NORTHERN ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION
2026/2027 YOUTH CHALLENGE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
MANAGER/COACHES INSTRUCTIONS

1. Weather Related Problems: Before cancelling any Provincial event postpone the start time and if all participants are in by start time, start an hour later. Executive and Zone Managers will do rescheduling. Every effort must be made for everyone to bowl the entire tournament for weather related problems.
   (Note: the travel day is considered to be Friday December 4th, 2026.)

2. As Coach/Manager you are responsible to ensure that your team members are aware of the schedule and lane draw at all times during competition. You all have been provided the Lane Draws and Schedule of Events.

3. The entire contingent **must** be in full uniform for the Opening Ceremonies and Banquet.

4. All coaches and bowlers are expected to be at the lanes twenty (20) minutes early to ensure we start on time.

5. All coaches will receive their team line-up forms prior to their shift at the bowling centre.

6. All coaches are **required** to show proof of Vulnerable Sector – Criminal Check dated within the last two years (Dec 2024). As per Northern Ontario Constitution Article 4.05 (h).

7. If there are 3 discrepancies found in the coaches' paperwork at Provincials, the zone will be issued a $25 fine for every additional infraction following. *(Motion 2024-11)* Each coach will be responsible for having team line-ups submitted to the opposing coach for each game as quickly as possible.
   At completion of each game, coaches are to sign and verify the scores for their own team and that of their opponents.

8. Coaches and Managers are the only ones allowed to discuss, dispute or protest any point pertaining to the Championships with the Judge of Play. Please advise your bowlers of this rule in order to avoid any issues.
   ANY DISPUTE MUST BE SETTLED IMMEDIATELY, BEFORE BOWLING RESUMES.

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9. Coaches and Managers must not approach any member of the opposing team with a complaint. In case of a problem or dispute, call the Judge of Play to settle the matter at hand.

10. Only if the coach from the opposing team is in doubt on a downed pin, the Judge of Play is to be summoned to make a ruling on a downed pin, if an agreement cannot be mutually made. If the Judge of Play did not observe, the ruling is in favour of the bowler as per C5 Rules. (See graphic at end of document for picture of a down pin).

11. A ball thrown out of turn is a dead ball. Bowlers must go ball for ball in the 10th frame with the home team having the choice of either throwing first or second. A Ball thrown out of turn relating to this rule is also considered a dead ball.

12. After a frame has been bowled and the next frame following it has been completed (by the same bowler) the score cannot be changed unless it is an obvious mistake in addition.

13. Lane courtesy should be observed but not overdone. Excessive slow play may be issued a warning.

14. The use of profanity of any nature will not be tolerated. A warning will be given, however if use is continued, the offender may be subject to disciplinary action including possible suspension from the competition.

15. No hats of any kind are to be worn during the competition unless for medical or religious reasons.

16. Sponsorships are allowed to be put on the zone uniforms. See NO5 constitution for further details regarding sponsorships.

17. Noisemakers of any kind are prohibited.

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18. The use of cell phones and electronics is prohibited on the lanes during play. If an individual requires to have their phone available for personal circumstances, they may give it to the manager to be monitored for notifications. Phone can be checked between games.

19. Any damages arising from any contingent members and/or guests at the event will be subject to disciplinary action and possible immediate suspension from competition. Reimbursement for any damages will be required before reinstatement can be considered.

20. The Tournament Committee for the 2026 Youth Challenge Provincials is:

    Technical Director - Eric Dion
    Secretary - Terri Hamilton
    Membership Chairperson - Kim Pavey

21. Other members of the NO5PBA executive board are in attendance but competing in the event. They MAY assist where necessary but it is not expected during their blocks of competition.

    NO5PBA 1st Vice-President - Marc Lafleur
    NO5PBA 2nd Vice-President - Kevin Mantha

22. The tournament will be scent free. Coaches and Managers are responsible to ensure that their contingent is aware of the severe allergies to perfume/after shave.

23. Opening Ceremonies begins at 12:30 PM on December 5th at Timber Lanes. Please have everyone there by 12:00 PM. Please have your contingent in the pit of the assigned lane (see below). Each contingent member will be recognized during the opening ceremonies and at that time can step out onto the approach where they will stay until the end of the opening ceremonies.

CN – Lane 2	*GB – Lane 3*	*SC – Lane 4*
TB – Lane 7	*GW – Lane 8*	*ND – Lane 9*

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24. ***"Bowl for Kids" Roll–Offs begins at the end of Opening Ceremonies.*** *All participants who have collected $50 or more in pledges will participate in roll-offs. Each Zone manager to be on the lanes, monitoring their contingent. The men's team will be given a 5-minute warmup prior to the start of the "Bowl for Kids" Roll-Offs. The men's team will be given their full 15-minute warm-up afterwards.*

CN - Lanes 1-2	*GB – Lanes 3-4*	*SC - Lanes 5-6*
TB - Lanes 7-8	*GW - Lanes 9-10*	*ND - Lanes* 11-12

25. As a coach/manager you are expected to be respectful to all volunteers and competitors. If you or anyone from your contingent is disrespectful or fail to follow the Universal Code of Conduct, disciplinary action may result.

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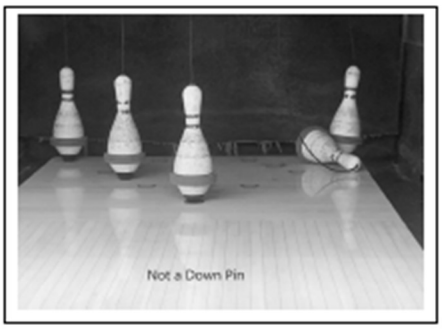
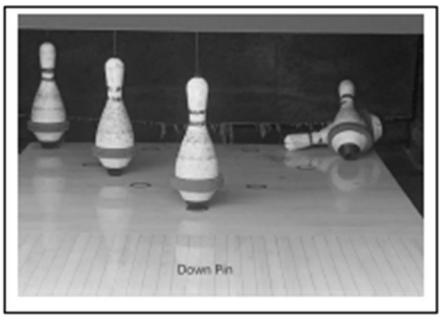
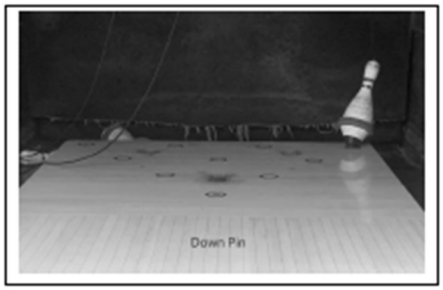
Rule 11 (g) – Down Pin Graphic



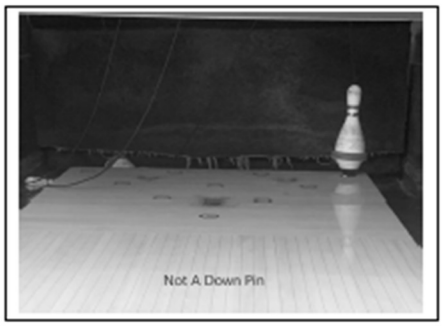
Not a Down Pin. You "pull" that pin away, you will have the pin come back on it's base. Probably the most common "call" people make on leaning pins.



Down Pin. You can clearly see it is down. If the machine gives a count of 13 as an example, it would have to be changed into a Strike.



Down Pin. This is where you can commonly see the string get snagged my the pinsetter and it not being released. If this happens, the Judge of Play, or whomever is making the call, should correct the score accordingly.



Not a Down Pin. This is common if the base is worn, or the "pin pucks" are grooved in and are concave after lots of use. It is more common on wood lanes for the pin pucks, but the base is a common occurrence for it all. With the old rule, it is technically leaning, after throwing a 13 count as an example, a pin barely bumps into the corner, it could lean a little more, and someone could call it. Much tougher with the black bases as well, when it is 60 feet out.