the provincial Final will be decided by a vote of team members. If a qualified coach wishes to let their name stand the tournament director must be notified prior to the last game on the final day of bowling. The coach must be on the list supplied to the teams

## **TOURNAMENT DIVISION RULES**

1. Members of the Tournament Division should maintain a minimum current league average (minimum of 36 games) as follows: For Men - 230, and Ladies - 215.
2. Any bowler who has maintained the above qualifying averages in league or MBA of BC tournament play for five (5) consecutive years and has been a member in good standing of the MBA of BC, will be exempt from the qualifying averages. Any other exemptions will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
3. There will be six (6) qualifying tournaments, each consisting of eight (8) games. The best four (4) tournaments, based on total scratch pinfall, will determine the BC contingent for both men and ladies. The top qualifier for both men and ladies will represent BC as the singles representative and the next five (5) qualifiers will comprise the teams that will represent British Columbia at the National Championships.
4. The ring winner for both men and ladies will be determined by using total scratch pinfall for all six (6) Provincial tournaments.
5. In the event of a tie, all tied bowlers will compete in a one (1) game roll-off with the highest scratch pinfall determining final positions.

## SENIOR DIVISION RULES

1. Members must be fifty (50) years of age by April 1 of the current bowling year.
2. Members competing in this division will play a minimum of three (3) of the five (5) scheduled tournaments in their Zone to qualify for the Provincial Championships. Seniors may bowl their qualifying tournaments with the Teaching Division or Tournament Division but at least three (3) of the five (5) tournaments must be bowled with the Senior division. If a Senior member is bowling in the Tournament Division as well as the Senior division, he/she must bowl the 3 Senior tournaments by December 31. These tournaments are pins over average. All scores must be counted in the order they are bowled, i.e. first tournament Senior Division, second and third tournaments Tournament Division, the latter two scores would then be used as the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Seniors Division tournament scores.
3. Members of the Senior Division may also bowl in the Teaching and/or Tournament Division tournaments providing all entry fees are paid and that they meet the requirements for each specific division.
4. To qualify for the Provincial Championships the best three (3) tournaments will be used. The top 50% provincially or anyone who is exactly zero or pins over average will advance. If the situation arises that no bowler achieves the zero or pins over status the Provincial Championships format will be decided by the Tournament Director and the Executive. A person of the opposite gender must be a member of the provincial team.
5. For the Zone Tournaments, the average used for determining pins over average will be the average of the previous forty (40) games bowled in tournament qualifying play. The 40 tournament qualifying games will include the 16 games bowled in the provincial tournament if applicable. If 40 games have not been bowled, the average of the games available for each participant will be used.

For any new bowler who has not played in the MBA of BC Seniors Division previously the average will be the highest league average of the previous year's league play. This average will be counted as representing 40 games. Once a Master plays in an MB of BC tournament of eight (8) games the average will be calculated using the following formula. The pinfall of eight (8) games from tournament play plus 32 games at last season's average divided by 40. As the Master continues to bowl their average will be calculated by increasing tournament pinfall games and decreasing the previous season average games until 40 tournament games have been played.

Any bowler who does not have a league average within the last three years and who did not bowl in the Masters in the last three years MUST establish an average of twenty (20) or more games to bowl in the Seniors Division. The Seniors Division is a Pins Over Average division so each bowler must have an established average or spared a minimum of 20 games in one league to be eligible.

A bowler in the Senior Division must have 20 games in one league in the current bowling year before the cut-off date for Provincials to qualify to participate in the Provincials.

If a Senior member is rejoining the division after a lapse of more than three (3) years he/she will have to re-establish an average in the same manner as a new bowler

6. Stars will be awarded to the top bowler (pins over average) provincially for each of the five (5) qualifying Zone tournaments.

**AVERAGE CALCULATION FOR PROVINCIALS.** All league pinfall including pinfall from sparing along with Masters top 3 qualifying tournaments pinfall (plus/minus) and your previous years Provincial pinfall will be added together. Total number of games bowled in league and sparing, the 24 games from the Masters top three tournaments and the 16 games from the previous year's Provincials will be added together. The total pinfall will then be divided by total number of games bowled to arrive at the tournament average. The 16 game Provincial pinfall will only be included if the bowler qualified for the previous year's Provincials.

Failure to provide the information for the above by the deadline date may result in you forfeiting your spot at the Provincial Championships.

7. The Provincial Championships will be held over two (2) days and will consist of sixteen (16) games of competition. The Championship uses a match play format with both scratch and pins over average scoring. Each game bowled will count for both a pins over average match and a scratch match. Points will be awarded as follows for each match: one (1) point for a win, half (1/2) a point for a tie and zero (0) for a loss. Match play standings will be maintained for both the scratch and match play competitions.

An even amount of players will qualify for the provincial championships. In the case that an uneven amount of players qualify the highest qualifying person ( male or female ) with the least minus total will qualify for the provincials. There must be at least one opposite gender person in the Provincial Championship

8. In the event of a tie for the pins over average positions, all tied bowlers will compete in a one (1) game roll-off with the highest pins over average determining the final positions. In the event of a tie for the scratch positions, all tied bowlers will compete in a one (1) game roll-off with the highest scratch pinfall determining the final positions. If a bowler, in order to qualify for a position on the team, is required to bowl a tie-breaker in both the pins over and scratch side, this bowler will bowl a one (1) game roll-off with the other bowlers and that score will be used to determine his/her standing for both pins over and scratch side.
9. If a bowler withdraws from the provincial championships for medical or emergency reasons prior to the completion of his 16 games the total amount of wins, losses or ties remains with the bowler for all games completed. For the remainder of the games to be completed any opponents the player was scheduled to play would play against a no opponent bye system and organized by the tournament director
10. At the conclusion of the Provincial Championships the top three (3) individuals who have achieved the best match play (Win/Loss) record in the pins over average standings and the top two (2) individuals who have achieved the best match play (Win/Loss) record in the scratch standings will represent British Columbia at the National Championships.
11. If a person qualifies for both pins over average and scratch positions they take the pins over average position first.
12. The rules at the National Championships require that a senior team consist of at least one bowler of each gender. Should the senior team as decided above not consist of at



least one bowler of each gender the required bowler with the highest non qualifying pins over average record will assume the 3<sup>rd</sup> position. If the gender requirement has already been met after the initial 16 games and tie breakers this will not be required.

13. The Tournament Stars will be awarded to the individual with the best match play pins over average (Win/Loss) record at the Provincial Championships.
14. The Provincial Championship Ring will be awarded to the individual who has the best Win/Loss record in the pins over average standings over sixteen (16) games and have competed in all five (5) qualifying Zone Tournaments during the current bowling year. In the event there is a tie for first (1st) place, there will be a one (1) game roll-off with the highest pins over average determining the winner of the ring.
15. Averages for the National Championships will be calculated in keeping consistent with other provinces
16. All league pinfall including pinfall from sparing along with all Masters qualifying tournaments pinfall (plus/minus) will be added together. Total number of games bowled in league and sparing along with the number of games from the Masters qualifying tournaments will be added together. The total pinfall will then be divided by total number of games bowled to arrive at the tournament average.
17. Failure to provide the information for the above by the deadline date may result in you forfeiting your spot at the National Championships.

## TEACHING DIVISION RULES

1. Members competing in this division will play a minimum of three (3) of the five (5) scheduled tournaments in their Zone to be eligible to qualify for the Provincial Championships. These Tournaments are a Pins Over Average format. The average used for qualifying for the Zone Tournaments (Pins Over Average) will be the average of the previous eighty (80) games bowled in MBA of BC singles tournament and Provincial play. For NEW Bowler who has not played in the MBA of BC Teaching Division previously. The average will be the highest league average of the previous year's league play. This average will be counted as representing 80 games. Once a master plays in an MBA of BC tournament of eight games the average will be calculated as follows... Pinfall of eight games plus 72 games at last season's average... As the master continues to bowl average will be calculated by increasing tournament pinfall games and decreasing previous season average games until 80 tournament games have been played. If a bowler is rejoining the division after a lapse of more than three (3) years he/she will have to re-establish an average in the same manner as a new bowler

1a – Any new bowler who does not have a league average within the last three years (3) and who did not bowl in the masters in the last three (3) MUST establish an average of twenty (20) or more games in order to bowl in the teaching division. This is because you must have an established average to bowl in the Teaching division since it's a pins over average division

2. Stars will be awarded to the Man and Lady with the most Pins Over Average, provincially, for each of the five (5) qualifying tournaments.
3. To qualify for the Provincial Championships the best three (3) tournaments will be used. The top 50% provincially or anyone who is exactly zero or pins over average will advance. If no bowler achieves the zero or pins over status the Provincial Championship format will be decided by the Tournament Director and the Board of Directors
4. To make the draw even in the Men's and Ladies side for the Provincial championships, the least "minus" will fill the last spot on the draw up to 30 days before the provincials. If the individual with the "least" minus is not able to attend the provincials the individual with the second "least" minus would be asked and so on.
5. It is the responsibility of the Tournament Director to ensure that the qualified competitors are 'Actively Involved' in the betterment of five pin bowling before entering the Provincial Championships.
6. All participants in the Provincial Championships in the Teaching Division must have completed the C.S.I. Course offered by the Master Bowlers Association of British Columbia
7. AVERAGE CALCULATION FOR PROVINCIALS

All league pinfall including pinfall from sparing along with Masters top 3 qualifying tournaments pinfall (plus/minus) and if applicable previous years Provincial pinfall will be added together. Total number of games bowled in league and sparing along with the 24 games from the Masters top three tournaments and if applicable provincial pinfall will be added together. The total pinfall will then be divided by total number of games bowled to arrive at the tournament average.

8. The Provincial Championships are Match Play - Pins Over Average (Win/Loss record) tournament over two (2) days, consisting of sixteen (16) games of competition. In the event of an odd number of bowlers qualify for the Provincials please see Rule 4 above.
9. In the rare event a No-Bye System has to be utilized the bowler would bowl an opponent of the same gender closest to the players lane draw. The opponent gets no win points under this format
10. At the conclusion of the Provincial Championships the top five (5) Men and top five (5) Ladies with the best Match Play (Win/Loss) record will comprise the teams that will represent British Columbia at the National Championships.
11. Stars will be awarded to the top qualifying Man and Lady who has the best Match Play (Win/Loss) record over sixteen (16) games at the Provincial Championships. These individuals will be the Single representative; as well as a member of their respective teams at the National Championships.
12. The Provincial Championship Ring will be awarded to the individual who has the best Match Play (Win/Loss) record over sixteen (16) games at the Provincial Championships and has competed in all five (5) qualifying tournaments.
13. Averages for the National Championships will be calculated in keeping consistent with other provinces
14. All league pinfall including pinfall from sparing along with all Masters qualifying tournaments pinfall (plus/minus) will be added together. Total number of games bowled in league and sparing along with the number of games from the Masters qualifying tournaments will be added together. The total pinfall will then be divided by total number of games bowled to arrive at the tournament average. Failure to provide the information by the deadline date may result in forfeiting your spot at the National Championships
15. In the event of a tiebreaker, a one (1) game roll-off between those bowlers tied will be played. The highest 'Pins Over Average' will determine final positions.
16. Individuals (Teaching Division Only) may not coach at the Master National Championships for more than two (2) consecutive years All National Coaches must have nationally applicable coaching certification.
17. Any Masters Coach with nationally applicable coaching certification may coach Teaching Division teams going to the Nationals. The applicable coach must be registered and in good standing.