

BOWL SASK

Bowl Sask (formerly the Bowling Proprietor's Association of Saskatchewan or BPAS) is a non-profit trade organization made up of thirty-eight member bowling centres in the province. All members in good standing of Bowl Sask are also members of Bowl Canada (formerly the Bowling Proprietors Association of Canada or BPAC). There are many facets to this 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 National Classified Bowling Championships, the Provincial Doubles, Bowl Sask Cash Tournament, the Provincial Doubles and the 10 Pin World Cup. These programs and tournaments are run through the local bowling centre. Call your local centre 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 15 years	not 15 years
Intermediate		not 18 years
Senior	not 20 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.