

Major League 5 Pin - 2005 Season

GENERAL RULES

1. Open to all Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association members.
2. Teams will be accepted, up to the entry deadline of September 17, 2005.
3. a) Teams shall consist of at least three (3) bowlers. A bowler may only compete for one (1) team per season. In all games, bowl three (3) and count three (3). At all times, bowling is scratch pin fall. Substitutions may be made between games, but not during. Teams may include a coach. A team captain must be appointed.
 - b) At all times, the combined entry average of the three (3) players bowling may not exceed **715**.
 - c) Entry average shall be determined by taking the individuals highest league average from the most recent season of bowling, including ML5, with a minimum of 21 games bowled.
 - d) Bowlers without an established average from the past 4 years shall use 250 as their entry average.
 - e) All bowlers and coaches must fill out a personal statistics sheet before beginning the season.
4. a) *Entry fee is \$270 per team. Non-refundable.*
 - b) Weekly fees are \$60 per team for additional prize money, plus lineage. Playoff lineage is paid by ML5.
5. No pre bowling is allowed.
6. a) Personal bowling balls may be used. House balls must be used if the bowler's personal bowling balls have not been returned (no delay of game).
 - b) The use of personal bowling balls is at the bowler's own risk. The proprietor shall not be held responsible for any damage to personal bowling balls.
 - c) Personal bowling balls must meet the specifications set by the C5PBA.

Penalty:

Any scores rolled using non-regulation equipment shall be disqualified from obtaining points for said bowler's team. Should a question arise regarding the legality of a ball, the Tournament Committee has final say. Appeals and complaints regarding personal bowling balls may be made following the procedure outlined in the C5PBA Rule Book (Section A, Rules 18 & 19).

7. Any article that falls from a bowler on or over the foul line during delivery of the ball results in a FOUL. Receive permission from the opposing team captain to retrieve any such article.
8. Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association rules shall apply at all times.
9. Bowlers must conduct themselves in a manner that benefits the sport of 5 pin bowling. Alcoholic drinks may be responsibly consumed during play at licensed centres only.

Penalty:

Any scores rolled while disregarding this rule shall be disqualified from obtaining points for said bowler's team. Should a question arise with this issue, the Tournament Committee has final say. Appeals and complaints regarding alcohol consumption may be made following the procedure outlined in the C5PBA Rule Book (Section A, Rules 18 & 19).

ROUND ROBIN

10. Major League 5 Pin play will be contested at Carman 5 Pin Bowl and Recreation Lanes, with all teams bowling at one house per week of play.

11. a) *The exact number of games in regular play will be determined based on the number of teams. With 8 teams, bowling shall consist of six (6) weeks of regular season divisional play. Each of these weeks will consist of seven (7) games.*

b) One (1) week of playoffs will be held.

12. *It is strongly encouraged that each team be dressed uniformly, with shirts of the same design and colour. Bowler's name and/or sponsor may be identified, but is not a necessity. Slacks or skirts are to be worn (no denim, shorts, spandex, leggings or sweat pants of any kind).*

13. Only a bowler taking his/her regular turn in the line-up shall be allowed on the approach at a given time. All other bowlers on the team and the coach must remain off the approach to the side of or behind the score stand.

14. In each game, the team assigned by lane draw to the RIGHT-HAND lane shall be the "HOME" team and the team on the LEFT-HAND lane shall be the "AWAY" team. The "AWAY" team must submit the line-up for a game before the line-up for the "HOME" team is submitted.

15. A match play format shall be used to determine the winners. Each bowler who beats his/her opponent shall receive one (1) point. Two (2) points shall be awarded to the team that has a higher pin fall for the game, making a maximum total of five points for the game.

EXAMPLE:

| TEAM "A" | | TEAM "B" | |
|----------|------------|----------|------------|
| LINN | 340 | CHAMBERS | 281 |
| OSMOND | 219 | GIGGEY | 258 |
| HOFFMAN | <u>305</u> | MCMULLAN | <u>262</u> |
| | 864 | | 801 |

RESULTS: Team A : 2 plus 2 for total = 4 points

Team B : 1 plus 0 for total = 1 point

16. In the event of a tie between teams or individuals in any game during match play, all available points shall be divided equally between the tied teams or individuals.

17. *In the event of a tie(s) in total points for any playoff positions after completion of regular season play, the tie(s) shall be broken with one (1) additional game bowled between said teams. If more than one team is tied in total points for any playoff position, a round robin will be held, with total points from the round robin breaking the tie.*

18. There shall be a five (5)-minute warm-up preceding each week's bowling.

19. Any team that does not have a full complement of bowlers shall bowl only with the bowlers on hand. Late bowlers shall start to bowl and count only from the time of arrival. *Exceptions due to inclement weather may be made at the discretion of the tournament committee.*

PLAYOFFS

21. The top four teams shall qualify for the playoffs, based on regular season points. To participate in the playoffs, players must have bowled a minimum of ten (10) games during the regular season.

22. The playoffs shall use a page playoff format. All matches will be decided by two (2) game match play points totals, as described in Rule 15 above. Ties of 5-5 will be broken based on total pinfall for the two game match, with the higher total being named the winner.

23. Season points total will determine the home team for all playoff matches.

24. The top teams will play each other, with the remaining two teams playing each other. The winner of the 1-2 match will advance directly to the final, with the loser advancing to a match against the winner of the 3-4 match. The winner of this semi-final match will advance to the final.

25. a) *Prize money shall be awarded as follows (based on 8 teams):*

\$ 2.00 will be awarded to each team per point won during round robin play (\$1680.00)

1st Place in Playoffs – \$1680.00

2nd Place in Playoffs – \$840.00

3rd Place in Playoffs – \$504.00

4th Place in Playoffs – \$336.00

ADMINISTRATION

26. Major League Five Pin Tournament Directors are Trevor Rae and Ken Wilson.

27. a). The tournament committee shall consist of each team captain, and each tournament committee member shall receive one (1) vote. The tournament committee will decide upon all disputes, complaints or protests relating to any claim, controversy or violation in the tournament involving any C5PBA or tournament rule.

b). The Tournament Committee shall have the authority to hear, and the power to decide proper appeals from the decision of the tournament directors or any tournament official.

c). In the event of a tie in votes, the Tournament Directors will make the final decision.

28. Appeals may be made through the C5PBA where C5PBA rules allow.

29. These rules are subject to change before the beginning of regular season play.