

Official Organizations of 5 Pin

Five Pin Bowling operates under the direction of three distinct organizations. Each organization offers similar but unique benefits for the bowlers. Each also provides for competitive opportunities based simply on pin fall as well as Pins Over Average. And each of the national organizations provide leadership at the local, provincial and national level.

The following outline is meant as a brief introduction to each organization. It is not comprehensive in detail. IF you are looking for more information consider the web sites provided.

Bowl Canada

Website: <http://www.bowlcanada.ca>

1. Formerly known as the Bowling Proprietors Association of Canada (B.P.A.C.)
2. Provincially known as Bowling Proprietors of Alberta
3. Anchored by two mainstay programs:

Youth Bowling Council (Y.B.C.)

- Provides competitive singles and team competitions on a pin fall and Pins Over Average basis.
- Championship program referred to as The Four Steps to Stardom
- Caters to youth ages 3yrs-18 yrs.

National Classified Team Championship

- Provides a Pins Over Average Team competition

Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers Association (C.5.P.B.A.)

Website: <http://www.c5pba.ca>

- Provincial organization (Alberta 5 Pin Bowlers Association)
- **Website:** <http://www.alberta5pin.com>
- Offers pin fall and Pins Over Average team and singles competitions:

Canadian Open Championship

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- A total pin fall event featuring team and singles competition

Canadian Pins Over Average Championship

- A Pins Over Average competitive competition

Youth Challenge

- National total pin fall competition for bowlers between 13 and 19 years of age

Alberta Championship

- High-Low pins over average event held within the province for cash prizes.

Local associations

- Regional zones may also offer other local events

Master Bowlers' Association of Canada

Website: <http://mbaofa.ca>

- Provincial Association (Master Bowlers 'Association of Alberta)
- Provides pin fall and Pins Over Average National competitions, including a Seniors category.
- Is recognized as the organization responsible for developing coaches and instructors for 5 Pin Bowling. This includes the implementation of the Coaching Association of Canada Coaching Certification program

Independent Events

- Several independent events operated separately from all above are hosted across Western Canada
- Individual bowler groups tend to be the organizing agents behind these events.
- All events are pin fall events, and frequently are referred to as Professional.
- Events may include total pin fall and/or match play type events.
- All events offer a cash reward

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Events are currently hosted in the following locations:

- September – Surrey, B.C.
- October – Calgary, Alberta
- November – Winnipeg, Manitoba
- December – Edmonton, Alberta
- February/March – Regina, Alberta
- March/April – Red Deer, Alberta

Finances

There are essentially two funding sources for 5 Pin.

One, Federal, and the other Provincial. Federal money is currently directed through the Bowling Federation of Canada.

Most of this money is directed towards the 10 pin programs, with much smaller amounts distributed to the Official 5 Pin organizations of Canada. Provincial funding may vary province to province

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