



*Canadian Tenpin Federation, Inc.*  
*Fédération Canadienne des Dix-Quilles, Inc.*

## **2012 Canadian National Championships**

### **Tournament Rules**

(Sanctioned by Canadian Tenpin Federation)

The Canadian National Championships will be conducted in separate divisions for men, youth male, women and youth female. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded in each division. In the event of a tie for a medal position the highest game bowled will break the tie.

#### **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

1. The Canadian National Championships is an annual tournament consisting of 30 games over 4 days, three 6 game blocks bowled on each of Day 1, 2 and 3. Twelve games will be bowled on Day 4. The lanes will be redressed between all 6 game blocks for the next squad. Day 1 and 2 are random lane draws as determined by CTF and Day 3 is based on position. All three of the WTBA primary lane conditions will be utilized, namely one long, one short and one medium. Each pattern will be used on the first 3 days of competition. Rotation for pattern selection on Days 1 to 3 will be random. On Day 4, 12 games of match play will be bowled on two of the 3 WTBA patterns. The 2 patterns will be a random selection. The men and women will bowl in separate squads. No more than 6 persons will be assigned per pair of lanes.
2. At the conclusion of Day 3 the field will be cut to the top 18 MEN and 12 WOMEN using their 18 game total pin fall. If a tie occurs for the 18th spot in men's division or 12th spot in the women's division, a 1 game roll-off will determine the bowler who advances.
3. All bowling balls must be registered & certified prior to bowling. A total of 8 balls will be allowed per competitor. Competitors are not allowed to bring non-certified equipment into the bowling centres. Any competitor who is in possession of non-certified bowling balls shall be disqualified. You may certify more than 8 balls but must select the 8 that you will be using during the competition and they must be identified on your ball registration sheet. A competitor may replace a damaged ball IF it has been determined that the damage will affect the performance of the equipment. A certified ball driller can only make this determination. The replacement ball must be certified prior to competition. The Tournament Director must be made aware of the damage as soon as possible.
4. Altering the surface of any bowling equipment by use of abrasives during any game block between games is allowed providing there is no delay in play.
5. The man in the 19<sup>th</sup> spot and the woman in the 13<sup>th</sup> spot after 18 games will be designated alternates and will be available in the event that someone in the top positions is unable to compete on the final day. If the alternate does bowl they will take over only based on their pin fall to that date and not that of the person they are replacing. All competitors shall report 15 minutes prior to the start of practice.
6. Day 4 is in match play format and must be played in TV match play format. The bowler on the left shall commence first, the bowler on the right will then play two frames, and so on.
7. A bowler number will be assigned according to the order of finish after the completion of Day 3 competition. This bowler number will be the number that is used to determine the lane draw for each bowler. (i.e. first position would be #1, second would be #2 etc.) .
8. Day #4 the men will bowl against an opponent as determined by their bowler number. The CTF schedule for an 18 team league is used to determine your opponent. The women will bowl against an opponent as determined by their bowler number and based on a 12 team league schedule. The 12<sup>th</sup> game for both men and women will be a position round. 10 points is awarded for a win, 5 for a tie and zero for a loss. The exception to this is that week 1 of both the men and women's league schedules will not be used in order to prevent the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place bowlers competing against each other in the first game of the match play round.
9. If a tie occurs for the 6<sup>th</sup> position in either division a one game roll-off will determine the winner. This roll-off will be done immediately.



## 10. TEAM CANADA SELECTION PROCESS

Team Canada will be comprised of 8 men and 8 women. The top 6 men and top 6 women at the Canadian National Championships upon completion of the 30 games will automatically qualify to Team Canada. The National Selection Committee will select 2 men and 2 women by application process to complete the teams and this selection will be announced no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. The Youth Team Canada will be comprised of the top 4 youth male plus 1 alternate and the top 4 youth female plus 1 alternate from the final standings.

### **ELIGIBILITY RULES**

11. The Canadian National Championships are open to all **CTF MEMBERS in good standing with CTF** and who are **Canadian citizens and are able to obtain a Canadian passport.**

11a Youth Team Canada Members must be 13 years of age as of January 1 the year of the year of the championships.

11b All players for the world mens, or ladies must be 15 years of age as of January of the year of the championships

## 12. **GENERAL RULES**

Where necessary to break a tie for a position, one complete game will be bowled. If a tie still exists, a further 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame shall be bowled until the tie is broken. This roll-off will happen in the same day as the tie occurs after the daily block of bowling.

13..Prize winnings need not be reported. (CTF Rule 319d.)

14. Disruptive behavior by the athletes will not be tolerated. Disruptive behavior is described as anything that is deemed inappropriate such as swearing, rude gestures, hitting machines and such. The tournament director shall have final say as to what would constitute rude behavior. Athletes will be cautioned given a warning for the first infraction and may be disqualified from the tournament if the behavior continues.

**15. Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery if the lane immediately adjacent to them on both the right and left are clear.**

**A player not observing this rule shall be warned by an authorized tournament official as follows:**

- a) **A white card for the first offence (no penalty).**
- b) **A yellow card for the second offence (no penalty).**
- c) **A red card for the third and each succeeding offence in any block of games, the penalty shall be a zero pin fall for the frame.**

**16. A dress code will be enforced for the Canadian National Championships. Men must wear dress pants. Men may not wear shorts. Women may wear dress slacks, dress shorts, skirts or skorts or capris. All shirts must have sleeves. T-shirts are not allowed. Sweat pants and track style pants are not allowed. Shirts with the athletes names are encouraged but, not mandatory.**

17. Pacers will be used at the discretion of the Tournament Manager. A pacer may be a competitor who has been eliminated from competition.

18. All entrants must register all bowling balls; they must submit their Ball Registration Form to the Competition Committee at the time of registration.

19. During the tournament, the Tournament Director will conduct a random ball check to verify that the competitor's ball registration sheet is accurate.



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20. There shall be no refreshments in the playing area. There will be no smoking in the bowling centre except in designated smoking areas. There will be no alcoholic beverages in the bowling area or spectator areas.
21. Hats shall not be worn by competitors. The use of headphones during competition IS allowed.
22. **ENTRY FEE: \$300.00 (Lineage & Expenses) This includes bus transportation.**
23. The Executive Director will submit the names and addresses of each paid entry to the National Tournament Director upon receipt. All bowlers will be listed in their proper division (adult male, youth male, adult female and youth female, senior man and senior women,(if qualification year for senior men and women).
24. Only in an emergency situation, if a competitor cannot compete in the Championships, will a refund be considered. All notices must go to CTF National Office or the Tournament Director.
25. Entries close one week prior to the start of the tournament and under no circumstances will entries be accepted after that date. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 10 days prior to the start date of the tournament and received by National Office by the deadline of one week prior to the start of the tournament. It is the athletes' responsibility to ensure the entries are received by National Office by this deadline.

**For more information and a copy of forms needed such as ball certification sheets, bio forms, selection information, schedule of events, etc., please see our website**  
[www.gotenpinbowling.ca](http://www.gotenpinbowling.ca)

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**Closing date for entries is May 11, 2012**