



# **2019 Canadian Team Trials**

## **Tournament Rules**

**(Sanctioned by the Canadian Tenpin Federation)**

The Canadian Team Trials has separate divisions for: adult men, adult women, youth men, youth women, senior men and senior women. Senior men and women will qualify for PABCON every even year and Worlds every odd year. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals shall be awarded in each division.

### **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

1. The Canadian Team Trials is an annual tournament where bowlers compete to qualify for Team Canada in the divisions listed above. The tournament consists of six game qualifying blocks, bowled on Days 1, 2 and 3.
2. At the conclusion of Day 3, the field will be cut to the top 18 men and the top 12 women according to their 18 game total pin fall. In the event of a tie at the end of Day 3, Rule #13 will apply.
3. The men and women will bowl in separate divisions. Two squads may be needed depending on lane availability and number of entries. If separate squads are needed the lanes will be re-dressed between each squad.
4. Up to 4 of the World Bowling lane patterns will be used from banks determined by the High Performance Committee. Patterns will be announced 1 day prior to the event and will be used for Official Practice squad(s).
5. Day 1 will be a random lane draw and each day after will be a continuation or random. Position Round will be held game 6 of Day 3 before cut, and game 6 of Day 4 before cut to stepladder.
6. After game 6 on Day 4, the top 3 men and top 3 women will advance to the stepladder finals based on the total pin fall from the six games bowled on Day 4 and the pin fall carried forward from Days 1, 2 and 3. In the event of a tie for the stepladder positions, Rule #13 will apply.
7. The stepladder final will consist of semi-final and final matches. The semi-final match will be a one game match where the #3 seed bowls the #2 seed. The winner of the semi-final match will advance to the stepladder final against the #1 seed. During the stepladder final, the semi-final winner must defeat the #1 seed twice to win the Championships. In the event of a tie after a match, Rule #13 will apply. The higher seed shall determine the starting lane for the semi-final and final matches.
8. Prior to the stepladder finals, the lanes will be dressed using all pre-selected patterns. The higher seed will determine the pattern to be used during the stepladder matches.

### **ELIGIBILITY RULES**

9. The Canadian Team Trials are open to all CTF Registered Participants, in good standing with CTF, and who are Canadian citizens able to obtain a Canadian passport no later than January 31st of the year of international competition.
10. Youth Team Canada Members must be 13 years of age and not 21 years of age as of January 1, 2020.
11. Competitors qualifying for Adult Team Canada must be 15 years of age as of January 1, 2020.
12. Senior men and senior women must be at least 50 years of age as of September 1, 2019.
13. In the event of a tie for any of the qualifying positions in any division, a one game roll-off will determine the winner. This roll-off will take place immediately after the tie is determined. If a tie still exists after a one game roll-off, a further three frame roll-off will be played until a winner is determined.

### **GENERAL RULES**

14. Disruptive behavior by any athlete will not be tolerated. Disruptive behavior is anything that is deemed inappropriate such as offensive language, rude gestures, hitting machines, slow play, etc. The Tournament Manager shall have the final say as to what would constitute disruptive behavior.

An authorized tournament official shall warn anyone not observing this rule as follows:

- (a) A white card for the first offence (no penalty).
- (b) A yellow card for the second offence (no penalty).
- (c) A red card for the third and each succeeding offence in any block of games, and the penalty shall be a zero pin fall for the frame.



15. A dress code will be enforced during the Canadian Team Trials, which includes the Official Practice Squad. Men may wear dress pants. Women may wear dress slacks, dress shorts, dress skirts, dress skorts, or dress capris. All shirts must have sleeves. T-shirts are not allowed. Sweat pants, leggings and/or track style pants are not allowed. Shirts with the athlete's names are encouraged but not mandatory. Competitors may not wear hats during competition.
16. Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery when the two lanes immediately adjacent to them on both the right and left are clear. Competitors must observe two lane courtesy at all times.
17. Headphones may only be used in between frames during competition.
18. Pacers can be used at the discretion of the Tournament Manager. A pacer may be a competitor who was eliminated from competition.
19. No on-site ball inspection will take place; however, all entrants must submit their Ball Registration Form to the Tournament Manager at the official practice or prior to the first squad. Prior to the start of each squad, the Tournament Manager or designate will carry out random verification of bowling equipment. Inspection will include a visual inspection of the serial number on the bowling ball compared to the bowling balls listed on the Ball Registration Form.

Competitors may register a maximum of eight bowling balls. Competitors cannot bring non-registered equipment into the bowling centers. Any competitor who is in possession of non-registered bowling balls will be disqualified.

A competitor may replace a damaged ball if and only if it has been determined that the damage will affect the performance of the equipment as determined by a certified ball driller. The Tournament Manager must be made aware of the damage as soon as possible. The replacement ball will be registered. Only bowling balls on the World Bowling approved bowling ball list can be used for this competition. This list is published on the World Bowling website ([www.worldbowling.org](http://www.worldbowling.org)).

If a violation of this rule is found during the inspection, the non-registered equipment will be removed from the remainder of the Championships, and the competitor shall forfeit all pins earned during the frames where the non-registered equipment was used.

20. Altering the surface of any bowling equipment by use of abrasives by hand is allowed during any squad but only between games, providing there is no delay in play. Altering the surface of bowling equipment is not permitted during a game. If a ball is altered during a game and the competitor uses the equipment, the competitor forfeits all pins earned during the frames where the altered ball was used.
21. Athletes may not consume or bring alcoholic beverages in the bowling area. This includes breaks of any kind such as position rounds. Spectators may consume alcoholic beverages as long as they are not in the bowling area.
22. **ENTRY FEE: \$325.00 (Lineage & Expenses)**
23. Only in an emergency, if a competitor cannot compete in the Championships, will a refund be considered. All notices of emergency must go to the CTF Executive Director and a copy sent to the Tournament Manager.
24. Entries close two weeks prior to the start of the tournament. Mailed entries must be at the CTF National Office by the two weeks prior to the start of the Team Trials. It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure the entries are at the CTF National Office by this deadline. The deadline for entries being received will be May 3, 2019. **Any entries received after May 3rd, will be accepted up to 72 hours prior to the start of the first shift; however, it will be based on lane availability and the entry fee will be \$375.**
25. Funding for Team Canada events come from Sport Canada Funding and fundraising efforts. The Canadian Tenpin Federation will do their utmost to ensure funding is available but cannot be held accountable if Sport Canada should cut off funding.
26. **Adult Team Canada will consist of eight men and eight women (after selection see rule #27). Youth Team Canada will consist of the top four youth males, and top four youth females. The senior team will consist of the top four senior males and four senior women.**
27. **TEAM CANADA SELECTION PROCESS**

Adult Team Canada will be comprised of eight men and eight women. Upon completion of the 24 games at the Canadian Team Trials, the top six men and top six women will automatically qualify for adult Team Canada. The National Selection Committee will select two additional men and two additional women through an application process, to complete the adult teams and this selection will be announced no later than October 1st of the current championship year.

In the even years of competition an application process will take place for the Super Senior Division for the PABCON Championships.