

MASTER BOWLERS ASSOCIATION OF SASKATCHEWAN

TOURNAMENT MANUAL (Amended March, 2009)

A. TOURNAMENTS

- a) Tournament dates and sites shall be determined by the Executive.
- b) It is the responsibility of each Master bowler to make the tournament entry deadline. The deadline date for mail-in entries will be 2 weeks prior to the tournament weekend. Late tournament entries will be subject to a \$20 late fee.
- c) Start times for tournaments shall be determined by the Tournament Director. Tournaments will start on time and late arrivals shall be penalized by the loss of the frame(s) already bowled up to the time they are ready to bowl.
- d) During the tournaments, the bowlers position in the lane line-up shall be rotated for each game.

B. NATIONAL TEAM FORMAT

1. TOURNAMENT DIVISION SINGLES

- a) Four 8 game blocks are to be bowled using a total pinfall format. These four 8 game blocks shall be four separate tournaments during the bowling season. The final two 8 game blocks will be held the weekend of the Annual General Meeting.
- b) Using the total pinfall of all four 8 game blocks, the top man and woman will qualify as the Singles representatives at the National Championships. In the event of a tie, there will be a one game roll-off to determine who the Singles representative will be.
- c) The Singles representative cannot forfeit their Singles position for a position on the team. If a Singles representative declines the Singles position, they will be disqualified and the next qualifying positions will move up accordingly.
- d) If a Singles representative is unable to attend the National Championships, the position will be filled with the person who holds the next highest total pinfall of all four 8 game blocks. If the position cannot be filled from the remaining members of the Tournament Division, the position will be forfeited.

e) The final tournament shall have the bowlers seeded according to their standing after three 8 game blocks.

f) Every Singles representative In the Stepladder at the National Championships must bowl all ten frames of each game. If a Singles representative does not bowl each complete game in the Stepladder, they will be suspended for one year by the Master Bowlers Association of Canada and the Master Bowlers Association of their province.

2. TOURNAMENT DIVISION TEAMS

a) Four 8 game blocks are to be bowled using a total pinfall format. These four 8 game blocks shall be four separate tournaments during the bowling season. The final two 8 game blocks will be held the weekend of the Annual General Meeting.

b) Using the total pinfall of the best three of the four 8 game blocks, the top 5 men and the top five 5 women qualify as the Tournament Mens and Ladies team representatives at the National Championships. In the event of a tie for the 5th position, the position will be awarded to the bowler with the highest total pinfall of all four 8 game blocks. If there is still a tie, a one game roll-off will be used to determine the winner of the 5th position.

c) The final tournament shall have the bowlers seeded according to their standing after three 8 game blocks.

d) If a member of the Tournament Ladies or Mens Team is unable to attend the National Championships, the team members will move up accordingly and the following criteria, in this order, will be used to fill any vacant positions:

- i) the next highest man/woman in the Tournament Division who has bowled three 8 game blocks;
- ii) in the event of a tie in i) above, look to their four 8 game blocks;
- iii) if there are no men/women in the Tournament Division meeting the criteria in i) or ii) above, the position will be awarded to the man/woman with the next highest scratch pinfall in the Teaching Division who has bowled three 8 game blocks;
- iv) if there are no men/women in the Teaching Division meeting the criteria in i), ii) or iii) above, the position will be awarded to the man/woman with the next highest scratch pinfall in the Senior Division who has bowled three 8 game blocks;

- v) If the vacant position/positions cannot be filled pursuant to the above criteria, the team will be forfeited.

3. TEACHING DIVISION TEAMS

a) Four 8 game blocks are to be bowled using a pins-over-average format (POA). These four 8 game blocks shall be four separate tournaments during the bowling season. The final two 8 game blocks will be held the weekend of the Annual General Meeting.

b) The final tournament shall have the bowlers seeded, if possible, according to their standing after three 8 game blocks.

c) Counting the best three 8 game blocks, the top 5 men and the top 5 women with the highest POA will advance to form the Provincial teams for the Teaching Ladies and the Teaching Mens Divisions at the National Championships. In the event of a tie for the 5th position, the person with the highest POA for all four 8 game blocks will be the winner of the 5th position. If there is still a tie, a one game POA roll-off will be used to determine the winner of the 5th position.

d) If a member of the Teaching Ladies or Mens Team is unable to attend the National Championships, the team members will move up accordingly and the following criteria, in this order, will be used to fill any vacant positions:

- i) the next highest man/woman POA in the Teaching Division who has bowled three 8 game blocks;
- ii) in the event of a tie in i) above, look to their POA for four 8 game blocks;
- iii) if there are no men/women in the Teaching Division meeting the criteria in i) or ii) above, the position will be awarded to the man/woman with the next highest POA in the Senior Division who has bowled three 8 game blocks;
- iv) if there are no men/women in the Senior Division meeting the criteria in i), ii) or iii) above, the position will be awarded to the man/woman with the next highest scratch pinfall in the Tournament Division who has bowled three 8 game blocks;
- v) If the vacant position/positions cannot be filled pursuant to the above criteria, the team will be forfeited.

e) The Teaching Division averages will be determined by using the last 32 games bowled within a five year period. If a bowler has not participated for five consecutive years, they will then be considered a new bowler/first time participant and the following procedure will be used to calculate their average:

New bowlers/first time participants averages for the first 8 games bowled will be determined by using a composite average of all games bowled in a league, including leagues in which a bowler has subbed (subs must have played at least 12 games before average can be used). The league average cut-off date for the first 8 game block will be the end of the previous year bowling season.

New bowlers/first time participants averages for the second 8 game block will be determined by using 50% of their league average from the first 8 game block and 50% of their tournament average from their first 8 game block.

New bowlers/first time participants averages for the third 8 game block will be determined by using their tournament pinfall from the first two 8 game blocks divided by 16.

New bowlers/first time participants averages for the fourth 8 game block will be determined by using their tournament pinfall from the first three 8 game blocks divided by 24.

Thereafter, the bowler's average will be calculated by using only the last 32 games bowled and thereby dropping any previous 8 game blocks.

f) A non-league bowler's average for the first 8 game block shall be 180 for women and 200 for men. That bowler must prove good cause for not having a league average.

g) A bowler's tournament average for four 8 game blocks, not including the first four 8 game blocks bowled, may not drop more than 10 between one 8 game block and the next in any given bowling year. If so, the average is to be adjusted accordingly.

4. SENIOR DIVISION TEAMS

a) To qualify for the Senior Division, the bowler must be 50 years of age or over.

b) Four 8 game blocks are to be bowled using a POA format. These four blocks shall be four separate tournaments during the bowling season. The final two 8 game blocks will be held the weekend of the Annual General Meeting.

c) The final tournament shall have the bowlers seeded according to their standing after three 8 game blocks.

d) Counting the best three 8 game blocks, the top two males and the top two females with the highest POA plus the next highest male or female in the POA category will advance to form the Senior Division team at the National Championships. In the event of a tie for the 5th POA position, the person with the highest POA for all four 8 game blocks will be the winner of the 5th position. If there is still a tie, a one game POA roll-off will be used to determine the winner of the 5th position.

e) If a member of the Senior Team is unable to attend the National Championships, the team members will move up accordingly and the following criteria, in this order, will be used to fill any vacant positions:

- i) the man/woman with the next highest POA in the Senior Division who has bowled three 8 game blocks and is 50 years of age or over;
- ii) In the event of a tie in i) above, look to their POA for four 8 game blocks;
- iii) if there are no men/women in the Senior Division meeting the criteria in i) or ii) above, the position will be awarded to the man/woman with the next highest POA in the Teaching Division who has bowled three 8 game blocks and is 50 years of age or over;
- iv) if there are no men/women in the Teaching Division meeting the criteria in i), ii) or iii) above, the position will be awarded to the man/woman with the next highest scratch pinfall in the Tournament Division who has bowled three 8 game blocks and is 50 years of age or over;
- v) If the vacant position/positions cannot be filled pursuant to the above criteria, the team will be forfeited.

f) The Senior Division averages will be determined by using the last 32 games bowled within a five year period. If a bowler has not participated for five consecutive years, they will then be considered a new bowler/first time participant and the following procedure will be used to calculate their average:

New bowlers/first time participants averages for the first 8 games bowled will be determined by using a composite average of all games bowled in a league, including leagues in which a bowler has subbed (subs must have played at least 12 games before average can be used). The league average cut-off date for the first 8 game block will be the end of the previous year bowling season.

New bowlers/first time participants averages for the second 8 game block will be determined by using 50% of their league average from the first 8 game block and 50% of their tournament average from their first 8 game block.

New bowlers/first time participants averages for the third 8 game block will be determined by using their tournament pinfall from the first two 8 game blocks divided by 16.

New bowlers/first time participants averages for the fourth 8 game block will be determined by using their tournament pinfall from the first three 8 game blocks divided by 24.

Thereafter, the bowler's average will be calculated by using only the last 32 games bowled and thereby dropping any previous 8 game blocks.

g) A non-league bowler's average for the first tournament shall be determined as 180 for women and 200 for men. That bowler must prove good cause for not having a league average.

h) The difference in a bowlers tournament average for four blocks, not including the first four blocks bowled, may not be greater than a 10 pin drop between one tournament and the next in any given bowling year. If so, the average is to be adjusted accordingly.

C. MASTER/YBC TOURNAMENTS

a) A Master/Bantam, Master/Junior and Master/Senior event will be held yearly with the time/date set up by the zone/house. These events will be held on a zone/house basis. If a house has five (5) entries, they can run their own event, otherwise, they must compete with another house. Each house that has five (5) entries in any one of the events may send their winning team for that event to the Provincial final. Any house not having five (5) entries may pay a fee of \$25.00 and advance a team to the Provincial final.

b) The Master/YBC events shall consist of a Master Bowler bowling three games with a Bantam/Junior/Senior boy and a Bantam/Junior/Senior girl. The Master has the option of covering all costs or only those pertaining to their own bowling fee. Winners are declared on a pins-over-average basis. Masters not in uniform are to be disqualified before bowling starts. All YBC bowlers receive a crest for participation and the Zone winners receive 1st place medals.

c) The Master/YBC Provincial shall be held in Saskatoon and Regina in February of each year. The winners of the Provincial events will receive medals according to an Executive decision as to number, kind, etc. The Bantams will play 4 games. The Juniors and Seniors will play 5 games.

d) Deadline date for the completion of all Master/YBC events is the end of January.

e) All participants of Master/YBC events will use their City/town combined league averages in the tournament.

f) YBC members may wear what they want except for a Provincial Championship when they may not wear blue jeans.

D. RULES FOR ALL DIVISIONS

a) To qualify for a National team, a bowler must participate in one or more of the events sanctioned by the MBAS such as, but not limited to, current Master/YBC tournaments, mentorship leagues, youth tournaments, Bowling School. To gain consideration for sanction, application must be made prior to the fall Executive Meeting of each year.

b) Any bowler (regardless of his/her average) may bowl in the Teaching or Senior Division.

c) To qualify for the Tournament Division, the bowler's average shall be 200 or higher at year end.

d) No bowler may change divisions during the bowling year. The declaration on the membership renewal form governs the division that you bowl in for that year.