

THE MASTER BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION  
OF ONTARIO



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# General Information

The Master Bowlers' Association of Ontario (MBAO) is a non-profit organization which was formed in 1964 for the following reasons:

1. To provide top-level competition for the province's best 5-pin bowlers.
2. To work towards the improvement of the image of 5-pin bowling by our conduct on and off the lanes.
3. To work for the future of the 5-pin game in various other ways, including the instruction and coaching of all bowlers with special emphasis on the Youth Bowl Canada (YBC).

The MBAO has strict rules that must be adhered to, and new applicants should be sure they are aware of these rules as well as other obligations they accept by becoming Members.

## **PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY:**

- ❖ All applicants, new and old, are subject to approval by the MBAO Executive Committee and must read the preamble to the application form. The MBAO rules are no stricter than those of other sports.
- ❖ All applications for membership as an Affiliated Master Bowler must be signed by a Proprietor or Manager of a bowling centre who agrees to sign your application.
- ❖ The MBAO recognizes the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association (O5PBA) as our sport governing body who create and approve the rules of our game. Additionally, they certify bowling centres that we use for our events to ensure proper standards are met. As such, all MBAO Members should be card-carrying Members of the O5PBA. MBAO Members who do not have a current O5PBA membership will not be allowed to qualify for the National Team for Ontario, nor will they be recognized by the O5PBA if a perfect game is achieved.

# Incorporation

The Master Bowlers' Association of Ontario (MBAO) became Incorporated on February 21st, 1980.

Our goals are as follows:

1. To create and conduct uniform instruction and coaching programs for all 5-pin bowlers across Ontario.
2. To provide a competitive tournament program for its membership.
3. To set high standards of sportsmanship, ethics, and conduct for its membership.
4. To participate in a National Championship as conducted by the Master Bowlers' Association of Canada (MBAC).
5. To support the goals of all bowling associations working in the best interest of 5-pin bowling.
6. The Corporation has the power to accept donations, gifts, legacies, and bequests.

A copy of our complete By-Laws and Letters Patent is available upon request. However, every Member should be aware of the following guidelines and rules.

# Official MBAO Dress Code

The MBAO Official dress code for all MBAO Tournament events during the current season will be as follows:

**BOTTOMS - APPLICABLE FOR ALL MASTERS:** “BLACK” pants/dress shorts (for men) and “BLACK” pants/dress skirts/dress skorts/dress shorts/dress capris (for women). “BLACK” dress shorts will be permitted at all MBAO events providing they are “golf length”. Cotton pants/skirts/shorts/capris will be permitted provided they are not faded, have no rips, tears, or studs on them and have no slits up the side of them. Joggers, jeans, sweatpants, cargo pants, or bike/exercise shorts are prohibited. No pants/slacks/skirts/shorts/capris with external pockets on the sides will be accepted. Pants cannot have any sheer material.

**SHIRT - ALL MASTERS AND EVENTS:** All Master Bowlers will wear a MBAO, or an MBAC National shirt from another Province, logoed golf shirt (including long sleeve version). National souvenir shirts are not approved attire. The Master Bowlers’ Provincial Logo must always be visible on the approach.

**SHIRT – AFFILIATED MASTERS:** All Affiliated Masters *may* continue to wear and order shirts with their name and affiliated bowling centre on the sleeve. This is no longer a requirement due to changing circumstances with Bowling Centres.

**SUBLIMATION SHIRT CRITERIA:** Bradson Promotional Group Inc. (Mark Johnstone), has been selected as our exclusive supplier for sublimation shirts, located in Edmonton, Alberta. Shirt sizes available in both Men and Women sizes XS to 7XL. Tall or long shirts available upon request.

## Approval Required:

- All shirts must be approved by the MBAO Membership Committee based on the criteria we are recommending below
- Bradson Promotional Group Inc – Logo release - \$15.00 per shirt payable to the MBAO upon approval of the shirt. Once payment is received, the MBAO will send a letter of approval to Mark Johnstone, allowing our logo to be printed on the shirt.

## Criteria:

- MBAO Swoosh logo must appear on front left breast.
- Sponsor logos on the left sleeve - ONLY
- No trademarked logos or themes allowed.
- Lettering on back of shirt: Standard printing or script no smaller than two (2) inches and not larger than three (3) inches.
- Lettering on sleeve to be an appropriate size based on the shirt size being ordered as determined by Bradson Promotional Group during production of the sample.
- Sport visuals can ONLY be related to 5-Pin bowling. Pins and Balls MUST be 5 Pin (i.e., 10-Pin, Duckpin or Candlepin will NOT be permitted.)
- Generic designs acceptable provided no profanity, offensive gestures, political or country representation.

**SHIRTS FOR APPROVAL (NOT PURCHASED THROUGH OUR SUPPLIERS):**

Should a Member have a golf shirt they would like to have made into an MBAO shirt:

Approval Required:

- Shirt to be brought to an event or the office
- Approval will be required by the Membership Committee
- Logo: Upon approval a \$25.00 per shirt embroidery charge will be required. Once payment is received, the shirt will be sent to our embroiderer and returned to the Member upon completion.

Criteria:

- MBAO Swoosh logo must appear on front left breast.
- Sponsor logos on the left sleeve - ONLY
- No trademarked logos or themes allowed.
- Lettering on back of shirt: Standard printing or script no smaller than two (2) inches and not larger than three (3) inches.
- Lettering on sleeve to be an appropriate size based on the shirt size being ordered as determined by the embroiderer during stitching process.
- Sport visuals can ONLY be related to 5-Pin bowling. Pins and Balls MUST be 5 Pin (i.e., 10-Pin, Duckpin or Candlepin will NOT be permitted.
- Generic designs acceptable provided no profanity, offensive gestures, political or country representation.

**HEAD WEAR / ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** Members are not allowed to wear headphones of any kind for cellphones, iPods, or other electronic entertainment devices on the approach during any MBAO event. Medical devices such as hearing aids are allowed. Hats or other headwear, excluding those for religious or medical purposes, are not permitted to be worn.

**PERSONAL SAFETY:** Members will be permitted to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during MBAO events. In some cases, depending on public health and the host bowling centre, masks may be mandatory. Masks may not have any derogatory logos, sayings, or statements. Players are reminded that anything falling from their person during the delivery of a ball that crosses the foul line IS NOT considered a foul under Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association (C5PBA) rules.

**Any Master Bowler not in uniform while participating in an MBAO event will be issued a written warning for the first occurrence. If the Master Bowler participates in another MBAO event and is not in uniform, a \$50 fine will be issued.**

# Membership

## *Entry Requirements*

To regulate and guide the activities and conduct of Master Bowlers.

1. All applicants must provide proof of average by submitting **ALL** league average sheets from the previous bowling season with a minimum of fifty (50) games. Failure to provide proof of average will result in the average calculation being defaulted to 230 for men and 215 for women. If the applicant is a graduating YBC Senior, the average sheets for adult league(s) **AND** their YBC league(s) must **ALL** be submitted.
2. Applicants' approval may be reviewed by the MBAO Executive Committee if deemed necessary.
3. Membership is limited to individuals who are at least 19 years of age as of December 31st of the current season. If you are a first-year Master out of YBC OR in your last year of YBC, please see page 18 for further details.
4. All Members are required to wear an MBAO/MBAC-identified shirt as noted in the Official Dress Code on pages 4 and 5.
5. All new membership and renewal memberships include the purchase of one (1) Elimination Draw ticket as part of your membership dues.
6. New and renewing Members will be accepted for the current season (August 1st – July 31st). Membership dues *should* be paid by the first event bowled.

## *Fees*

1. Upon acceptance of the application form of the Master Bowler, a yearly renewal fee becomes due and payable to the Master Bowlers' Association of Ontario (MBAO) and *should* be paid by the first event bowled. This fee is for administration expenses of the MBAO and is non-returnable and non-transferable.
2. New MBAO Members pay a one-time initial membership fee to the Association. This initial fee is to cover the costs of setting up the new Member in our databases and average calculations.
3. Any Member who is in arrears for any membership fees or tournament registration fees will not receive any prize winnings or awards until their account has been paid in full.
4. Members who have their membership paid by their bowling centre must have their account paid by January 1st of the current season or they will be deemed as past due. Any winnings or awards may be withheld until their account has been paid in full.

## ***Rules***

1. In any instances where no Master Bowler's Association of Ontario (MBAO) rules apply, Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association (C5PBA) rules will apply. If both exist, MBAO rules prevail over C5PBA rules.
2. Players may concede a match in playdowns only, at the discretion of the judge of play. Any concession of a match must be initiated by the player who is losing the match. Reasons for denial may include that the opponent is on the pace for perfect game or high single. Team matches cannot be conceded.
3. Rule Infraction Penalties will remain on a Member's record for a maximum of 5 years beginning on the date the penalties are levied.
4. Any dispute between Members and/or Proprietors with the Master Bowlers' Association of Ontario will be settled by the right of appeal in writing by any or all parties.
5. Suspension or fining of a Master Bowler for conduct detrimental to the Master Bowlers' Association of Ontario or the sport of 5 Pin Bowling will be the result of a written complaint and a hearing conducted by the Master Bowlers' Association of Ontario Board of Directors. The right to appeal in writing by any or all parties is an inherent part of the by-law.
6. Offenses cannot be combined upon a Member. i.e., a Member with a conduct unbecoming offence would not be assessed a 2<sup>nd</sup> offense penalty for any other infraction such as consumption of alcohol. The 2<sup>nd</sup> offense in this case would only be applied to a second conduct unbecoming offense.
7. Rule Infraction Penalties - Tournament Play
  - a. The consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or marijuana or illicit drugs during a tournament is prohibited. Alcohol may be permitted if a brewer or distiller is sponsoring a non-youth event. Infractions will result in **IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION** from the event by the MBAO Tournament Director, Judge of Play, or Director of Operations.
  - b. A Member is not allowed to consume alcohol, marijuana, or illicit drugs until the Member's tournament is considered complete for that day. A tournament is considered complete the moment the Member has delivered their final ball of the day for that specific day's qualifying games. If a playdown component is included in the tournament, Members are not allowed to consume alcohol or other prohibited substances while waiting for lane assignments of the playdowns. If the Member qualifies for any playdowns, their event is not considered to be complete until they are eliminated from the playdown format  
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and as such, there should be no consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or marijuana or any non-prescription or illicit drugs prior to this. The exception to the consumption of alcohol while a Member's tournament is in progress is where there is a brewer or distillery sponsor, for which drinking alcohol in moderation will be permitted.

**1st Offense:**

One (1) year probation, up to a maximum suspension of three (3) tournaments including the tournament in which the act is committed.

**2nd Offense:**

Minimum suspension of three (3) tournaments. Maximum suspension is not to exceed one (1) year from the date of infraction, and loss of Nationals eligibility in which the second offense occurs.

**3rd Offense:** Permanent Suspension.

- c. Members under the obvious influence of alcohol, marijuana, and/or illicit drugs at the start of a tournament or during a tournament **WILL** face IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION from current tournament by the MBOA Tournament Director, Judge of Play, or Director of Operations.

**1st Offense:**

One (1) year probation, up to a maximum suspension of three (3) tournaments including the tournament in which the act is committed.

**2nd Offense:**

Minimum suspension of three (3) tournaments. Maximum suspension is not to exceed one (1) year from the date of infraction, and loss of Nationals eligibility in which the second offense occurs.

**3rd Offense:** Permanent Suspension.

- d. Unsportsmanlike conduct, i.e., cursing, swearing, kicking of ball rack, as well as abusing ANY equipment during any tournaments; this list includes examples but is not an exhaustive representation of unsportsmanlike conduct.

**1st Offense:**

Verbal and written warning.

**2nd Offense:**

\$50.00 fine.

**3rd Offense and any subsequent offenses:**

Disqualification from the Event.

## ***Rules Cont'd:***

- e. Derogatory or harmful comments about the MBOA, its Members or **ANY** bowling organization or bowling establishment made by a Master Bowler, including posted on any social networking website (including, but not restricted to Facebook, X “Twitter”, Instagram, LinkedIn, etc.).
  - Penalties may range from a minimum \$50.00 fine or immediate suspension depending on severity of offense and ruling by MBOA Board of Directors.
- f. Abuse or threats towards a tournament official, proprietor or other Member of the Master Bowlers’ Association any time prior, during or after a tournament event. A verbal warning will be given before any offense is levied. Any continued actions after this verbal warning constitute an offense. This rule is a two-offense only rule.

### **1st Offense:**

Minimum suspension of three (3) tournaments. Maximum suspension is not to exceed one (1) year from the date of infraction, and loss of Nationals eligibility in the year that the offense occurs.

### **2nd Offense:** Permanent Suspension.

- g. A Member that is disqualified from a tournament, or a tournament that is included in an assessed suspension, will result in a forfeiture of any prize money earned in that tournament. A tournament must be considered complete to be eligible for prize money.
8. Members must observe all rules and regulations of the MBOA / MBAC in all events.

Failure to comply with any of the above would be subject to discipline as laid out by the Association and up to the discretion of the MBOA Board of Directors.

Additionally, all Members must adhere to the Code of Conduct by showing good sportsmanship, maintaining control of language and physical gestures, and always speaking in a positive way about our game and bowling establishments.

**ALL MASTER BOWLERS** must observe ALL rules and regulations of the Master Bowlers’ Association of Ontario and failure to comply would be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in this booklet or the rules of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers’ Association’s Rule Book.

# Divisions

## *Teaching Division*

The MBAO Teaching Division is our largest division, dedicated to instructing the game of 5 Pin Bowling with youth bowlers or the Youth Bowl Canada (YBC), as well as other adults.

The Teaching Division is mainly for the player who wants to enjoy tournament play without too much pressure and will not necessarily have a high average. The Pins-Over-Average (POA) format of our events provides the opportunity for all levels of players to enjoy the competition and have a chance at winning the event. Our scratch component of the optional tournaments allows the higher average Teaching Members to put their skills to the test. Teaching Division Members are required to adhere to the MBAO Official Dress Code as outlined on pages 4 and 5 of this booklet. All Members must adhere to the Code of Conduct by showing good sportsmanship, maintaining control of language and physical gestures, and always speaking in a positive way about our game and bowling establishments. New Teaching Members are urged to apply early for membership, and to place their order for their shirt as soon as possible.

Most of our Members have taken the Community Coach training and have achieved at least the “Community Coach” level. Courses are offered throughout the year for you to complete, to improve your coaching skills and knowledge of the game. Our Association recommends and encourages our Members to take the Community Coaching course for 5 Pin Bowling, to ensure that our Teaching Members use a uniform method of instructing our game. Course times and locations are set up through your local 5 Pin organizations.

Tournaments in the Teaching Division are based on POA; however, the MBAO also offers our Members the opportunity to play the scratch side in most of our optional Tournaments. Players must register to compete in the POA event first. If they choose to pay the additional fees, they can compete on both sides of the event and be eligible to win prize money on both sides. MBAO silver Tournament Rings will **ONLY** be awarded to the POA winner, with the expense covered up to a maximum of \$300.

## *Tournament Division*

The MBAO Tournament Division is where the higher average players compete in events during the season to qualify for a spot on the National Tournament Teams or a Singles Representative position. In this division, it is recommended that women have a minimum average of 215 and that men have a minimum average of 230.

Tournament Division Members are required to adhere to the Official Dress Code outlined on pages 4 and 5. All Members must adhere to the Code of Conduct by showing good sportsmanship, maintaining control of language and physical gestures, and always speaking in a positive way about our game and bowling establishments.

The Tournament Division events have various formats as outlined on our website and in our Tournament Book. Competition is on a scratch basis only, and the field is cut down after the qualifying round to continue in a variety of match play formats to declare the tournament winner for both the Women and Men Divisions. Winners receive a silver MBOA Tournament Ring, with the expense covered up to a maximum of \$300.

The qualifying scores are accumulated over the current bowling season and these aggregate totals are used to determine the Womens and Mens National Teams and the two (2) Singles Representatives for the National Championships.

To be eligible for the National Tournament Division (singles or teams), Members must play in a minimum of three (3) out of four (4) events, and the Year End Tournament. The top male and top female, who obtain the highest scratch total of all players, will be declared the MBOA Single Representatives for the National Championships. The next five (5) males and next five (5) females will form the Mens and Womens teams, respectively.

### ***Seniors Division***

Our Seniors Division is open to anyone fifty (50) years of age as of December 31st of the current season. The Seniors Division competes in four (4) events throughout the bowling season with each event consisting of five (5) games. There is also one (1) specialty Seniors Event, the Fraser Hambly Doubles.

Seniors play in a Pins-Over-Average (POA) category or a Scratch category, and they may pay additional fees to play both sides of the event.

The same rules of conduct apply to our Seniors Division as in all other MBOA divisions and Members must adhere to the Official Dress Code outlined on pages 4 and 5.

We also declare a National Team for our Seniors Division who play a POA tournament at the National Championships. To qualify for the National Team, Senior Division Members must participate in at least three (3) of the four (4) events. If a Member plays in all four (4), then the lowest POA total and the lowest Scratch total of the four (4) events will be dropped to calculate the aggregate totals. A total of 15 games is counted for aggregate.

National Team Members are selected as the male and female who have the highest aggregate total POA **AND** the male and female who have the highest aggregate scratch scores in three (3) of the four (4) events. A fifth player is added as the wild card player, and it is the second-place person in one of the categories based on an agreed schedule voted on by the players of the Seniors Division. Any Member of the MBOA must also be of good standing to be eligible for the National Team.

A “Senior Only” Member is eligible to bowl the four (4) events that make up the Seniors Tour and all non-aggregate optional events. They may “fill the field” in up to two (2) additional events, Teaching or Tournament, throughout the season.

Should a Member, who is age 50 as of December 31 of the current season choose to join or renew with an Affiliated or Unaffiliated membership there would be no additional charge for their Seniors membership. That Member would be eligible for all Aggregates they choose to play, provided they meet the Aggregate requirements as outlined in this Booklet.

Full Seniors membership requires you to pay additional fees as outlined on the membership/renewal form. You would be eligible to play any Masters' Event on the Calendar, however, the Member would only be eligible for the Seniors' Aggregate, providing requirements are met. This is for Members who wish to bowl more than just the Seniors events, however, do not want to commit to the affiliated or unaffiliated divisions of the MBOA. Should a Senior wish to have Aggregate eligibility in Teaching and/or Tournament Division (without bowling the Fall and Spring Master Youth), they should consider an unaffiliated membership.

All Members must adhere to the Code of Conduct by showing good sportsmanship, maintaining control of language and physical gestures, and always speaking in a positive way about our game and bowling establishments.

A ring has been designed for the Seniors Division and the winners of an event may choose to purchase one. Any Seniors Division Member may purchase a ring for previous victories. A subsidy of \$50.00 is only available for new wins starting with the 2019-2020 season and is subject to change depending on future motions approved at our AGM.

Senior Tour victories are included separately in the MBOA history which can be found on the website.

# Types of Membership

## *Affiliated Membership*

Affiliated Members play in multiple tournament events throughout the bowling season, with the Fall Master Youth and Spring Master Youth tournaments as the two (2) mandatory events that all affiliated Members must play.

These Masters are often sponsored and approved by their local Bowling Centre Proprietor by obtaining a signed membership application or renewal. This affiliates the Member to a bowling centre where they will work with the YBC or other groups and participate in the two (2) MBO youth events we hold (Fall and Spring Youth Events).

Both affiliated Teaching and Tournament division players must compete in both Master Youth tournaments; however, for Tournament division players, these events are not included in the National Team aggregate totals. If there is an insufficient number of YBC participants, please reach out to a Zone Delegate or the MBO office. All spaces in this event should be filled by Affiliated Teaching division players first.

Affiliated and Unaffiliated Teaching Masters may only play once in the Zone rounds of the Mid Winter Blues and should play in the Zone where they reside or hold an Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association membership. If needed, an Affiliated Member can request to play in a different Zone providing the Member has sent their request in writing to our Provincial Office and had it approved.

Affiliated Masters are also allowed to play in any event hosted by the Master Bowlers' Association of Ontario for any division. **Note:** Seniors Division events have an age requirement of 50 years or older to participate.

## *Qualifications for the National Teaching Division Teams (Affiliated)*

These players must participate in at least 28 games during the season with participation in mandatory events. Members who attain the top five (5) positions in the province over the course of the current bowling season based on a Pins-Over-Average (POA) total for both Ladies and Mens will qualify for these teams. Events that Affiliated Teaching Division Players **MUST** attend to be considered for the National Team are:

### Mandatory Events -

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Fall Master Youth   | 3 games  |
| Spring Master Youth | 3 games  |
| Mid Winter Blues    | 6 games  |
| Year End            | 10 games |

### Optional Events for Aggregate (one event required for Nationals eligibility) -

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Teaching Optional #1 | 6 games |
| Teaching Optional #2 | 6 games |
| Teaching Optional #3 | 6 games |
| Teaching Optional #4 | 6 games |

Teaching Division Players will count their best three (3) blocks of six (6) games plus the Year End event for the aggregate (based on 28 games). An Affiliated Teaching Master must play in both Master Youth events, the Mid Winter Blues event, **AND** our Year End event in order to keep their aggregate eligibility for the National Team. Any Member of the MBAO must also be of good standing to be eligible for the National Team.

Teaching Division Players who play in more than one (1) Optional Event will be allowed to drop the lowest POA total from any other Optional Event, Mid Winter Blues, or the combined POA total for the two Master Youth Tournaments. The lowest POA total will be dropped automatically to calculate the aggregate total as the season progresses. Year End cannot be dropped.

### ***Qualifications for the National Tournament Division Teams (Affiliated)***

Mandatory Events -

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Fall Master Youth   | 3 games  |
| Spring Master Youth | 3 games  |
| Year End            | 16 games |

**\*\*NOTE: Fall and Spring Master Youth Events are not included in the player's aggregate total.\*\***

Optional Events for Aggregate –

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Tournament Event #1 | 8 games |
| Tournament Event #2 | 8 games |
| Tournament Event #3 | 8 games |
| Tournament Event #4 | 8 games |

Aggregate calculations may vary from year to year. Please refer to the MBAO Schedule of Events which outlines all tournaments and aggregate requirements. Any Member of the MBAO must also be of good standing to be eligible for the National Team.

## ***Unaffiliated Membership***

For the bowler who cannot commit time to their local bowling centre due to other commitments, the Unaffiliated Membership may be a good option.

These players do not seek approval from a local proprietor but will register directly with the Master Bowlers' Association of Ontario (MBAO). Members must follow all the rules of the MBAO during tournament events and conduct themselves in the manner required of a Master Bowler. Unaffiliated Members are required to adhere to the Official Dress Code outlined on pages 4 and 5.

The Unaffiliated Members are offered many events throughout the bowling season but **ARE NOT** eligible to participate in the Fall Master Youth or Spring Master Youth tournaments. In the event where an Affiliated Master Bowler cannot attend any of the Master Youth events, an Unaffiliated Teaching Master may fill in if required. These scores will not count towards the Aggregate for the Unaffiliated Teaching Master.

Affiliated and Unaffiliated Teaching Masters may only play once in the Zone rounds of the Mid Winter Blues and should play in the Zone where they reside or hold an Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association membership. If needed, an Affiliated Member can request to play in a different Zone providing the Member has sent their request in writing to our Provincial Office and had it approved.

Unaffiliated Masters are also allowed to play in any event hosted by the Master Bowlers' Association of Ontario for any division. **Note:** Seniors Division events have an age requirement of 50 years or older to participate.

## ***Qualifications for the National Teaching Division Teams (Unaffiliated)***

Mandatory Events –

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Mid Winter Blues | 6 games  |
| Year End         | 10 games |

Optional Events for Aggregate (two events required for Nationals eligibility) –

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Teaching Optional #1 | 6 games |
| Teaching Optional #2 | 6 games |
| Teaching Optional #3 | 6 games |
| Teaching Optional #4 | 6 games |

Teaching Division Players will count their best three (3) blocks of six (6) games plus the Year End event for the Aggregate (based on 28 games). An Unaffiliated Teaching Master must play in the Mid Winter Blues event and our Year End event to keep their Aggregate eligibility for the National Team. Mid Winter Blues can be dropped if it is one of the lower POA events. Year End cannot be dropped. Any Member of the MBAO must also be of good standing to be eligible for the National Team.



***Qualifications for the National Tournament Division Teams (Unaffiliated)***

Mandatory Events -  
Year End 16 games

Optional Events for Aggregate –  
Tournament Event #1 8 games  
Tournament Event #2 8 games  
Tournament Event #3 8 games  
Tournament Event #4 8 games

Aggregate calculations may vary from year to year. Please refer to the MBOA Schedule of Events which outlines all tournaments and aggregate requirements. Any Member of the MBOA must also be of good standing to be eligible for the National Team.

# Graduating YBC Seniors

The MBAO will offer a one (1) year discounted membership to any YBC graduate or YBC Members who reaches the age of 19 by December 31 of the current season. To be eligible, the YBC Graduate/Member **MUST** join the MBAO in the season immediately following their graduating year or the year in which they will reach the age threshold. This means that the YBC Senior will only pay a portion of the initiation fee or registration fee for their first-year membership in the Association. All eligible YBC Seniors must submit all average sheets (including adult leagues) with their application form. Failure to provide proof of average will result in the average calculation defaulting to 230 for men and 215 for women.

YBC Seniors will be required to pay for the following:

1. Purchase an MBAO golf shirt. If they are Affiliated, their name and bowling centre may be embroidered on it. Embroidery is not required for an Unaffiliated Member.
2. If the YBC Senior chooses to play as an Unaffiliated Master and not play with YBC players in our Spring and Fall Master Youth Events, additional Unaffiliated membership costs are required.

All eligible or graduating YBC Seniors entering the MBAO must adhere to the Official Dress Code outlined on pages 4 and 5. All Members must adhere to the Code of Conduct by showing good sportsmanship, maintaining control of language and physical gestures, and always speaking in a positive way about our game and bowling establishments.

Any YBC Senior who joins the MBAO and is still participating in a YBC program must play as a Master Bowler in any MBAO Tournaments. The YBC-eligible player may not play in any MBAO Teen Tour events as a YBC bowler and must play as the Master Bowler in the annual Master Senior Tournament.

## **Associate Member**

An Associate Member is a Member who does not participate in any of our bowling events. Associate Members are welcome at our AGM and have full voting rights. Being an Associate Member also counts towards years of service within the MBO. These Members can also coach a team at the MBAC Nationals, provided they pay an additional assessment amount determined by the Board of Directors.

Please retain this information booklet for future reference.