

Ten Pin Bowling

Districts are encouraged to follow the technical information and guidelines found within this manual at all times. When changes are necessary at the District level, participants who qualify for Ontario 55+ Winter Games must be made aware that the following rules will be in use at Ontario 55+ Winter Games. If there are any questions regarding rulings, the OSGA Winter Games Technical Manual will be considered correct.

A) FORMAT OF PLAY – Pins Over Average – Two (2) Division

Division	Age Category	Number of Participants
Open	55+	Four (4)
Single Men, Women	55+, 65+, 75+	Three (3) Women Three (3) Men
Participants may compete in only one division at Ontario 55+ Winter Games.		

Any person not present at the scheduled commencement of play and throughout the competition is in default and is automatically disqualified from the competition. **If there are extenuating circumstances, exceptions to this may be granted by the Event Convenor.**

Competitors are obligated to complete the competition regardless of their record. If a competitor defaults part way through the competition, the results of that competitor will be removed from the standings. The organizers should have an extra team available to play as a “floater” team in case there is an uneven number of teams or in case a team defaults.

This floater team’s results will not count in the final standings.

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B) ELIGIBILITY

Event	Requirements
District Games	Any person 55+ living in Ontario
Ontario 55+ Winter Games (Provincial Championships)	Gold Medal Winners – District competition
NOTE: Previous Ontario 55+ Summer and Winter Games and Canada Games winners are still eligible to compete at the District and Ontario 55+ Winter Games level, but must qualify at the District level before going to the Winter Provincial Games.	

C) TOURNAMENT SET-UP

1. A minimum of three (3) games to be bowled at the district level, minimum of six (6) games at Ontario 55+ Winter Games over a two (2) day period (subject to availability of facilities).
2. The schedule should be arranged so that participants that bowl in the morning of Day 1 rotate to bowl in the afternoon of Day 2 if the scheduling permits.

Determining the Winners

1. Open Team Divisions: Pins over average:
 - Winners will be determined by utilizing the scores of all four (4) team members.
 - If there is a tie for medal standings, the teams who are tied will bowl five (5) extra frames. If a tie still exists, medals will be given to both teams.
2. Single Divisions: Pins over average:
 - Winners will be determined by utilizing the scores of the individual competitor.
 - If there is a tie for medal standings, the participants who are tied will bowl five (5) extra frames. If a tie still exists, medals will be given to both participants.

D) AWARDS

Gold (7)	One per team member + one man + one women
Silver (7)	One per team member + one man + one women
Bronze (7)	One per team member + one man + one women

E) RULE SOURCE

Official rules and regulations of the Canadian Tenpin Federation shall apply, with the exceptions listed under "Tournament Set-Up" and "Ten Pin Bowling Rules Summary".

Websites

www.gotenpinbowling.ca (see Officials on side menu, then Playing Rules on top menu) www.canadabowls.ca www.otba.ca

F) EVENT REQUIREMENTS

Facilities	1. An air-conditioned, well illuminated room, with 10 -12 automated lanes if possible.
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G) OFFICIALS

The OSGA requires, at minimum, the following major officials for Ontario 55+ Winter Games:

For District Games, the following are only a suggestion. Participation numbers and availability of volunteers may result in fewer officials being required. Districts are encouraged to try to have the necessary officials to run the event successfully.

- A) One (1) Activity Convenor
- B) One (1) Judge for each lane
- C) Three (3) others (sheets, boards, etc.)

The host committee will ensure that all major officials have the required qualifications as specified by the OSGA prior to Ontario 55+ Winter Games. The host committee is also responsible for any other official required to stage this event.

Ten Pin Bowling Rules Summary

1. Each bowler will submit either:
 - a. Their bowling average based on a minimum of 12 games played or
 - b. Their bowling average on the 3 games bowled in the qualifying district games, certified by a Bowling Centre Manager.

Only when this verified average is received will the team or individual bowlers be accepted for the event.

2. District Coordinators must be prepared to present qualify scores if requested at Ontario 55+ Games.
3. At the District Level Only to involve non-league bowlers who have not bowled 12 games prior to the District Games, the District can set the average to be used in the District games only. Those who qualify for Regional or Ontario 55+ Games will use the average as indicated in 1.b above.
4. If a (1), team member is absent, the missing member's average less 10% will be applied to each game and the team may continue to play for a medal. This applies only to pre-registered team members.