

Things you need to know about the organizations that govern and promote the sport of bowling in Saskatchewan:

Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan

- The Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan is a registered Non-Profit Corporation in the Province of Saskatchewan.
- The Federation promotes and fosters the sport of bowling for all bowlers in Saskatchewan, regardless of age, sex, ability, or geographical location.
- The Federation is a representative body to Sask. Sport Inc./Saskatchewan Lotteries Corporation and all other agencies, but has no jurisdiction over the regular functions of its current Member Organizations.
- The Federation provides liaison between Sask. Sport and all other agencies and its current Member Organizations in Saskatchewan.
- The Federation oversees and assists its current Member Organizations.
- The Federation determines and/or approves the manner and method of distributing the income of the Federation to its current Member Organizations to benefit the sport of bowling and its development at all levels in Saskatchewan.

Bowl Sask.

- Bowl Sask. is an affiliated member of Bowl Canada.
- Bowl Sask. is a Member Organization of the Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan.
- Bowl Sask. is an association for the member bowling centres of Saskatchewan.
- Bowl Sask. provides communities with the opportunity to have a Youth Bowling Program (youth bowlers 19 and under of the current year), Club 55 (bowlers 55 years plus), and Sunshine Bowlers (Special Olympics).
- Bowl Sask. organizes league bowling for adults who may choose to be affiliated with Saskatchewan 5 Pin Bowlers Association and/or Saskatchewan 10 Pin Federation.
- Bowl Sask. hosts Local, Provincial and National tournaments. Bowl Sask. also hosts events organized by the Saskatchewan 5 Pin Bowlers' Association, Master Bowlers Association of Saskatchewan and/or Saskatchewan 10 Pin Federation.

Master Bowlers Association of Saskatchewan

- The MBAS is a registered Non-Profit Corporation in the Province of Saskatchewan.
- The MBAS is a Member Organization of the Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan.
- The MBAS is a Member Organization of the Master Bowlers Association of Canada.
- The MBAS is an affiliated member of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
- The MBAS is the teaching/coaching arm of 5 Pin bowling.
- The MBAS assists the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association in planning, implementing and conducting Coaching Clinics.
- If you wish to become a Master bowler, you need to take a Community Coach Clinic, complete the online Respect in Sport course and join the MBAS. Once you join the MBAS, your first year membership will be included in the Community Coach Clinic fee and you will receive a Masters shirt which must be worn at all tournaments and Master/YBC events.
- Once you have taken a Community Coach Clinic you will also be eligible to coach YBC, 5 Pin and proprietor events, in house and provincially. You can coach some National Events with just a Community Coach level but others you will need to further your coaching criteria.
- The MBAS currently holds 4 Provincial tournaments each year, two tournaments in November and two tournaments in March.
- The MBAS has 3 Divisions, Tournament, Teaching and Senior, depending on your level of competitiveness. The Tournament Division is a scratch play division for the higher average bowlers. The Teaching and Senior Divisions are a POA (pins over average) division for the intermediate and lower average bowlers. In order to play in the Senior Division, you must be over the age of 50.
- The MBAS sends 32 bowlers to the National Championships each year – Tournament Womens Single, Tournament Mens Single, Tournament Womens Team (5 players plus coach), Tournament Mens Team (5 players plus coach), Teaching Womens Team (5 players plus coach), Teaching Mens Team (5 players plus coach) and a Seniors Team (top 2 women, top 2 men and the next highest man or woman plus a coach).
- In order to qualify for a National Team, you must compete in 3 of the 4 Provincial tournaments. The Tournament Singles must compete in all 4 Provincial tournaments.
- In order to qualify for a National Team, you must compete in a Master/YBC event or other authorized event or pay a monetary fee.
- In order to qualify for a National Team, you must be a member in good standing financially and pay all required fees by the deadline dates.

Saskatchewan 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Inc.

- S5PBA is a registered Non-Profit Corporation in the Province of Saskatchewan.
- S5PBA is a Member Organization of the Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan.
- S5PBA is an affiliated member of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.
- S5PBA is the governing body of 5 Pin bowling in Saskatchewan.
- Membership in the S5PBA consists of local associations throughout the province.
- All bowlers wanting to participate in S5PBA tournaments and/or awards programs must have a valid membership card.
- The Province is divided into 8 zones for membership and tournaments, except for the Open which uses 5 zones.
- S5PBA hosts 5 provincial tournaments each year:
 - (1) The Open is a scratch (total pinfall) event that starts with the 5 zones holding their qualifying rounds. From here a Ladies Team (6 Ladies plus coach), a Mens Team (6 Men plus coach) and a Mixed Team (3 Ladies and 3 Men plus coach) will advance to the Provincial tournament. The winners at the Provincial tournament will represent Saskatchewan at the National Championships.
 - (2) Rising Stars is designed as a stepping stone to the Open. There is no average cap and this is a POA (pins over average) event in each of the 8 zones. Each zone will qualify two - 4 player teams to take part in the provincials. The winning team at the Provincials will advance to the Inter-Provincial Championships where they will compete in a POA tournament.
 - (3) Fun Bowl – to enter the Fun Bowl your average must be 190 and under and this is a POA (pins over average) event in each of the 8 zones. Each zone will qualify two – 4 player teams to take part in the Provincials. The winning team at the Provincials will advance to the Inter-Provincial Championships where they will be competing in a POA tournament.
 - (4) The High-Low Doubles starts in league and runs for 4 weeks. Two player teams are formed by pairing the highest average bowler in the league with the lowest average bowler in the league until all the players are matched up. Any teams that have beat or tied their total combined averages for the 4 weeks will advance to a house playoff and the winning team from EACH HOUSE will advance to the Provincial Championship.
 - (5) The Youth Challenge is a scratch (total pinfall) event for anybody that is 12 years old and not yet 19 years old as of December of the current season. All 8 zones are entitled to send a Girls, Boys and Mixed Team (all teams consist of 5 players plus a coach) to the Provincial finals. Team medals are presented at this level. The 3 Girls and 3 Boys with the highest pinfall will form the team that goes on to compete in the National Youth Challenge.
- S5PBA has awards programs for all skill levels:
 - (1) In league play there are pins awarded for games that are 100 pins over average for a single game or 150 pins over average for 3 games.

- (2) There are provincial record score awards at the end of each season for each male and female that are high in their average classification. These are also sent to the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association to see how we stand with the rest of Canada.
 - (3) The Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association also recognizes any perfect game thrown in a sanctioned league or event, and in a certified bowling centre, in our province.
- S5PBA is responsible for lane certification in our member centres
 - S5PBA is responsible for conducting Judge of Play clinics.