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| Competitor Dress Code – YBC and YBO Regional / Provincial Finals | August 2026 |

This policy is applicable to the provincial finals of the following tournaments only:

- Youth Bowl Ontario Cup
- Youth Bowl Ontario Triples Team Championships
- Youth Bowl Ontario Doubles Tournament
- Youth Bowl Ontario Scholarship Tournament
- Youth Bowl Ontario Twosomes
- Youth Bowl Canada Championship – Singles and Doubles

In all instances, competitors' clothing is expected to be neat and tidy. Clothing is not to be ripped or tattered.

This dress code is not applicable to other rounds (House, and National). Events at these other levels may have their own dress code. It is the responsibility of each competitor to comply with the dress code of these other events.

Bowling centres may require YBC bowlers and coaches to adhere to their own dress code, provided that the centre's dress code falls within the requirements and guidelines of the provincial YBC dress code.

1.0 Shirts/Uniforms

1. Competitors are to wear a YBC-identified bowling shirt. A YBC-identified bowling shirt is any garment, regardless of style, manufacturer, fabric, or colour, that covers the upper body and displays one (1) of the following, either screened or embroidered:

- The official Youth Bowl Canada (YBC) or Youth Bowl Ontario (YBO) logo;
- The name of the bowling centre; or
- The name or number of the region.

2. Shirts displaying the name or logo of another bowling association or organization are permitted, as are national team jerseys.
3. Shirts with collars are also permitted.

**Tank tops and any other garments that do not fully cover the upper body are not permitted. Shirts are required to have a sleave.**

**1.2** Bottoms (Pants, Shorts, Skirts, and Skorts)

- Sponsor identification is not permitted on bottoms.
- All bottoms must be clean and free of rips, tears, or holes.
- Shorts, skirts, and skorts are permitted provided they are at least fingertip length when the competitor's arms are resting naturally at their sides.

**Sweatpants with elastic bottoms or any bottoms with rips, tears, or holes are not permitted.**

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1.3-Coaches (all events) / Adult bowlers (Ontario Twosome)

Coaches and/or Adult bowlers participating in the above mentioned Regional / Provincial events, must adhere to the above mentioned dress code in sections 1.1 Shirts, 1.2 Pants

1.4 Sponsorship on Shirts

YBC programs may obtain sponsorships for their program shirts, provided the sponsors are appropriate for a youth program.

- Sponsors must be **family-friendly** and suitable for youth participants.
- Sponsor logos may be placed on the **sleeves** or the **lower back** of the shirt only.
- All sponsors and the proposed logo placement **must receive final approval from the Bowl Ontario office** before the shirts are produced or worn at sanctioned events.

1.5 Penalty for infraction

Bowlers and coaches will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate or Infractions will result in a penalty of 15 points per game. Infractions can only be assessed by the Tournament Director.

1.6 Other Notes on hats and head gear

For team events, bowlers on the same team are not required to wear matching uniforms.

**Hats, or other headgear, is prohibited unless required for medical or religious reasons.**

**The wearing of ear buds or headphones are not permitted**.

***NOTE:*** *Should a bowler have an invisible disability or sensitivity to loud or sudden noises, accommodations can be made, including permitting the use of ear plugs or noise-cancelling headphones (such items will not be provided by Youth Bowl Ontario). Bowlers with such requirements must inform the Tournament Director.*

Any deviations from this dress code must be approved by the Youth Bowl Ontario office.

**It is advisable that bowlers err on the side of caution when it comes to their uniform choice in determining if it adheres to the dress code. In cases such as this, bowlers are advised to wear other clothing options that fit more clearly within the dress code, in order to avoid a dress code infraction.**