



## MASTER BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

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### *Teaching Division of the Master Bowlers' Association*

The MBAO Teaching Division is our largest division, dedicated to instructing the game of 5 Pin Bowling, mainly with the youth bowlers of the YBC, but they instruct others as well.

We recommend that all of our members enrol in the Community Coaching Course for 5 Pin Bowling. Members who previously have achieved their Level 1 Coaching Certification should ensure that they register to take the "Making Ethical Decisions" (MED) portion of this Community Coaching Course to maintain their certification. Former Level 1 Coaches have until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 to complete their MED course. Courses are offered throughout the year for you to complete, and increase your coaching skills and knowledge of our game. See our Coaching Page for more information. Teaching Masters are sponsored and approved by their local Bowling Proprietor by obtaining a signed membership request 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 youth tournaments we hold. New Members must supply all league average sheets from the previous bowling season in order to establish a fair average to play in MBAO events.

The Teaching Division is offered 11 Tournament Events through our season with the Fall and Spring Master Youth Tournaments as the two mandatory events that you must play in as an affiliated member. Tournaments in the Teaching Division are mainly based on Pins Over Average, however we also offering our members the opportunity to play a scratch side of the 4 Optional Tournaments. Players will be able to choose to compete on POA basis or if they choose to pay the extra prize money portion, they can compete on both POA and Scratch sides of the event and be eligible to win prize money on both sides. MBAO Tournament Rings will be awarded only to the Pins Over Average winners. We also offer a National Championship to our members who attain the top 5 positions in the province over the course of our entire season based on a Pins Over Average total for both Ladies and Men's teams. Events that Teaching Masters must attend to be considered for our National Team are:

Fall Master Youth Tournament	- 3 Games
Mid Winter Blues Event	- 6 Games
Spring Master Youth Tournament	- 3 Games
One of the following Optional Events	- 6 Games
Eastern Classic Tournament	
Central Classic Tournament	
Western Classic Tournament	
New Years Classic Tournament	(Best 6 games from either day)
Year End Event	- 10 Games

Teaching Masters who play in more than one Optional Event will be allowed to drop the lowest Pins Over Average Total from any other Optional Event or the combined POA total for the Fall and Spring Master Youth Events. The lowest POA total will be dropped automatically to calculate the aggregate total as our season progresses. However a Teaching Master must have played in both youth tournaments and the Mid Winter Blues in order to keep their aggregate eligibility for the National Team.

Teaching Masters are also allowed to play in the Ontario Special Olympics event and the Master Senior Tournaments. They may also fill-the-field in any two Tournament Division tournaments if they would like to experience an event in our elite division. This Teaching Division is mainly for the player who wants to enjoy tournament play without too much pressure, and not necessarily will they have a higher average. The Pins Over Average formats of our events provide the opportunity for all levels of player to enjoy the competition and have a chance at winning the event, while our new Scratch component of the Optional Tournaments allow the higher average members to put their skills to the test.

Members are required to wear black dress pants or skirts for the ladies, along with the MBO Blue embroidered shirt for the Master Youth Tournaments. The MBO golf shirt is allowed at all other events along with the required black dress pants or skirts. As well all Members must adhere to the code of conduct in showing good sportsmanship, maintaining control of language and physical gestures and always speaking in a positive way about our game and bowling establishments.

For more information about the Teaching Masters talk to your local Bowling Proprietor or contact Dave Johnson at our office at 416-426-7165. You may also Email Dave at [office@mbao.ca](mailto:office@mbao.ca).