



NORTHERN ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

2026 OPEN PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – COACH/MANAGER INSTRUCTIONS

1. Weather-Related Issues

Before cancelling any Provincial event, the start time must be postponed. If all participants have arrived by the revised start time, play will begin one hour later. The Executive and Zone Managers will coordinate any required rescheduling. Every effort must be made to ensure all participants can complete the tournament despite weather-related challenges.

Note: The official travel day is Tuesday, March 31, 2026. Participants travelling on Wednesday may experience delays due to weather. The event will **not** be postponed for late arrivals.

2. Team Responsibility

Coaches and Managers are responsible for ensuring all team members are aware of the schedule and lane draw at all times. The official Program, Lane Draws, and Schedule of Events have been provided and are also available at www.no5pba.ca.

3. Uniform Requirements

All members of the contingent must be in full uniform for the Opening Ceremonies and Banquet and during all competition.

4. Arrival Time

All participants must be at the lanes **20 minutes prior** to the scheduled start time for each shift.

5. Line-Up Forms

Team line-up forms will be distributed at the Coaches/Managers Meeting.

6. Paperwork Accuracy

If three (3) discrepancies are found in a coach's paperwork, the zone will be fined **\$25 for each additional infraction** (Motion 2024-11).

Coaches must submit team line-ups to the opposing coach as quickly as possible before each game.

7. Score Verification

At the completion of each game, coaches must verify and sign the scores for both their team and their opponents.



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8. Disputes and Communication

Only Coaches and Managers are permitted to address the Judge of Play regarding disputes or protests. Bowlers must not approach officials directly.

All disputes must be resolved immediately before play resumes

9. Opponent Interaction

Coaches and Managers must not approach members of the opposing team with complaints. All concerns must be directed to the Judge of Play.

10. Downed Pin Rulings

The Judge of Play is to be called only if both coaches cannot agree on a ruling. If the Judge did not observe the play, the decision will favour the bowler, in accordance with C5 rules. *(See graphic at end of document for picture of a down pin).*

11. Ball Order Rules

A ball thrown out of turn is considered a **dead ball**. In the 10th frame, teams must bowl alternately or “ball for ball”, with the home team choosing to bowl first or second. The dead ball rule will apply.

12. Score Changes

Scores cannot be changed once a frame and the subsequent frame (by the same bowler) have been completed, unless there is an obvious calculation error.

13. Lane Courtesy

Lane courtesy is expected but should not delay play. Excessive slow play may result in a warning.

14. Conduct and Language

The use of profanity will not be tolerated. A warning will be issued, and continued violations may result in disciplinary action, including possible suspension.



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15. Headwear

Hats are not permitted during competition unless required for medical or religious reasons.

16. Sponsorship

Sponsorship logos are permitted on uniforms in accordance with the NO5PBA Constitution.

17. Noisemakers

Noisemakers of any kind are prohibited.

18. Cell Phones and Electronics

The use of cell phones and electronic devices is prohibited on the lanes during play. If necessary, devices may be given to the Manager for monitoring and may be checked between games.

19. Damages

Any damages caused by participants or guests may result in disciplinary action, including suspension. Reimbursement will be required prior to reinstatement.

20. Official Protests

All official protests must be submitted **in writing** to the NO5 Executive within **24 hours** of the event's completion.

21. Tournament Committee

- NO5PBA Lottery Chair – Sabrina West
- CNBA – Denise Miron

All tie-breaking decisions will be made by the Head Judge of Play

22. Executive Members in Attendance

The following NO5PBA Executive members will be in attendance and competing. They may assist where possible but are not expected to do so during their competition blocks:



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- Tim Gadd – President
- Greg DeGrazia – 1st Vice President
- Marc Lafleur – 2nd Vice President
- Eric Dion – Technical Director

23. Scent-Free Policy

This tournament is strictly **scent-free**. Coaches and Managers must ensure awareness and encourage compliance due to severe allergies.

24. Opening Ceremonies

Opening Ceremonies begin at **8:30 AM on April 1st**. All participants must arrive by **8:00 AM**.

- Singles/Managers: line up near the entrance/restaurant area
- Lane Assignments:
 - CN – 5/6
 - GB – 7/8
 - SC – 9/10
 - TB – 13/14
 - GW – 15/16
 - ND – 17/18

25. Conduct Expectations

Coaches and Managers are expected to treat all volunteers and competitors with respect. Failure to follow the Universal Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action.

26. Nationals Qualification (Gold Medal Winners)

Gold medal winners advancing to the **C5PBA Nationals in St. John's** must provide:

- Rooming arrangements
- Travel requests outside of NO5's standard bookings
- Guest packages and flights

Submit as much information as possible at the winners meeting. All remaining details must be submitted by: **Sunday, April 5 at 10:00 PM**. Any changes after this deadline will be the responsibility of the individual, including all associated costs.

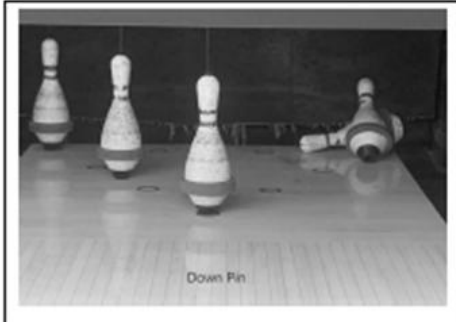


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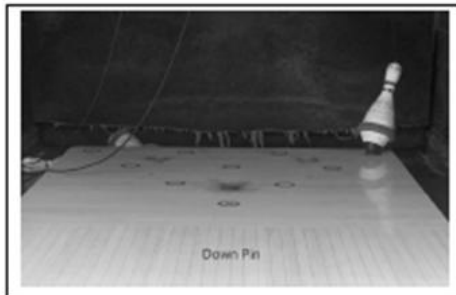
Rule 11 (g) – Down Pin Graphic



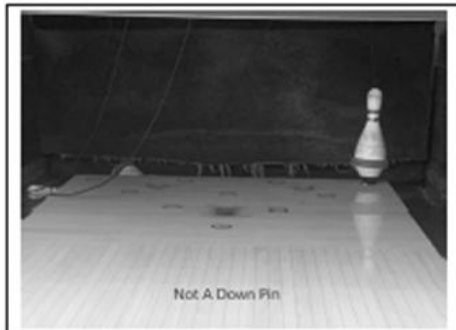
Not a Down Pin. You "pull" that pin away, you will have the pin come back on it's base. Probably the most common "call" people make on leaning pins.



Down Pin, You can clearly see it is down. If the machine gives a count of 13 as an example, it would have to be changed into a Strike.



Down Pin. This is where you can commonly see the string get snagged by the pinsetter and it not being released. If this happens, the Judge of Play, or whomever is making the call, should correct the score accordingly.



Not a Down Pin. This is common if the base is worn, or the "pin pucks" are grooved in and are concave after lots of use. It is more common on wood lanes for the pin pucks, but the base is a common occurrence for it all. With the old rule, it is technically leaning, after throwing a 13 count as an example, a pin barely bumps into the corner, it could lean a little more, and someone could call it. Much tougher with the black bases as well, when it is 60 feet out,