



Master-Youth Tournaments Revised for 2010/11

The Master Bantam and Master Junior tournaments have been a mainstay of the MBO and an integral part of our Teaching division masters for 46 years. However due to the decline we've seen in the YBC programs across Ontario it has become increasingly difficult to match our Master's membership with the enrolment in our Bantam and Junior divisions in some areas. With this in mind we find it necessary to tweak the events to ensure that all Masters and as many youth as possible can continue to bowl in this great event.

Both the Master Junior and Master Bantam will be replaced with a Fall Master-Youth event and a Spring Master-Youth event, where both Bantams and Juniors will be eligible to qualify for both events. Having Bantams & Juniors, boy or girl, eligible to qualify for both events should hopefully eliminate the current need to go outside your centre to attain YBC players to bowl and allow all our members who wish to participate the ability to do so.

YBC Qualification:

At present our in house qualifications alternate on Scratch and POA basis for each event, and we will continue with this process but in separate events. Qualifying for the Fall Master-Youth event will be on a scratch basis, while qualifying for the Spring Master-Youth event will be on a pins over average basis. Qualifying on a scratch basis for the Fall event will reduce the pressure on new YBC members to obtain an average prior to qualifying.

Format:

All Bantam and Junior members, combining both boys and girls, are eligible for in-house qualifying of both Master-Youth events. It is requested that equal numbers of Bantams and Juniors where enrollment allow, qualify for both events.

Example: A centre has 6 masters, 12 youth players are then required within the house to make up the triples team for the zone and provincial rounds. It is requested that you qualify 6 Bantams and 6 Juniors, girl or boy. If you do not have enough Bantams, make up the difference with Juniors, if you don't have enough Juniors, make up the difference with Bantams. If your centre is still short of youth to make up a team, please work with centres within your zone to borrow members from their YBC.

The Master and 2 YBC youth players will make up a team to bowl in the zone round. YBC players can be 2 bantams, 2 juniors, a bantam and a junior, boys or girls.

The zone rounds for both events will continue to be played on a pins over average team basis with the winning team advancing to the Provincial finals, again to be played on a pins over average team basis.

Your past co-operation and dedication has made our MBO/YBC events a huge success and while change can be challenging, with your continued support we anticipate the same success in the years ahead with this new format.