



# Bowls Alberta



## Youth Program and Support Policy

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to assist youth members and their parents and coaches, in understanding the provincial competitions held for youth and the guidelines around those events. It also gives information regarding the National Youth Championships and the procedures and guidelines for attending those events.

### Policy Points

1. On the same weekend, if registration numbers warrant, Bowls Alberta (BA) will hold the Alberta Junior Singles Championships for girls and boys, ages 12 - U18 and the Alberta U25 Singles Championships for women and men ages 18 - U25. Exact age restrictions will be the same as those for the BCB Youth Championships as found in their Conditions of Play. These competitions fall under the direction of the Bowls Program Committee and the BA Conditions of Play.
2. A parent or legal guardian must sign and submit to the BA office, a Junior Release Form for any player under the age of 18 participating in a sanctioned provincial event.
3. A parent, chaperone, or appointed coach must accompany any player under the age of 18 participating in a sanctioned provincial event.
4. The winners and the runners-up of the Alberta Junior Singles Championships may represent Alberta at the Canadian Junior Singes Championship, if the players are in good standing at an affiliated club and have demonstrated a skill level that would allow them to enjoy and compete at the national event. Expenses for transportation, accommodation and meal packages for up to 4 players and a coach, will be covered as set out in the policies of BA. For details of funding support see the *Alberta Player Support Policy*. Transportation and accommodation for the parent/chaperone of the winners will also be covered by BA but the parent/chaperones of the runners-up will not be funded. These parent/chaperones, along with any other players and parent/chaperones that wish to attend the Open Canadian Youth Championships are encouraged to seek assistance from their home clubs.
5. If there is only one entry in either the girls or boys Alberta Junior Singles Championships, that person may be declared the Alberta champion if they are a member in good standing at an affiliated club and have demonstrated a skill level that would allow them to enjoy and compete at the national event. The player will receive assistance to attend the Canadian Youth Championships as set forth in the *Alberta Player Support Policy*. Otherwise BA will not send a player of that gender to the Canadian Youth Championships.
6. The Canadian U25 Singles Championship is an Open event and therefore all provincial U25 bowlers may register to attend the event if they meet the Bowls Canada Boulingrin Conditions of

Play. If the Alberta U25 Singles Championships are held (minimum of two entries), the champions and runners-up will receive support to attend the Canadian Youth Championships according to the *Alberta Player Support Policy*. If no provincial Championship is held a player can apply to BA for support to attend the Canadian Youth Championships.

7. Players under 18 years of age that represent Alberta at the Canadian Youth Championships must always be sent with a chaperone (parent, parent appointed chaperone, team manager/coach) as laid out by the Conditions of Play of Bowls Canada Boulingrin.
8. Adults that accompany Alberta players under 18 to Provincial or National events must adhere to the Volunteer Screening Policy which stipulates the requirement to provide a police security check before being assigned as the designated BA player or team chaperone. An exception to this is when the chaperone is a parent or close relative and is not chaperoning any other players.