



YBC National Championships 2026 Provincials Rules

Sunday, February 22, 2026, at Burlington Bowl

4065 Harvester Road, Burlington

905-681-2727

ENTRY FEE

An entry fee of \$40.50 per bowler to cover the cost of lineage at \$6.75 per game. Payment can be made in advance by Interac e-Transfer to payments@bowlontariotenpin.ca or day of tournament (cash only).

FORMAT

Six (6) games will be bowled by all competitors. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each age division and category (Boys and Girls) based on total scratch (no handicap) pinfall. All Provincial Champions (Gold medal recipients) will advance to the National Championships being held May 4th to 6th, 2026 in Winnipeg, Manitoba with travel dates being May 3rd & 7th. In the case of a tie for first place a 1 game roll off will occur with the highest total scratch pinfall being declared the winner. If the 1 game roll off should end in a tie, they will then bowl the 9th & 10th frames continuing this until a winner is decided.

GENERAL RULES

1. Registration & Fees - It is the responsibility of each competitor to register 1/2 hour prior to the scheduled starting time. Registration will begin at 9:30 am, Practice at 10:15 am and Scoring at 10:30 am. **New this year bowlers will pay for the cost of the lineage at \$6.75 per game for a total of \$40.50 each.** All other costs will be paid for by Bowl Ontario Tenpin.

2. Substitutions or Replacements - In the event of sickness or absence affecting one of the Provincial qualifiers, the runner-up bowler of the House Finals will become the replacement. The Bowl Ontario Tenpin office must be advised if a competitor knows in advance that he/she will not be able to compete in the Provincial Finals so that move-ups can be arranged. Once a qualifier has been replaced; he/she cannot return to bowl in any subsequent step. If a bowler takes sick, is injured or is absent at any time during the Provincial Finals, only legally bowled frames will count.

3. Proof of Age – Competitors are required to bring along some documentation proving their date of birth. While the Tournament Committee may not check each competitor, they will definitely check the winners. Anyone found to be competing in the wrong division will be **AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED**.

4. Dress Rule - Competitors and coaches must be attired in a YBC identified bowling shirt*.
*A YBC identified bowling shirt shall be any garment, regardless of style, make, fabric, or colour that covers the upper portion of the body, providing one (1) of the following graphics is screened or embroidered on the shirt: The official YBC logo, the name of the Bowling Centre or Youth Bowling League. Please note that tank-tops, or other garments that do not fully cover the upper body is not permissible. Bottom portion is relaxed, no track / jogging pants, no jeans with rips, tears or holes and non-revealing shorts, skorts or skirts. It is intended that bowlers will be modest and respectful. Hats, caps, or any other headgear, unless required for medical or religious reasons will not be allowed.

5. Practice between games will not be permitted.

6. Bowling ball surface adjustments by hand are acceptable between games provided the adjustment procedure does not delay the bowler's next turn. Altering the surface of the bowling ball during a game is not allowed. (World Bowling rule 4.10). NOTE: 10-PIN BOWLING BALLS MUST MEET THE STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS AS SET FORTH BY WORLD BOWLING (IBF).

7. Bowlers are not allowed to put a substance of any kind on the bottom of their bowling shoes

8. Any unusual behavior, incident, or medical problem should be reported to a Tournament Official IMMEDIATELY.

9. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, smoking or vaping of anything or the use of any non-prescribed drugs or stimulants will not be allowed AT ANY TIME during the course of the entire tournament.

10. Competitors are responsible for the marking of correct scores. After each frame, each competitor should make sure that the automatic scorer has recorded the proper score. Competitors are responsible for the marking of correct scores. Any dispute must be resolved before play is continued, by calling the Judge of Play. Scorekeeping by spectators will not be taken into consideration. Please notify the Judge of Play immediately if any errors occur with the scorer.

11. During the competition, bowlers must be ready to take their turn without having to be called. Bowlers may not leave the playing area unless permission has been received from the Judge of Play or a Tournament Official.

12. Bowlers are expected to obey all rules of Youth Bowl Canada and adhere to the fundamentals of good sportsmanship and conduct. There is zero tolerance for foul language and gestures.

13. Violation of any rule could mean immediate disqualification and/or suspension.

14. In case of dispute, the decision of the Tournament Director and / or Committee shall be final.

15. Where Bowl Ontario Tenpin and / or Bowl Canada rules are not specified, the World Bowling (IBF) rules and regulations will be used.

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