

HISTORY OF 5-PIN BOWLING

- 1909 Thomas F. (*Tommy*) Ryan invents 5 Pin Bowling in Toronto, Ontario. Original Pin Count (values) are established as (from left to right) "4-2-1-3-5".
- 1910 First 5 Pin Bowling League was formed at Ryan's Toronto Bowling Club.
- 1912 Rubber band was added to the Pins.
- 1921 First perfect "450" game bowled by Bill Bromfield in Toronto, Ontario.
- 1921 First Ladies' 5 Pin Bowling League started by Marion Dibble in Toronto, Ontario.
- 1927 First 5 Pin Bowling organization "Canadian Bowling Association" (*CBA*) formed in Toronto, Ontario.
- 1928 First "Official 5 Pin Rule Book" printed by the CBA.
- 1952 Pin Count revised to (from left to right) 2-3-5-3-2 (as current)
- 1953 First Canadian Championship (*East vs. West*) conducted in Regina, Saskatchewan.
- 1957 First automatic pinsetting machine introduced.
- 1958 First "Pepsi-Cola High School Championships" held in Alberta.
- 1962 Lane Certification and Tournament Sanctioning introduced.
- 1963 Bowling Proprietors' Association of Canada (*BPAC*) formed.
- 1963 BPAC introduces program for young bowlers named National Youth Bowling Council (*now named Youth Bowling Canada and often referred to as YBC*).
- 1963 First automatic string pin-setter introduced.
- 1965 Bowling pin measurements standardized.
- 1970 Master Bowlers' Association of Canada formed.
- 1971 Tommy Ryan inducted posthumously into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.
- 1972 BPAC introduces a program for senior citizens named National Golden Age Bowlers' Club (now named Club 55+)
- 1975 Government survey reveals 680,000 bowlers in 20,000 leagues across Canada.
- 1976 National 5 Pin Bowling "Instruction & Coaching" Program introduced by the Master Bowlers' Association of Canada.
- 1978 The Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association (*C5PBA*) is formed to become the new Sport Governing Body for the sport of 5 Pin bowling.
- 1983 5 Pin Bowling participates in Canada Winter Games in Chicoutimi, Quebec.
- 1990 Rules changed to allow the use of personal bowling balls.
- 1995 Government statistics report 521,000 Canadians participate regularly in 5 Pin Bowling
- 2007 CBC Television Series "Greatest Canadian Inventions" lists 5-Pin Bowling as the 4th Greatest Canadian Invention of all time (as voted by the Canadian public).
- 2007 Youth Bowling Canada leagues qualify for the new Children's Fitness Tax Credit
- 2008 Heritage Canada recognizes 5-Pin Bowling as a Canadian "Heritage Sport"
- 2008 To kick off the Centennial Anniversary bowling season, Terry Burns of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories bowls in 100 bowling centres coast to coast over 100 days.
- 2009 5 Pin Bowling celebrates its Centennial Anniversary