

MASTER BOWLERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES AND REGULATIONS (Edited April, 2023)

SECTION ONE: GENERAL RULES

- 1.1 All competitors must be a minimum of 19 years of age as of December 31 of the current bowling season.
- 1.2 All rules of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association are in effect except when MBAC rules supersede C5 rules.
- 1.3 Competitors will not display conduct which can be deemed to be unsportsmanlike or unbecoming of the Master Bowlers Association of Canada. The Conduct Derogatory rule as defined in the C5 Rule Book: Section D, Rule 5 must be respected. Additionally, the use of foul language, lewd chants, cheers or physical displays/gestures and conduct generally deemed socially inappropriate will fall under this rule. Competitors found in violation of the above by a tournament official may be suspended from the National Championships. A competitor's first offence in the tournament will result in a warning. The second offence in the tournament will result in a foul and the third offence in the tournament will result in suspension from the National Championships.
- 1.4 For the safety of the competitors, no food or beverages of any kind will be permitted in the playing areas. There will be no consumption of alcoholic beverages or recreational marijuana by any competitor during tournament play. Only medically prescribed marijuana may be consumed during tournament play and evidence of the prescription may be requested to be provided. Designated meal breaks/byes and festivities scheduled outside of playing time are not considered to be part of tournament play. Violation of this rule could result in suspension from the National Championships by the MBAC.
- 1.5 No electronic headsets or earbuds of any kind are to be worn once the competitor is on the approach, however, medically prescribed devices such as hearing aids are acceptable.
- 1.6 Wearing apparel for the National Championships will be an approved provincial Master Bowlers Association uniform. Each team must be dressed in uniform shirts. Competitors in the Men's divisions can wear slacks, capris or shorts of the same color and competitors in the Women's divisions can wear slacks, leggings, shorts, skirts, skorts or capris of the same color. For example – one competitor could wear shorts, another could wear a skirt while the rest could wear slacks of the same color.
- 1.7 The Lane Draw will be prepared by the host province for review by the MBAC and thereafter provided to the Statistician no later than May 1st of each year.
- 1.8 All contingents will consist of competitors (bowlers) that have qualified in their respective provincial Master Bowlers Association divisions and Certified coaches (see rule 1.9).

- 1.9 All teams must be accompanied by an Introduction to Competition Certified coach or a Certified Level 2 coach who has upgraded to Competition coach equivalency. If a team does not have a Certified coach available from their province, they can utilize a Certified coach from another province.

If a Certified coach has been named an emergency spare and is called to play, they may only leave their coaching role if a Certified Comp coach is brought in to replace them as coach. If no Certified coach is available, the team missing a player will play shorthanded until a substitute Certified coach can be found to replace the Certified coach/emergency spare who can then join the team as the emergency spare. (This may mean using a Certified coach from another province). Play will not be grievously suspended while a Certified coach is being located. The Judge of Play/Tournament Director may request play to continue to keep the pace of play for the tournament.

- 1.10 Any competitor who withdraws during the National Championships or fails to complete a game without proper permission from their coach/Team Manager and the Judge of Play/Tournament Director may be suspended for the remainder of the National Championships by the MBAC Executive. The competitor retains the right to appeal the suspension to the MBAC Executive.

- 1.11 Each province should designate an emergency spare for each team competing in the National Championships. Each named emergency spare must have participated in the division for which they are to be an emergency spare. The designated emergency spares must be identified, and their National Average provided at the Coaches and Managers meeting to be eligible to compete. In the event an emergency spare is brought in mid-game, a warmup will not be allowed.

- 1.11.1 Once a competitor withdraws from competition, they will not be able to return for the remainder of the competition if the designated emergency spare is brought in to play. If a competitor withdraws from competition and the designated emergency spare is not used, the competitor may return to play once the coach and/or Team Manager has notified the Judge of Play/Tournament Director and Statistician. Re-entry will take place **at the beginning of a game only**. The option of using a designated emergency spare, or not, is up to the individual province. If a competitor is suspended from competition, the designated emergency spare may be brought in to play as soon as practicable. In the case of a suspended competitor, the tournament play will not be held up while waiting for the designated emergency spare to arrive. The coach and/or Team Manager will notify the Judge of Play/Tournament Director and Statistician of the introduction of the designated emergency spare.

A competitor who withdraws from competition may return as a non-playing coach if they are a Certified Competition coach or equivalent. This would facilitate a coach changing roles and assuming the role of a bowler. The coach could then participate as the designated emergency spare.

- 1.11.2 At the start of **Game 1**, if a **team competitor** in the Tournament Division, Teaching Division or Senior Division is delayed because of a travel issue while travelling to the host city and

cannot arrive in time to start Game 1, the emergency spare may be brought in to bowl. In this case, if and when the delayed team competitor arrives, they must enter play at the beginning of the next game and continue to play for the remainder of the tournament. If the team does not have an emergency spare, they will bowl only with the team competitors on hand. See Rule 3.7 and 5.6.

Travel delay issues include flight delays or broken-down transportation that have a team competitor not arriving until after game 1 begins. Travel delay issues do not include poor transportation scheduling.

The emergency spare can be used again, only if the travel delay scenario has taken place.

If the emergency spare is utilized for the travel delay scenario, they must remain in the new position (substitute for the delayed team competitor) until the delayed team competitor arrives to start the next game.

If the emergency spare is utilized for the travel delay scenario, they cannot be removed and be utilized elsewhere until the delayed team competitor they replaced arrives and is ready to start the next game.

If the Teaching Division Singles Representative or the Senior Division Singles Representative is affected by a travel delay issue, the emergency spare can be utilized as a **team competitor only** and not as a Singles Representative.

If the emergency spare being utilized is originally a coach, rule 1.9 regarding coaching must still be observed.

In the travel delay scenario, if the emergency spare is utilized, and once the delayed team competitor arrives to start a game, the emergency spare can then return to their original position of emergency spare to be utilized later in the tournament.

- 1.12 All teams in all divisions, Tournament, Teaching and Senior, will consist of six people, five competitors and one coach (non-playing).
- 1.13 Any team that does not have five competitors at the start of a game because a competitor is late (excluding those affected by travel delays Rule 1.11.2) will bowl only with the competitors on hand. Late competitors will start to bowl and count from the time they are ready to do so regardless of the reason. Competitors will not be able to play “catch-up” frames. The late competitor will receive a score of zero for every frame missed.
- 1.14 Should a competitor not be ready to bowl in their proper turn or be absent in any game (excluding those affected by travel delays Rule 1.11.2) without permission from the Judge of Play, the competitor will receive a score of zero for every frame missed if the Judge of Play forces play to continue.
- 1.15 Lead-off bowlers on the teams will not start the next frame until their anchor bowler has finished. Penalty - a dead ball will be declared.

- 1.16 Any ball bowled “out of turn” will be declared a dead ball.
- 1.17 Competitors are not allowed to practice at any of the participating bowling centres once the National Championships have started and until they have ended, except for balls thrown during official warm-up at the competitors’ designated bowling centre for that day. Competitors found violating this rule may be suspended from the National Championships.
- 1.18 Averages for all competitors will include a composite average of their league averages as of the end of season, but no later than May 15. The National Average will be calculated as follows: Total league pinfall plus qualifying tournament pinfall equals Total Pinfall; number of league games plus number of qualifying tournament games equals Total games; National average is Total Pinfall divided by Total Games. Dropped qualifying tournament scores i.e. dropping the worst qualifying tournament when using a best 3 out of 4 qualifying process do not count as qualifying scores or games played. All National averages, except Tournament Division Singles, must be provided to the Statistician.
- 1.19 (a) The team assigned to the RIGHT lane will be the HOME Team and the team assigned to the LEFT lane will be the AWAY Team. The Coach of the AWAY Team will be obligated to submit their line-up for a game before the line-up for the HOME Team is submitted. The line-up on the lane sheet is official, not the line-up on the monitor or screen display. The first ball in a game will not be delivered until both line-ups have been entered on the lane sheets. Once the first ball from either team has been delivered the line-up cannot be changed.
- (b) The 10th Frame Rule: The AWAY Team is now bowling on the Right Lane. Each competitor on the AWAY Team has the choice of bowling first or allowing their opponent to throw the first ball, after which they will bowl ball for ball until the frame is completed. The AWAY competitor/coach must verbalize or deliver a ball to declare the AWAY competitor’s decision to throw first or second before the HOME competitor can deliver a ball. If the HOME competitor throws the first ball without first checking with the AWAY competitor/coach, the ball so delivered will be declared a dead ball if the AWAY competitor/coach challenges it. If challenged, the AWAY competitor/coach will either elect to accept the delivered ball and pinfall or elect to declare a dead ball. If declared a dead ball, the AWAY competitor must now throw the first ball. This rule applies as “bowler” vs. “bowler”.
- (c) The 10th Frame Rule applies to the Singles competitors in the qualifying round as well.
- 1.20 All lane sheets should be properly reconciled and initialed after each game.
- 1.21 For further interpretation of rules or to solve any disputes, the coach will consult the Judge of Play. Failing resolution of the dispute with the Judge of Play, the matter will be referred to the Chief Judge of Play. Failing resolution of the dispute with the Chief Judge of Play, the matter will be referred to the Tournament Director. Failing resolution of the dispute with the Tournament Director, the matter will be referred to the MBAC Executive. The MBAC

Executive decision will be final. The MBAC Executive consists of 4 members: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

- 1.22 Athletes in developmental and recreational sport will be able to participate in the gender category in which they identify without any need for disclosure of information or other requirements. The same policy of inclusion would apply to high performance athletes up until the point where they must comply with International Federation Rules (which may state differently and will likely be along the lines of the new IOC consensus). All competitors must participate in the gender division they competed in and qualified for in their respective province.
- 1.23 If suspended, a competitor will not be eligible for a medal in the current National Championships.

SECTION TWO: TOURNAMENT DIVISION SINGLES

- 2.1 The qualifying round will be a round with each competitor meeting the other competitors three (3) times each on a match play basis. Competitors in the Men's divisions will compete against competitors in the same division. Competitors in the Women's divisions will compete against competitors in the same division. Two points will be awarded for each game won and one point for each game tied.
- 2.2 Designated emergency spares will not be used to replace Tournament Division Singles competitors.
- 2.3 (a) If a Singles competitor is unable to complete a game or is suspended mid-game, the opposing Singles competitor must tie or beat the score already earned by the departing Singles competitor to earn any points.

Example:

Departing Singles competitor leaves the game after six frames with a score of 110 in the 4th, a strike in the 5th and a strike in the 6th. Their Earned Score is $110 + 30 + 15 = 155$. The departing Singles competitor is entitled to earn Singles game points and Aggregate points in this game even if they leave mid-game.

(b) If a Singles competitor is absent for an entire game or has been suspended and therefore cannot compete for the entire game, the opposing Singles competitor must complete their game and will automatically earn 2 points for the game. The absent Singles competitor cannot earn any Singles game points for this game.

- 2.4 Should a tie exist at the end of the qualifying round for 1st or 3rd positions, a **one game roll-off** will be played to declare the higher placing. In the one game roll-off, the competitor with the **most points earned** in the games played between the individuals involved in the tie will determine who will throw the first ball. If the competitors are tied in points, the competitor with the higher pinfall in the matches between them will determine who will throw the first

ball. If they are still tied, a coin toss between the competitors will determine the higher placing and that competitor will determine who will throw the first ball.

If after the one game roll-off they are still tied, a **two frame roll-off** consisting of the 9th and 10th frames will be played. The competitor who threw the first ball in the one game roll-off will now throw second in the two frame roll-off. If still tied, further subsequent 9th and 10th frame roll-offs will be played, with the competitors alternating first ball, and this will continue until the tie is broken.

- 2.5 The top three qualifiers based on total points won will advance to the Stepladder Finals. The Singles competitor with the 3rd most points will bowl the 2nd place qualifier, on a “2 wins out of 3 games” basis. The winner of this set will bowl the 1st place Qualifier on a “2 wins out of 3 games” basis. The Winner of this set will be declared the National Champion.
- 2.6 In the Singles Semi-finals and Finals, the higher qualifier will have the choice of finishing first or last in the first or third game. The choice in the second game belongs to the opponent. The competitor who wishes to finish last will start the game by bowling one frame. The opponent will then roll two frames. This is followed by each competitor alternating and rolling two frames until the game is complete.
- 2.7 Should a tie exist in any game in the Singles Semi-finals and Finals, a **two frame roll-off** consisting of the 9th and 10th frames will be held to determine the winner. This would continue until the tie is broken. For all two frame roll-offs, the higher qualifier will decide who throws the first ball.
- 2.8 All competitors in the qualifying round and the Singles Stepladder **MUST** complete all games. A competitor who fails to complete all games in the qualifying round and the Singles Stepladder without reasonable cause may be suspended from the current and following MBAC National Championships.
- 2.9 In the Singles Stepladder event, the Men’s and Women’s divisions 3rd place competitors versus 2nd place competitors games will be played at the same time. They will be played on the left two lanes and right two lanes adjacent to the centre two lanes of the bowling centre. Warm-up time will be on lanes as far as possible from the lanes being used for the Stepladder. The final games for the Singles title will be played on the centre two lanes.
- 2.10
 - (a) In even numbered years, the Singles competitors in the Women’s division final will play first and the Singles competitors in the Men’s division final will play last.
 - (b) In odd numbered years, the Singles competitors in the Men’s division final will play first and the Singles competitors in the Women’s division final will play last.
 - (c) Tournament Singles qualifying round. During the qualifying round in the odd numbered years, the women will take the leadoff position on days 1 and 3 and the men will take the leadoff position on day 2. During the qualifying round in the even numbered years, the men will take the leadoff position on days 1 and 3 and the women will take the leadoff position on day 2.

- 2.11 Coaches for the Singles competitors in the Stepladder event must be qualified in accordance with the rule referencing coaches in Section One: General Rules.
- 2.12 Following the Singles Stepladder event, the Men's and Women's Singles competitors finishing first will be declared the National Champions and receive gold medals. The Men's and Women's Singles competitors finishing second will receive silver medals and the Men's and Women's Singles competitors finishing third will receive bronze medals.
- 2.13 The 10th Frame Rule as set out in Section One DOES NOT apply to the Singles competitors in the Stepladder.
- 2.14 Late Singles competitors will start to bowl and count from the time they are ready to do so. Competitors will not be able to play "catch-up" frames even if they arrive to play during the first three frames.

SECTION THREE: TOURNAMENT DIVISION TEAMS

- 3.1 The qualifying round will be a scratch event with each team meeting each of the other teams three (3) times. Points will be awarded on a match play basis (1 point for a win and ½ point for a tie) per competitor where lead off plays lead off, 2nd plays 2nd, etc. as per the official lane sheet. Three points will be awarded to the team with the most pinfall (1 ½ points for a tie), with a total of 8 points being awarded each game.
- 3.2 Following the qualifying round, the team with the most points will be declared the National Champions and receive gold medals. The team finishing second will receive silver medals and the team finishing third will receive bronze medals.
- 3.3 In the event of a tie for any of the top three positions after the conclusion of the qualifying round, the team with the **most points earned** in the games played between the teams involved in the tie will be given the higher placing. If the teams involved in the tie are still tied, the team with the **most team wins** between the teams involved in the tie will be given the higher placing. If the teams involved in the tie are still tied, **total pinfall for the 3 games** played between the teams involved in the tie will be the deciding factor. If the teams involved in the tie are still tied, **total pinfall for all 21 games** will be the deciding factor. If the teams involved in the tie are still tied, a **two frame roll-off** consisting of the 9th and 10th frames will be the deciding factor. If still tied, further subsequent 9th and 10th frame roll-offs will be played, and this will continue until the tie is broken. A coin toss by the coaches will be used to determine which team finishes first or last in each roll-off required.

Example:

Team CB and Team LN are tied with 100 points after the qualifying round.

Step 1 - Look at the games they played against each other. a) CB earned 15 points, LN earned 9 points, CB wins. OR b) They both earned 12 points when playing against each other, go to step 2;

Step 2 - Look at the games they played against each other. a) CB earned two team wins and LN earned one team win, CB wins. OR b) CB earned one team win and one team tie and so did LN, go to step 3;

Step 3 - Look at the games they played against each other. a) CB had a total pinfall of 3500 and LN had a total pinfall of 3450, CB wins. OR b) Both CB and LN had a total pinfall of 3500, go to step 4;

Step 4 – Look at all 21 games they played. a) CB had a total pinfall of 27,000 and LN had a total pinfall of 26,500, CB wins. OR b) Both CB and LN had a total pinfall of 27,000, go to Step 5;

Step 5 - Both teams will compete in a 9th and 10th frame roll off.

- 3.4 If a team competitor is unable to complete a game or is suspended **mid-game and no designated emergency spare is brought in**, the opposing competitor must tie or beat the score already earned by the departing competitor PLUS, for the remaining frames, the departing competitor's National Average x 85% x the % of the game remaining to earn any points.

Example:

Step 1 - Departing competitor has a National Average of 200 and leaves the game after six frames with a score of 110 in the 4th, a strike in the 5th and a strike in the 6th. Their earned score is $110 + 30 + 15 = 155$.

Step 2 - Using 85% of the departing competitor's National Average x the % of the game remaining. In this case: $200 \times .85 \times .4$ (4 frames) = absent score
 $(200 \times .85 = 170) \times .4 =$ absent score
 $170 \times .4 = 68$

Step 3 – Add the earned score determined in Step 1 plus the absent score from Step 2 ($155 + 68 = 223$).

The departing competitor will receive NO points even if the score is tied. The combined departing competitor's earned score and absent score will still count towards the team total score for points.

- 3.5 If the **designated emergency spare is brought into a game after the first ball has been thrown** by the original competitor, the opposing competitor must tie or beat the combined score of the original competitor and designated emergency spare to earn any points in this game. The departing competitor will receive NO points. The designated emergency spare will be awarded points if the combined score of the original competitor and the designated emergency spare is equal to or higher than the opposing competitor's score. The combined

scores of the original competitor and the designated emergency spare will count towards team total pinfall and team total points in this game.

- 3.6 The competitor who throws the first ball in a frame will be credited with the pinfall for the frame if the designated emergency spare is brought in.
- 3.7 **At the start of a game**, if a team competitor is unable to play the game or has been suspended **and the designated emergency spare is NOT brought in**, the opposing competitor must tie or beat 85% of the absent competitor's listed National average to earn any points. The absent competitor will receive an individual point score of "0", however, the calculated doe score will count towards the team total pinfall and team total points in this game.

SECTION FOUR: TEACHING AND SENIOR DIVISION SINGLES

- 4.1 Each province will qualify a Teaching Division Singles representative in both the Men's and Women's divisions. Each province will qualify one Senior Division Singles representative. The Senior Singles representative may be a male or female competitor.
- 4.2 During team play, the Teaching and Senior Singles representatives will bowl on the team and their scores will count for the team and against their opposing competitor in the same line-up position on the opposing team. Their scores will also count each game in match play against the designated Single from the opposing province, regardless of their position in the line-up.
- 4.3 Points will be awarded on a pins over average basis, with two points for a win and one point each for a tie.
- 4.4 Following the qualifying round, the Teaching and Senior Singles representatives with the most points will be declared the National Champions and receive gold medals. The Singles finishing second will receive silver medals and the Singles finishing third will receive bronze medals.
- 4.5 In the event of a tie for any of the top three positions after the conclusion of the qualifying round, the competitor with the **most points earned** in the games played between the individuals involved in the tie will be the deciding factor. If the individuals involved in the tie are still tied, **total POA for the 3 games** played between them will be the deciding factor. If the individuals involved in the tie are still tied, **total POA for all 21 games** will be the deciding factor. If still tied, the two competitors will remain tied.

Example:

Teaching/Senior Single CB and LN are tied with 30 points after the qualifying round.

Step 1 - Look at the games they played against each other. a) CB earned 4 points, LN earned 2 points. CB wins. OR b) They both earned 3 points when playing against each other (one win and one tied match), go to step 2;

Step 2 - Look at the games they played against each other. a) CB had a total POA of 90 and LN had a total POA of 75, CB wins. OR b) Both CB and LN had a total POA of 90, go to step 3;

Step 3 - Look at all 21 games they played during the qualifying round. a) CB had a total POA of 400 and LN had a total POA of 380, CB wins.

Step 4 – If still tied, the competitors will remain tied.

4.6 If the Teaching or Senior Division Single drops out for any reason or is suspended, the competitor will not be replaced and that “Single position” will remain vacant for the remainder of the tournament unless the original Singles competitor returns and the emergency spare was not utilized to replace them and the following rule will apply:

(a) The opposing Single competitor must tie or beat the POA score earned by the departing Single competitor at the time of them leaving the game to earn any points. The departing Single is entitled to earn Singles points in the game they left;

(b) The departing Single competitor will not receive any Singles points for full games missed. The Singles point may be earned by their opponent after the opponent completes the game and if the opponent ties or beats the POA +/- score of 85% of the absent competitor’s listed National average; and

(c) The departing Singles competitor will still be eligible to win a Singles medal with the points they have acquired unless they have been suspended.

SECTION FIVE: TEACHING AND SENIOR DIVISION TEAMS

5.1 The qualifying round will be a round with each team meeting each of the other teams three (3) times. Points will be awarded on a match play **Pins over Average** format, (1) point for a win and ½ point for a tie) per competitor where lead off plays lead off, 2nd plays 2nd, etc. as per the official lane sheet. Three points will be awarded to the team with the higher total Pins over Average. In the case of a tie for team POA, each team will be awarded 1 ½ points.

5.2 If a Teaching or Senior Division team competitor is unable to complete a game or is suspended **mid-game and no designated emergency spare is brought in**, the opposing competitor must tie or beat the POA +/- score of the combined departing competitor’s earned score and their absent score for the remaining % of the game (frames) to earn any points. The departing competitor, in this case, may earn individual points and their calculated score will count towards team totals.

Example:

Step 1 - Departing competitor has a National Average of 200 and leaves the game after six frames with a score of 110 in the 4th, a strike in the 5th and a strike in the 6th. Their earned score is 110 + 30 + 15 =**155**;

Step 2 - Using 85% of the departing competitor's National Average x the % of the game remaining. In this case: $200 \times .85 \times .4$ (4 frames) = absent score
 $(200 \times .85 = 170) \times .4 =$ absent score
 $170 \times .4 = \mathbf{68}$

Step 3 – Add the earned score determined in Step 1 plus the absent score from Step 2 ($155 + 68 = \mathbf{223}$);

Step 4 - Determine the departing competitor's POA by combining their earned score and their absent score and subtract their National Average from that.

In this case $(155 + 68 = 223)$
 $223 - 200 = +23$ POA

5.3 If a Teaching or Senior Division team competitor is unable to complete a game or is suspended after their first ball has been thrown **and the designated emergency spare is brought in**, the opposing competitor must tie or beat the combined POA +/- score of the departing competitor and the designated emergency spare to earn any points. The departing competitor will receive NO points. The designated emergency spare will be awarded points if the departing competitor and the designated emergency spare combined score POA +/- is equal to or higher than the opposing competitor.

5.4 To determine the combined bowler POA, the averages used would be based on the percentage of frames bowled. i.e. If competitor A has an average of 200 and bowls 6 frames, the POA scores they earn would be based on 120. Then, if competitor B has an average of 180 and bowls the remaining 4 frames, their POA score would be based on 72. The "combined" POA average to beat would be 192 ($120 + 72$).

Example:

$200 \times .6 = 120$

$180 \times .4 = 72$

New average to beat is $120 + 72 = 192$

Calculate the POA of the combined two competitors against that new average. The combined average would be used to help calculate the team's POA.

5.5 The competitor who throws the first ball in a frame will be credited with the pinfall for the frame if the designated emergency spare is brought in.

5.6 **At the start of a game**, if a Teaching or Senior Division team competitor is unable to play the game or has been suspended **and the designated emergency spare is NOT brought in**, the opposing competitor must tie or beat the POA +/- score of 85% of the absent competitor's listed National average to earn any points. The absent competitor will receive an individual point score of "0", even if the score is tied, however, the calculated doe score will count towards the team total pinfall.

Example:

Using 85% of the departing competitor's National Average

Assuming the absent competitor's national average is 200.

$200 \times .85 = \text{absent score}$

$200 \times .85 = 170 = \text{absent score}$. This score of 170 will be added to the team total for team score.

The POA for the absent competitor is $200 - 170 = -30$

The absent competitor will receive 0 individual points no matter what the competitor scores. The competitor must bowl a POA score of -30 or better to earn any points. For example, if the competitor bowls a -30 POA they will be tied and receive $\frac{1}{2}$ point. If the competitor bowls a -29 or better, they will earn 1 point.

5.7 Following the qualifying round, the team with the most points will be declared the National Champions and receive gold medals. The team finishing second will receive silver medals and the team finishing third will receive bronze medals.

5.8 In the event of a tie for any of the top three positions after the conclusion of the qualifying round, the team with the **most points earned** in the games played between the teams involved in the tie will be the deciding factor. If the teams involved in the tie are still tied, the team with the **most team wins** from games between the teams involved in the tie will be given the higher placing. If the teams involved in the tie are still tied, **total POA for the 3 games** played between them will be the deciding factor. If the teams involved in the tie are still tied, **total POA for all 21 games** will be the deciding factor. If still tied, the teams will remain tied.

Example:

Team CB and LN are tied with 100 points after the qualifying round.

Step 1 - Look at the games they played against each other. a) CB earned 17 points, LN earned 7 points, CB wins. OR b) They both earned 12 points when playing against each other, go to step 2;

Step 2 - Look at the games they played against each other. a) CB earned two team wins and LN earned one team win, CB wins. OR b) CB earned one team win and one team tie and so did LN, go to step 3;

Step 3 - Look at the games they played against each other. a) CB had a total POA of 300 and LN had a total POA of 290, CB wins. OR b) Both CB and LN had a total POA of 250, go to step 4;

Step 4 - Look at all 21 games they played during the qualifying round. a) CB had a total POA of 1500 and LN had a total POA of 1200, CB wins.

Step 5 – If still tied, the teams will remain tied.

5.9 All Senior Division teams must begin the National Championships with at least one competitor in each declared gender division. Designated emergency spares must compete

as in the same gender division they competed in and qualified for in their respective province. If a designated emergency spare is utilized on a Senior Division team, the team must continue to have at least one competitor in each declared gender division. Only if there is no designated emergency spare of the required gender available may the team use the designated emergency spare they have available, even if the team would be composed of five competitors of the same declared gender.

- 5.10 At the first day of competition of the National Championships, all competitors in the Seniors Division must be a minimum of 50 years of age.

SECTION SIX: AGGREGATE

- 6.1 Points will be calculated from ten events: Tournament Mens Division Singles, Tournament Womens Division Singles, Teaching Mens Division Singles, Teaching Womens Division Singles, Senior Division Singles, Tournament Mens Division Teams, Tournament Womens Division Teams, Teaching Mens Division Teams, Teaching Womens Division Teams and Senior Division Teams.
- 6.2 Points in each division will be awarded according to the number of Teams/Singles in that division starting with 1 (one) being the lowest. If there is a tie in a division, the points will be split evenly amongst those tied.
- 6.3 The Stepladder results for the Tournament Men's and Tournament Women's Singles will determine the Aggregate point standings for the top three positions. The remaining Singles competitors will receive Aggregate points based on Rule 6.2.
- 6.4 The province with the most points in total from all 10 events will be declared the Aggregate Champions.
- 6.5 If any provinces are tied for any position in the Aggregate, they will remain tied.
- 6.6 The Walter Heeney Most Improved Aggregate Province plaque will be awarded annually. The province that has earned the most Aggregate points between the previous year National Championships and the current year National Championships will receive the award.
- 6.7 In order to be eligible for the Walter Heeney award, the province must have fielded a full contingent the previous year at Nationals.