



Canadian Tenpin Federation, Inc.
Fédération Canadienne des Dix-Quilles, Inc.

2026 CANADIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The Canadian Youth Championships ("CYC") is sanctioned by the Canadian Tenpin Federation ("CTF"), endorsed by CTF and is being conducted for the purpose of declaring Canadian Champions in each of the following divisions:

- Girls' Singles: Bantam, Junior, Intermediate, Senior
- Boys' Singles: Bantam, Junior, Intermediate, Senior
- Doubles: Bantam Girl and Boy, Junior Girl and Boy
- Intermediate Girl and Boy, Senior Girl and Boy
- Girls' Team: Bantam, Junior, Intermediate, Senior
- Boys' Team: Bantam, Junior, Intermediate, Senior
- Girls' All-Events: Bantam, Junior, Intermediate, Senior
- Boys' All-Events: Bantam, Junior, Intermediate, Senior

All ages shall be determined as of August 1st prior to the Canadian Youth Championships:

- Bantams: 11 and under
- Juniors: 12 to 14,
- Intermediates: 15, 16 and 17
- Seniors: 18, 19, 20, 21

1. CTF ELIGIBILITY 300D SHALL BE ENFORCED. A youth bowler who bowls in a youth league or who bowls in a youth league and an adult league must have participated in at least 21 games of the youth league schedule, through which they qualified, to participate in a youth tournament. Achievement recognition will be provided for those described in the CTF Program Manual by their league. Provincial scholastic exemptions are also acceptable entrance criteria for the CYC tournament.
2. Each Province, except Ontario, is represented by a team of eight bowlers consisting of one boy and one girl in each of the age categories (bantam, juniors, intermediates and seniors). Ontario may be represented by two teams of eight bowlers, consisting of one boy and one girl in each of the age categories (bantam, juniors, intermediates, and seniors). These two teams will represent Northern Ontario and Southern Ontario.
3. If the doubles or teams are incomplete, pacers may be used. Only the legal competitor(s) scores on the incomplete team or doubles will still count towards their all events total.
4. The hosting province shall supply pacers, if required. No pacers will be required unless an incomplete roster exists.
5. Order of events shall be: Singles, Doubles, Team.
6. Order of line-up shall be:
 - (a) Teams - Bantam, Junior, Intermediate, Senior - Legal lineup consists of the 4 bowlers registered from the province. In the event of a tie in the team event for any medal position, a Baker format game will determine the winners. Coaches will have the opportunity to select the bowler positions for the tie breaker.



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- (b) Doubles - Girl, Boy - Legal lineup will consist of the 2 registered bowlers from the province. In the event of a tie for any medal position, a one-game roll-off will determine the winners.
- 7. Each event shall be round robin match play with one point awarded for each win and one-half of one point for a tie.
- 8. One complete game is bowled in the event of a tie in singles and doubles for any medal position. A baker game will be bowled in the team event. Subsequent ties will be a 9th and 10th frame roll-off.
- 9. Accumulated pinfall from Singles, Mixed Doubles, and Team Events will determine the All-Events winners. Duplicate medals for All-Events are presented in the event of a tie.
- 10. All Athletes and coaches must adhere to the social media Policy – see manual.
- 11. DURING COMPETITION:
 - (a) Practice will be for a minimum of 15 minutes before start of the first shift each day. Practice lanes will be the designated starting lanes.
 - (b) Competitors will be given 2 shadow balls on each lane when coming from a bye if no bye lanes are assigned.
 - (c) Competitors are expected to monitor their scores. Any errors should immediately be brought to the scorekeeper's attention. If the scorekeeper cannot correct the problem, the lane official will make the decision. Failing this, the Board of Appeal will make a binding decision.
 - (d) Each score is to be initialled by the athlete only if scores are not uploaded directly to the tournament software and will be announced by the Tournament Manager. The electronic score from the bowling centre will take precedence over any score dispute during the competition.
 - (e) Any disputed scores must be brought to the tournament official's attention before leaving the bowling centre each day. Bowlers must be ready to bowl when it is their turn.
 - (f) Bowlers may not leave the bowling area without the consent of their coaches. Zero will be counted for all frames missed.
 - (g) If an injury should occur during the tournament, a zero score will be entered for all frames and games not bowled in the Team, Doubles or Singles event. A pacer may fill in for the injured bowler. Wins will only be awarded to a province in said event with a legal lineup
 - (h) No Food or refreshments are allowed in the bowling area, and no electronic devices are allowed during play.
 - (i) A Province can have as many coaches as it wants. Only two (2) coaches will be allowed in the playing area at any time during the competition. All coaches must have Respect in Sport, Safe Sport Training, and be Competition Introduction trained under CTF guidelines.
 - (j) Before competition and between shifts, bowlers must remain in the bowling area. Entrants may not leave the bowling establishment or play game machines during any portion of the competition, including tiebreakers. After activities each day, bowlers must remain together with their coach, chaperon or parent.



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(k) Participants will remain on their competition lanes until instructed by a device to move.

12. BALL CERTIFICATION:

- (a) No on-site ball certification is required, as only those balls listed on the USBC Approved Bowling Ball List may be used during this event. This list can be found on bowl.com
- (b) Immediately after the Official Practice, a ball registration form listing the bowling balls to be used will be completed and handed into the Technical Committee. Each bowler may register a maximum of six (6) balls. Bowlers may not add any balls to this list after official practice. A damaged ball can only be replaced by a registered ball. Bowlers may incorporate the aid of a Manager, Coach or Parent to transport bowling equipment between games.
- (c) Using a non-registered ball will result in the disqualification of the game or games in which the ball was used.
- (d) Each bowler is responsible for his/her equipment after the tournament.
- (e) The Tournament Director or designate will conduct random verifications of the bowling equipment prior to the start of each squad. Inspection will include a visual inspection of the serial number
- (f) Bowling ball surface adjustments are only permitted during practice and may not be adjusted during byes or breaks in competition. Altering the surface of the bowling ball during any game, during breaks or byes is not allowed. The penalty is zero pinfall for that game

13. UNIFORMS AND IDENTIFICATION

- (a) Entrants must wear designated Provincial uniforms during competition, Team shirts with Province name on back and Black Bottoms are required, this includes – Shorts, Skorts, Skirts or dress pants. Bottoms need not match other than color, if one team member decides on shorts for example the other members on the team are not required to wear the same bottoms, although it is highly recommended. Violation of dress code by any competitor will result in disqualification from the event.
- (b) During the official part of the CYCs, team uniforms will identify the official party members.
- (c) Sponsorship identifications shall be located on either sleeve of the participant's shirt and shall be no larger than 3" by 3".

14. POOR SPORTSMANSHIP, ABUSIVE LANGUAGE OR ABUSE OF BOWLING EQUIPMENT will not be tolerated at any time and could result in a one-frame penalty on the next frame. Bowlers are expected to abide by the fundamental rules of good sportsmanship and the rules set out by the CTF National

Youth Tournament Committee. After the second warning, the one-frame penalty of "0" will be assessed.

All CTF rules must be adhered to and any violation of the rules could result in immediate disqualification.

15. DRUGS, STIMULANTS OR LIQUOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AT ANY TIME. Prescription drugs that must be used will be cleared through the coach and tournament official and should be listed on the medical form. Should this infraction occur, that bowler would be immediately disqualified.

16. No tobacco products may be used in the bowling centre OR ANY PREMISES HOLDING AN OFFICIAL FUNCTION.



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17. Any protest must be filed in writing with the Tournament Manager within 30 minutes of completion of the event under protest.
18. Any unusual incident or medical problem must be reported immediately to the coach and/or team manager.
19. The closing date for this tournament is March 15th, and the CTF National Office must receive each province's entry fee of \$1000.00 by that date
20. Curfew time is 11:00 pm. All athletes must be in their hotel rooms by this time.

The above rules and guidelines are set to assist the bowler in representing their Province in an admirable way and have an enjoyable, trouble-free tournament.

Tournament management has the final authority to make interpretations of any tournament rules and make decisions regarding anything not covered in the rules.

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