



Master-Youth Tournaments Revised for 2010/11

Questions & Answers

In response to the proposed changes to the Master-Youth event for next season, the board has put together the following Q&A's in response to feedback from the zone meetings.

Q . Why is the change needed?

A . With the decline in YBC enrollment the number of bowling centres that can field a complete team of Master and 2 Bantams or 2 Juniors is decreasing, to the point where there are Masters that are not competing in the zone round and therefore not getting what they wanted out of being a Master Bowler.

Q . Why not a doubles event?

A . While this would accommodate our Masters competing this would reduce the number of Youth that participate in our event, it is not our desire to reduce the number of Youth that currently bowl but to increase it by allowing more Master Bowlers to join a centre.

Q . Were other formats discussed?

A . Yes, several through the board's tournament committee meetings and through our general board meetings. The board is recommending this proposed format as it ensures full participation of our membership and our YBC counterparts.

Q . What's the proposed format?

A . There will still be 2 Master/Youth events, a fall and a spring. Qualifying for the Fall Master-Youth event will be on a scratch basis, while qualifying for the Spring Master-Youth event will be on 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. All Bantam and Junior members, combining both boys and girls, are eligible for in-house qualifying of both Master-Youth events.

Q . Why qualify on a scratch basis?

A - At present our in house qualifications for Master Junior and Master Bantam alternate on Scratch and POA basis for each event, and we will continue with this qualifying process but in separate qualifying events. Today many YBC Programs do not start as early as they used to because of other summer sports leagues that the kids are registered in. Other programs that do start right after Labour Day will still see lower enrollment until the summer programs are finished. This leaves many new YBC members unable to qualify for the Fall Youth Tournament because they do not have the required number of games to establish a true average. By having our Fall Event based on a Scratch Qualifying during the in-house qualifying dates, more YBC members will be eligible. Averages to be used at the zone round will still be based on last year's average for returning bowlers, and this year's average for new bowlers based on 12 games bowled by the zone round.

Q . Isn't the scratch format unfair for Bantams against Juniors?

A . It is our recommendation that equal numbers of Bantams and Juniors qualify for the Fall event based on scratch scores in their leagues during the qualifying weeks. We also ask program directors to qualify equal numbers of boys and girls when possible. Teams should be made up of one Master, one Bantam and one Junior, leaving teams equally balanced. Again this would only be possible if enough youth bowlers from each Division are available. **Regardless, our Zone and Provincial events are based on Pins Over Average** which means the team that actually wins will be the team who achieved the most pins over their average for that day of the event. This we feel is the most fair and equal method to conduct these tournaments.



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Q . What if our centre have enough Juniors and Bantams for the number of Masters?

A . We recommend that if this is the case, that the centre qualifies equal amount of Bantams & Juniors for the Fall event, and then the equal amount of Bantams & Juniors for the spring event. We ask that the youth only qualify once so if they did make the Fall event, let other YBC members have the opportunity to qualify for the Spring Event. This flexibility will be left to the local bowling centres and YBC Program Directors.

Q . Do we have to qualify equal numbers of boys and girls.

A . It is recommended to do so yes, again our strong recommendation is that youth can only qualify for one event either the Fall or the Spring and if possible based on your enrollment, an equal number of boys and girls from each YBC division would qualify.

Q . Our centre has enough Juniors but not enough Bantams, what do we do?

A . Determine how many youth you need to compete in each event, qualify half of your bantams for the fall event, the other half for the spring event, then make up the added difference of Juniors for both events.

Q . Our centre has enough Bantams but not enough Juniors, what do we do?

A . Determine how many youth you need to compete in each event, qualify half of your juniors for the fall event, the other half for the spring event, then make up the added difference with bantams for both events.

Q . With this new format, will there be as many Bantams and Juniors competing?

A . Yes where in the former events you qualified all of the Juniors in the fall and all Bantams in the spring. The new format would see half of the Bantams and Juniors playing in the Fall and the other half from each Division would play in the Spring. As an example if a centre has 5 MBO members our previous format would see 10 Juniors selected in the Master Junior, and 10 Bantams for our former Master Bantam events. The new format would have 5 Juniors and 5 Bantams in the Fall and another 5 from each division in the spring, resulting in the same number of YBC members participating.