

BOWLING PROPRIETOR'S ASSOCIATION OF SASKATCHEWAN

The Bowling Proprietor's Association of Saskatchewan is a non-profit trade organization formed by fifty-one of the sixty-eight bowling centers in the province. All members in good standing of the B.P.A.S. are also members of the B.P.A.C. or the Bowling Proprietors Association of Canada. There are many facets to the organization but the three most obvious are the administration of the **Y.B.C.** (Youth Bowling Canada), the **Club 55** program and a variety of **Adult Bowling Competitions** including the National Classified Bowling Championships, the Saskatchewan Team Challenge, the Provincial Doubles, the 10 Pin World Cup, the CBC provincial event and the TSN Provincial Event. These programs and tournaments are run through the local bowling center. Call your local center for more information.

Youth Bowling Canada is a program designed for youth bowlers. It runs both 5 pin and 10 pin programs with different age divisions in both:

<u>Division</u>	<u>5 Pin</u>	<u>10 Pin</u>
Bantam	not 11 years	not 13 years
Junior	not 14 years	not 15 years
Intermediate		not 18 years
Senior	not 19 years	not 21 years

There is also an introductory level division for the under 6 year olds who only bowl two games using two hands. These minis are currently called the Bowlasaurus division.

The YBC program is National in scope and it provides the children with a set of awards and rewards based on their personal skill levels and opportunities to compete in an organized setting complete with instruction and coaching.

In addition to regular league play, YBC bowlers may compete in a variety of tournaments both in their own centers, and throughout the province. The most prestigious event, the **Four Steps to Stardom**, sends Saskatchewan Champions to compete in a National Championship. The Master Bowlers' Association and other 5 and 10 Pin Association members volunteer as instructors, coaches and supervisors. This is a large part of the youth program.

The **Club 55+** (formerly the Golden Age Program) was designed to encourage our senior age bowlers to participate in the sport of bowling. This provides them with a regular lifetime activity and the opportunity to meet new friends. In addition to the moderate exercise and social aspects, an awards program and a series of tournaments are available for everyone regardless of their skill level.