

NEW HST TAX IN ONTARIO – JULY 1st 2010

The Board of Directors are aware that this new tax was passed into law in December and while Bowl Ontario have made presentations to the Ontario Government in explaining why this new tax will be a burden to the bowling industry, it appears that the tax will become a reality in our sport.

The additional 8% tax could increase a game of bowling by .25 cents. We are not sure at this point if Bowl Ontario will further increase their lineage costs for other reasons.

This season we have paid up to \$3.50 per game, with some centres providing us a reduced fee. When this happens we add extra money to our prize fund in the form of sponsorship dollars.

An increase of .25 cents to lineage would result in an increase of \$1.50 for a 6 game tournament event. If the price increases by .50 cents, our costs would increase by \$3.00 per player per event.

We can keep our costs for tournament events the same but this would mean that we need to reduce our prize money fund. In an event with 100 people, the prize fund could drop by \$150 to \$300 dollars.

We would like your opinions and some feedback through your zone meetings at the upcoming Master Bantam tournament, and also at our Annual General Meeting.

There are basically two choices, increase our tournament fees by \$5.00 setting our entry fees at \$80.00 and \$125.00 for a Teaching Event and \$115.00 and \$140.00 for the Tournament Division. Seniors would see their events increase to \$80.00 and \$130.00. The extra \$2.00 if we increase our events this much, would be added to the prize fund and if Bowl Ontario increases their costs by only .25 cents we could add more to your prize fund.

Option 2 is to remain with the same cost structure that we currently have and reduce the prize money portion by whatever the anticipated Bowl Ontario increase in lineage is, which would keep your costs the same but the prize funds would be less.

Please give us your thoughts so help us make the decision that our members would prefer.

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