



Bowls Alberta



Player/Athlete Ranking Points System

Purpose

The points system is used to identify and rank Bowls Alberta (BA) players/athletes who are developing their skills and moving through the development (LTAD) stages and have exhibited top performances in Provincial and Canadian Championship events. It will be evaluated and reconstructed after the 2019 season so that it can effectively be used as a component in the selection of team members for invitational events or interprovincial challenges. It may also then be used to identify players for performance recognition awards.

Procedure

An athlete must be a BA member in the current year to be included on the points list. New members moving into the province will receive equivalent points for results in provincial championships outside of Alberta.

The points list ranks athletes based on a three-year cumulative total of points awarded. Ties are broken by the highest point total in the most recent year.

An athlete's points awarded for any one year is the highest number of points awarded from any single provincial event and from any single Canadian championship// in that year.

Outstanding performance in the most challenging and important open events leading to Canadian championships (identified as Tier 1) will be given the most weighting.

Outstanding performance in other open events leading to Canadian championships (identified as Tier 2) will be given secondary weighting.

Outstanding performance in Junior or under 25 events leading to a Canadian championship will be given Tier 2 weighting.

Outstanding performance in other BA Provincial open events or BA affiliated open events (identified as Tier 3) will be given minimal weighting.

Outstanding performance in restricted entry events, except Juniors and under 25s, including those that lead to a Canadian championship, will be given minimal weighting (Tier 3). Entrants in restricted entry events have full opportunity to exhibit outstanding performance in all the open events.

Points may be awarded to the top four (4) individuals/teams in a tournament. However, individuals/teams must place within the top 1/3 of entries for a particular event in order to be awarded points for that event. No points are awarded for tournaments with less than four (4) entrants; four or five entrants – points for the first place only; six to eight entrants – points for first and second place only; nine to eleven entrants – points for first, second, and third place only; twelve or more entrants – points for first, second, third and fourth place.

Additional points will be awarded to athletes for a top four placing in the applicable Canadian Championship as outlined on the next page.

Specific Details:

(1) Points awarded as follows:

	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Tier 1 Open Events	16	14	12	10
Tier 2 Open Events	12	10	8	6
Tier 2 Restricted Events	8	6	4	2
Tier 3 Open Events	8	6	4	2
Tier 3 Restricted Events	8	6	4	2
Tier 3 Age Restricted	6	4	2	0

Tier 1 Open Events:

- Women's & Men's Provincial Pairs
- Women's & Men's Outdoor Singles
- Women's & Men's Provincial Fours
- Women's and Men's Provincial Indoor Singles

Tier 2 Age Restricted Events:

- Provincial Boys and Girls Junior Singles
- Provincial Women's & Men's Under 25

Tier 3 Restricted Events

- Provincial Mixed Pairs

Tier 3 Age Restricted Events:

- Women's & Men's Senior Triples

Tier 3 Open Events:

- Open Triples
- Novice Tournament

Each player will only receive points for the event with the highest ranking, not for all events played.

Examples:

Joe finishes third in the Pairs (12 points), second in the Mixed Pairs (10 points) and wins the Provincial Open Triples (8 points). Joe would count only his best result and would get 12 points.

Jane finishes second in the Pairs (14 points), first in the Mixed Pairs (12 points) plus finishes second in the Canadian Mixed Pairs (4 bonus points). Wanda would count her best result and would get 16 points (12 + 4).

(2) Additional Points

Additional points will be given to athletes for results in the applicable Canadian Championship as follows:

	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Canadian Women's & Men's Pairs	8	6	4	2
Canadian Women's & Men's Fours	8	6	4	2
Canadian Women & Men's Outdoor Singles	8	6	4	2
Canadian Women's & Men's Indoor Singles	6	4	2	1
Canadian Mixed Pairs	6	4	2	1
Canadian Juniors & U25	6	4	3	1
Canadian Women's & Men's Senior Triples	6	4	2	1

Final Comment:

After a review in the spring of 2018 and a discussion in early 2019 it was decided to keep the current point system in place with minor changes. It is recognized that with the changes to the BCB National Events all athletes no longer have equal opportunity to obtain points and certain events are considered higher tiered events, therefore one change was made in regard to the tiering of the Mixed Pairs.

As stated in the introduction, the system will have a thorough review and updates will be made to the system to align it with its purpose by the end of 2019. If you wish to give input please contact the chair of the Athlete Development Committee, Greg Wilson or send your comments to the Bowls Alberta office to be forwarded to the Committee.