



## PLEASE REMEMBER....

The Club 55 National Fivepin Championships is a 4-player mixed Team event, with each team made up of any combination of men and/or women.

### FRANCHISE FEE...ENTRY DEADLINE DATE...JANUARY 31

While qualifying in this event can begin as early as January 1st, the later deadline date allows Co-ordinators to purchase teams well into the house qualifying round, which should help bowling centres determine the appropriate number of teams to purchase.

The initial franchise fee for participation in the Club 55 National Championship is \$100.00 plus GST/HST. Additional franchises may be purchased at a reduced rate of \$75 plus GST/HST, and there is no limit to the number of additional teams a centre may buy so long as the number of franchises purchased does not lead to representation by more bowlers than are registered in the program at the centre/league.

Each Franchise purchased entitles the centre to qualify and advance one mixed team comprised of 4 bowlers (either 4 men, 4 women, or any combination of men and women) to the next step of the championship. \$10.00 plus GST/HST of each franchise purchased will be rebated to the Provincial Association to assist them in staging a first class Provincial Championship.

Each Provincial Association will be invoiced \$100 per bowler advancing to the National Finals of the Club 55 National Championships. Provincial associations may, in turn, assess the advancing bowlers to recover this cost.

Entry form and assessment fees must be submitted to Bowl Canada, 250 Shields Court, Unit 10A, Markham, Ontario, L3R 9W7, by no later than midnight, January 31st. Entries can be entered online at [www.CLUB55.ca](http://www.CLUB55.ca), or can be phoned in, emailed, mailed or faxed by this deadline without penalty. On receipt of the entry form and assessment fees, sufficient Qualifying Round Scoresheets will be mailed to the respective bowling centre.

Late entries may, if approved by both the national and provincial association, be accepted up until 1 week prior to the Zone Final. Late entries, if accepted, will be charged a late fee of \$30.00 per Franchise...A total of \$130.00 + GST/HST for the first franchise purchased, and \$100.00 + GST/HST for each additional franchise purchased.

## **STEP # 1 - QUALIFYING ROUND - January 1 to February 28**

The CLUB 55 Co-ordinator, in co-operation with the management of the bowling centre, will establish a suitable time and date for the qualifying round during the time period listed above. The qualifying round must be 3, 4, 5 or 6 games at the discretion of the proprietor/Co-ordinator and can be held either during regular league play or as a separate roll off(s).

All CLUB 55 members 55 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER at the commencement of the qualifying round are eligible to compete providing they have bowled a minimum of 21 league games.

The Qualifying Round must be scored on the pins over average basis with each bowler using his/her highest average at **DECEMBER 31ST** in ALL BOWLING CENTRES, IN ALL LEAGUES, CLUB 55 OR OTHER. Example...John Doe bowls in a CLUB 55 league out of "Luxury Bowl". He has an average of 170. He also bowls in another Club 55 league at "Diamond Lanes" and averages 175. He also bowls in a non-Club 55 league at "Diamond Lanes" and averages 180. The average John Doe will be required to use for ALL qualifying rounds of the CLUB 55 National Championship is the 180 "Diamond Lanes" non-Club 55 league average, which is the highest of the 3 leagues.

Each bowler's average for the Championship, as well as the scores for the 3 to 6 game qualifying round, must be recorded on the official Qualifying Round Scoresheet supplied to each Co-ordinator by Bowl Canada.

The qualifying round must consist of 3, 4, 5 or 6 games (at the discretion of the proprietor/co-ordinator). At the conclusion of the qualifying round, the bowlers having scored the most pins over their average will have qualified to advance to the next round of competition providing franchises have been purchased. For example...if you purchased 2 Franchises, you will make up your 2 teams based on the 8 highest POA scores of your qualifying round. The first team will be comprised of the bowlers with the 4 highest qualifying scores (POA)... and the second team would be made up of the bowlers who placed 5th to 8th in the qualifying round. Remember, it's the scores that determine the team members, so your first team may be comprised of 3 women and 1 man (for example) and your next team may be comprised of all men. The scores, not the gender, determine who makes the team. Any combination goes, and each team will be uniquely fun and dynamic!

Each CLUB 55 Co-ordinator must submit the names, averages and qualifying scores of the advancing bowlers to Bowl Canada postmarked no later than March 1st. Attractive crests will be issued for the advancing bowlers. CLUB 55 Co-ordinators may at any time during the Championship be asked to verify the qualifiers' averages.

## **STEP # 2 - ZONE FINALS (OPTIONAL) - March 15 to 31**

Zone Finals in the Club 55 National Championships ARE OPTIONAL AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION. In provinces that DO conduct a Zone Final the following will apply, otherwise skip forward to the next step (PROVINCIAL FINALS).

Where applicable, bowlers who have qualified for the advancing Team(s) will bowl in the Zone Finals to be held during the period stipulated above. The exact date and location of each Zone Final will be determined by each Provincial Association.

Each Provincial Association will decide the number of games (3, 4 or 5) to be bowled in the Zone Finals. Zone Finals will be scored on the pins over average basis with each bowler using his/her highest average IN ALL LEAGUES, IN ALL BOWLING CENTRES at DECEMBER 31ST. The bowlers' averages will be totalled up to determine the team average.

The team(s) scoring the most pins over the combined team average will be declared Zone Champions and will advance to the Provincial Finals. Zone Champion crests will be issued to the bowlers on the winning team(s).

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## **STEP # 3 - PROVINCIAL FINALS - April 15 - May 15**

The exact date and location of the Provincial Finals, as well as the number of games to be bowled (3, 4 or 5) will be determined by each Provincial Association.

The Provincial Finals will be scored on the pins over average basis with each bowler using his/her UPDATED HIGHEST AVERAGE IN ALL LEAGUES, IN ALL BOWLING CENTRES at **APRIL 1st**. These averages will be totalled up to determine the team's average.

The team scoring the most pins over their combined team average will be declared CLUB 55 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS and they will advance to the National Finals. Provincial Champion crests will be awarded to the bowlers on the winning teams.

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## **STEP # 4 - NATIONAL FINALS - July 8 & 9**

Provincial Champion Teams will compete in the National Finals to be held on July 8th & 9th in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Travel days will be July 7th and 10th.

Travel and accommodation for all competitors at the National Finals will be paid by CLUB 55. The provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Northern Ontario and Southern Ontario will be represented.

The National Finals will be a round robin, match play event with each team receiving one (1) point for each game won and 1/2 point for a tie. Each team will bowl two games against each province... (5 shifts x 2 games = total of 10 games). Each match in the National Finals will be scored on the pins over average basis with each bowler using his/her highest average IN ALL

LEAGUES, IN ALL BOWLING CENTRES at **APRIL 1st** (same average as used in the Provincial Finals).

Example...in the first game, Alberta with a team average of 720, bowls against Manitoba with a team average of 670. Alberta bowls 770 which is 50 pins over average while Manitoba also bowls 770 which is 100 pins over average. Manitoba bowled the most pins over their average (100 as opposed to Alberta's 50) and therefore Manitoba receives one point for winning the match.

The winning team will be declared NATIONAL CHAMPIONS and they will be suitably rewarded for their accomplishments.

## **IMPORTANT RULES TO REMEMBER**

1. All four phases of the Club 55 National Championship, namely the league, zone, provincial and national rounds, are all scored on the pins over average basis thereby giving all bowlers, regardless of ability, an opportunity to participate and win.

In the House Qualifying Round and the Zone Finals bowlers will use their highest average IN ALL LEAGUES, IN ALL BOWLING CENTRES at **DECEMBER 31st**. For the Provincial and National Finals bowlers will use their highest UPDATED average IN ALL LEAGUES, IN ALL BOWLING CENTRES at **APRIL 1st**.

2. CLUB 55 Co-ordinators may at any time during the Championship be asked to verify the averages of the qualifiers.
3. A CLUB 55 member is entitled to qualify for the Club 55 National Championship out of each bowling centre he or she is registered at. A bowler who qualifies more than once for the Championship must, for all subsequent steps, represent the bowling centre in which he/she has the highest league average at the end of the qualifying round.
4. **Substitution**...If any league representative for any reason is unable to advance from the qualifying round to the Zone, Provincial or National Finals, a runner-up bowler of the qualifying round will become the replacement. Example...if you purchased 1 franchise, you qualified a team of 4 Club 55 members for the next level of competition. If one of the 4 team members cannot advance to the Zone Finals, then the 5th or subsequent bowler of the qualifying round will become the replacement. If you purchased 3 franchises, thereby qualifying 3 teams for a total of 12 bowlers for the Zone Finals, and if one or more of these bowlers cannot advance, the 13th place or subsequent bowler(s) of your qualifying round will replace any bowler(s) who cannot advance with the team(s). If substitution is necessary, the team average must be revised accordingly.

If substitution as outlined above cannot be made, the team can use the absent bowler's applicable average (at **DECEMBER 31st or APRIL 1st as applicable**) less 10%, as a doe score. Only one (1) doe score per team will be allowed in the event of absenteeism in the Zone, Provincial or National Finals.

## **IMPORTANT RULES TO REMEMBER (Continued)**

5. Bowlers must be 55 years of age or over at the commencement of the qualifying round in order to participate in this National Championship.
6. 3, 4, 5 or 6 Games, as determined by the proprietor/co-ordinator, will be bowled by each participant in the Qualifying Round...3, 4 or 5 games, as determined by each province, in the Zone & Provincial Finals...and 10 Games in the National Finals.

National Finals format subject to change at any time.

7. If there is a tie at the end of an event, one complete game must be rolled to decide the winner.
8. All bowlers will pay lineage fees as established in their province for the Zone and Provincial Finals.
9. The general playing rules and conduct rules of the Canadian 5-Pin Bowlers' Association will be in effect where CLUB 55 rules are not specified.