

# MASTER BOWLERS ASSOCIATION OF SASKATCHEWAN

## TOURNAMENT MANUAL (Amended March, 2025)

### A. TOURNAMENTS

- a) The age for joining the MBAS and playing in the tournaments is nineteen (19) years of age prior to January 1st of the current bowling season.
- b) All MBAS members must complete the Respect in Sport online modules.
- c) In order to participate in all MBAS qualifying tournaments:
  - a) You must have a valid C5 membership card;
  - b) You must be a member of the MBAS in good standing;
  - c) Your online Membership form, online tournament entry form and e-transfer payment must be received on or before the deadline date. No membership (excluding Associate Membership) or tournament entries will be accepted after the deadline date;
  - d) You must wear a Masters shirt. The shirt can be a Saskatchewan Masters shirt or a Masters shirt from another province;
  - e) You must have completed the Respect in Sport online modules.
- d) First Time participants in the MBAS qualifying tournaments will be eligible for a 2 for 1 discount on their tournament entry fees, excluding lineage. This discount will be applied to the tournament entry fees for each qualifying tournament in the current bowling season.

To be eligible for the First Time participant discount, you will have never participated in any MBAS qualifying tournament.
- e) Tournament sites will be determined by the Tournament Director and/or the MBAS Executive Members and Officers.
- f) Tournament entry fees will only be refunded if a bowler cannot bowl in the tournaments because of a medical issue or because of an extenuating circumstance beyond the control of the bowler.

- g) Start times for tournaments will 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.
- h) During the tournaments, the bowlers' position in the lane line-up will be rotated for each game.
- i) Each tournament will consist of no more than four bowlers per lane, however, in extenuating circumstances the Tournament Director will have the discretion to put five bowlers per lane. Split shifts may be used to ensure the expedient operation of a tournament, but must be outlined as an option on the tournament entry form.
- j) The final Tournament Division tournament will have the bowlers seeded according to their standing after three 8 game blocks. The final Teaching and Senior Division tournaments will not be seeded.
- k) All lane draws will be done randomly within their respective divisions.
- l) YBC Seniors that are not eligible to be a Master will only be allowed to play in the first two MBAS qualifying tournaments in all divisions if there is space available, however, they cannot qualify for a team, cannot win any prize money or participate in the singles pots.
- m) No electronic headsets or earbuds of any kind are to be worn once the bowler is on the approach, however, medically prescribed devices such as hearing aids are acceptable.

## **B. MBAC 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 will be four separate tournaments during the bowling season.
- b) Using the total pinfall of all four 8 game blocks, the top man and woman will qualify as the Singles representatives at the MBAC 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 MBAC 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) Every Singles representative In the Stepladder at the MBAC 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 will be four separate tournaments during the bowling season.

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 Women's team representatives at the MBAC National Championships. In the event of a tie for the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> position.

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

d) If a member of the Tournament Women's or Mens Team is unable to attend the MBAC 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 or Senior Division who has bowled three 8 game blocks;
- iv) 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 will be four separate tournaments during the bowling season.

b) The final tournament will not be seeded.

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 Women and the Teaching Mens Divisions at the MBAC National Championships. In the event of a tie for the 5<sup>th</sup> position, the person with the highest POA for all four 8 game blocks will be the winner of the 5<sup>th</sup> position. If there is still a tie, a one game POA roll-off will be used to determine the winner of the 5<sup>th</sup> position.

d) If a member of the Teaching Women's or Mens Team is unable to attend the MBAC 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.

f) If a bowler has not participated in the MBAS qualifying tournaments for five consecutive years, the following procedures will be used to calculate their average for the first 8 games bowled:

a) For the first 8 games bowled the bowler will use a composite average of all games bowled in a league at the end of the previous year bowling season, including leagues in which a bowler has subbed (subs must have played at least 12 games before average can be used).

b) For the first 8 games bowled, if a bowler has not bowled in a league the previous year, and is bowling in a league in the current year, the bowler's average will be based on the composite average of the first 12 games bowled in all leagues of the current year.

c) For the first 8 games, if a bowler has not bowled in any leagues in the previous year and is not bowling in the current year, the bowler will use the average of 160 for women and 180 for men.

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.

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.

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 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.

h) For a fee of \$50, a bowler registering in the Teaching Division may have their scores count in both the Teaching and Senior Divisions for the first three tournaments, however, the bowler must be 50 years of age on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current bowling season. They must declare, in writing, which division they will bowl in for the fourth tournament prior to the start of the fourth tournament. Only the primary division chosen by the bowler is eligible to receive prize money and stars for the first three tournaments. The division chosen by the bowler for the fourth tournament will be eligible for prize money and stars.

#### **4. SENIOR DIVISION TEAMS**

a) To qualify for the Senior Division, the bowler must be 50 years of age on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current bowling season.

b) Four 8 game blocks are to be bowled using a POA format. These four blocks will be four separate tournaments during the bowling season.

c) The final tournament will not be seeded.

d) Counting the best three 8 game blocks, the top two men and the top two women with the highest POA plus the next highest man or woman in the POA category will advance to form the Senior Division team at the MBAC 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 5<sup>th</sup> position. If there is still a tie, a one game POA roll-off will be used to determine the winner of the 5<sup>th</sup> position.

e) If a member of the Senior Team is unable to attend the MBAC 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;

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 on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current bowling season;

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 on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current bowling season;

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.

g) If a bowler has not participated in the MBAS qualifying tournaments for five consecutive years, the following procedures will be used to calculate their average for the first 8 games bowled:

a) For the first 8 games bowled the bowler will use a composite average of all games bowled in a league at the end of the previous year bowling season, including leagues in which a bowler has subbed (subs must have played at least 12 games before average can be used).

b) For the first 8 games bowled, if a bowler has not bowled in a league the previous year, and is bowling in a league in the current year, the bowler's average will be based on the composite average of the first 12 games bowled in all leagues of the current year.

c) For the first 8 games, if a bowler has not bowled in any leagues in the previous year and is not bowling in the current year, the bowler will use the average of 160 for women and 180 for men.

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.

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.

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.

h) 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.

i) For a fee of \$50, a bowler registering in the Senior Division may have their scores count in both the Teaching and Senior Divisions for the first three tournaments. They must declare, in writing, which division they will bowl in for the fourth tournament prior to the start of the fourth tournament. Only the primary division chosen by the bowler is eligible to receive prize money and stars for the first three tournaments. The division chosen by the bowler for the fourth tournament will be eligible for prize money and stars.

### **C. MASTER/YBC**

a) A Master/Bantam, Master/Junior and Master/Senior event may be held yearly with the time/date set up by the zone/bowling centre. These events will be held on a zone/bowling centre basis. Each bowling centre that has five (5) entries in any one

of the events may send their winning team for that event to the Provincial final. Any bowling centre not having five (5) entries may pay a fee of \$25.00 and advance a team to the Provincial final.

b) All Master bowlers participating in the above mentioned Master/YBC events or any other Master/YBC event or tournament must have completed the Respect in Sport online modules.

b) The Master/YBC zone/bowling centre events will consist of a Master Bowler bowling three games with two Bantams, Juniors or Seniors or combination thereof. The Master has the option of covering all costs or only those pertaining to their own bowling entry fee. Winners are declared on a pins-over-average basis. Medals may be awarded to the winners at the zone level at the discretion of the MBAS.

c) The Master/YBC Provincial will be held in either Saskatoon and/or Regina or both if numbers permit, in February of each year. The winners of the Master/YBC Provincial events will receive medals and/or other awards at the discretion of the MBAS Executive Members and Officers. The Bantam Division will play 4 games. The Junior and Senior Divisions will play 5 games. The MBAS is responsible for supporting any associated costs not covered by other means.

d) Prize money may be paid at the Master/YBC Provincial or other awards may be given out at the discretion of the MBAS.

e) A per diem in the amount of \$10 per bowler will be paid in lieu of a banquet.

f) Deadline date for the completion of all Master/YBC events is December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current bowling season. The deadline date may be extended to January because of scheduling conflicts only with prior authorization from the Master/YBC Coordinator.

g) All participants of Master/YBC events will use their combined league averages.

h) The preferred dress for the YBC bowlers at the zone/bowling centre level and Master/YBC Provincial is their bowling centre shirt and black pants. The Master bowler must wear their Saskatchewan Masters shirt and black pants. Masters not in uniform are to be disqualified before bowling starts, unless prior approval has been received from the zone rep or Master/YBC Co-ordinator.

#### **D. RULES FOR ALL DIVISIONS**

a) Each year to qualify for an MBAC National team, a bowler or coach must:



i) participate in one or more of the events sanctioned by the MBAS such as, but not limited to, current Master/YBC tournaments – zones and/or Provincials, Bowling School, Learn to Bowl Clinics for Youth (20 and under), and proprietor verification of participation in youth programs, either as a coach, co-ordinator or tournament official. To gain consideration for sanction, application must be made prior to the fall Annual General Meeting of each year; or

ii) if they are not able to bowl/participate in any of the sanctioned events in i) above, pay a fee of \$25.00 to the MBAS before the first ball is thrown at the final tournament weekend.

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

c) To bowl in the Tournament Division, it is suggested that the bowler's average should be 200 or higher at year end.

d) All bowlers who make an MBAC National team are requested to attend the Awards ceremony on the final tournament weekend to pick coaches, to be sized for shirts and to receive all other MBAC National related information from the Team Manager. If you choose not to attend the Awards ceremony, the shirt will be chosen for you as close to your size as possible and you will have no right of appeal if the shirt is not to your liking. All other relevant MBAC National related information will be given only to your coach to be passed on to you. After the Awards ceremony, the Team Manager will only deal directly with the coaches with respect to any and all MBAC National related information.

e) All bowlers and coaches who make an MBAC National team are required to fully pay the minimum assessment, whether you fly, drive, stay in the host hotel or not, to the Team Manager at or before the provincial practice and turn in any other related monies/tickets/averages/information as requested by the Team Manager at or before the provincial practice. If you cannot attend the provincial practice, it is your responsibility to ensure that the Team Manager receives your assessment and any other related monies/tickets/averages/information at or before the provincial practice. If a bowler or coach fails to comply with the above, their position on the team will be forfeited without further notice or right of appeal.

f) All coaches chosen for the MBAC National Championships are required to obtain all MBAC National related information requested by the Team Manager from their respective teams prior to the provincial practice or a deadline date set by the Team Manager. Failure to comply may result in the coach being replaced without right of appeal.

g) Bowlers will be able to participate in the gender category in which they identify without any need for disclosure of information or other requirements. Bowlers who qualify for a team going to the MBAC National Championships must participate in the gender division they competed in and qualified for.

## **E. Uniforms**

a) All Master bowlers must be in uniform for all MBAS events and qualifying tournaments. The uniform will consist of:

- Saskatchewan Masters black golf shirt
- Your own Saskatchewan Masters National contingent shirt
- Men – all black bottoms, may include walking shorts, no jeans or sweats
- Women – all black bottoms, may include skirts, skorts, walking shorts or capris, no jeans or sweats

The first time it has been determined by the Tournament Director that a bowler is in violation of the dress code, the bowler will receive a written warning from the Tournament Director, to be acknowledged by the bowler and the Tournament Director. There will be a \$50 fine for each subsequent time they are in violation of the dress code. The bowler receiving a warning or fine will have until the start of the next tournament to rectify the violation. If the bowler refuses to acknowledge the warning or refuses to pay the fine, they will be considered a member not in good standing and therefore will be disqualified until the warning is acknowledged and/or the fine paid. There will be no exceptions to this rule and no right of appeal.

b) The dress code referred to above is mandatory for all bowlers and coaches participating in the MBAC National Championships.

c) No hats/head gear are to be worn without the authorization of the Tournament Director.

d) No other crests or pins other than those approved by the MBAS shall be displayed on the shirt. Tournament winners may display their star(s) on the collar or shirt sleeves.

e) For the Singles and teams going to the MBAC National Championships, the shirt color and/or design will be determined by the Executive Members.