

Bowl Alberta Queen's Showdown: Clash for the Crown

Objective:

A competitive elimination-style singles bowling tournament integrated into regular league play, where bowlers advance through a **bracket system** based on **Pins Over Average (POA)**, with results submitted to Bowl Alberta for calculation.

Eligibility:

- Open to all female bowlers aged 18+ as of December 31st of the current bowling season.
- Participants must be registered in an **ADULT MEMBER CENTRE LEAGUE** (YBC bowlers excluded).

Entry & Registration:

- **Entry Fee:** \$20 per bowler.
- Centres collect names, league names, and averages (last season's year-ending average in that league) and submit them to Bowl Alberta.
- Centres confirm participation and submit \$15 of the entry fee online at **bowlab.ca**.
- **Prize Payout:** \$10 from each entry will be allocated to the tournament prize payout.
- **Remaining Entry Fee:** \$5 per entry will be retained by the centre and \$5 per entry will be retained by Bowl Alberta, with each permitted to use their portion at their own discretion.

Tournament Format:

- **Bracket Style: Single-elimination POA format.**
- 256 Bowlers, **8-week** tournament.
- Bowlers will be seeded Hi/Lo in the bracket based on **last season's year-ending average in that league**.
- **Byes** may be awarded to balance the bracket if necessary.
- Weekly matchups take place **during regular league play**.
- Bowlers will bowl their **standard league series (3 games)**, and Bowl Alberta will determine the winner based on **Pins Over Average (POA)**.
- The bracket remains unchanged throughout the tournament.
- **Round Robin** may occur the first week if registration exceeds 256 competitors. This change will then change the format to a **9-week** tournament.
- **Pre-Bowling:** Permitted provided the pre-bowl date is confirmed prior to bowling and all scores are bowled with the intention of being used for the tournament.
- **Post-Bowling:** Permitted due to illness or other reasonable circumstances to avoid negatively impacting the bowler's team or league, provided all scores are completed within the applicable tournament round.
- **Banked Scores:** Banked scores are not permitted for any Bowl Alberta online tournaments.

Competition Structure:

1. **League Rounds**
 - Matchups are assigned at the start of the tournament.
 - Bowlers bowl during **regular league play** and submit their **3-game series scores** to Bowl Alberta each **Sunday by Midnight**.
 - Bowl Alberta will process the scores and announce advancing bowlers every **Monday**.
 - Any Ties during the Tournament or Round Robin, first game bowled will be the tie breaker, then first two games if still a tie after the first game (both POA).
2. **Elimination Rounds**
 - 50% of the bowlers are eliminated each round based on the Bracket.
 - The tournament continues weekly until the final two bowlers face off.

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Payout Structure:

- **1st Place:** 30% of remaining prize pool
- **2nd Place:** 18%
- **3rd & 4th Place:** 10% each
- **5th – 8th Place:** 4% each
- **9th- 16th Place:** 2% each

Additional Notes:

- Weekly results will be **posted online and sent to centres** for display before league play.
- All scores must be officially recorded to ensure accuracy.
- The tournament is designed to **reward consistent performance relative to a bowler's average**.
- Bowl Alberta will manage the bracket and keep it updated weekly.

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