



# Tournament Sanctioning Regulations

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## 1. Introduction

This document is designed to be used in conjunction with the Play! Pokémon General Event Rules, TCG Rules and Formats, and VG Rules and Formats documents. All Professors are required to follow the regulations set forth for sanctioned tournament play.

## 2. Sanctioning Events

Pokémon Organized Play (POP) encourages Professors to sanction their tournaments no less than 14 days prior to the date on which the event is scheduled to take place. This ensures that players have adequate opportunity to find your tournament using the Event Locator tool. Events sanctioned later than this may not be approved. Sanctioned tournaments will appear on the Event Locator at <https://www.pokemon.com/us/play-pokemon/pokemon-events/find-an-event/>.

## 3. Appropriate Venues

POP prefers that all sanctioned events are run in a game store. However, we acknowledge that these venues may not always be available to Organizers. With this in mind, Play! Pokémon allows sanctioned events to be run in other public locations, such as community centers or libraries. All venues must be clean, safe, and open to the general public.

Sanctioned events are not allowed to be held in private locations. Organizers found to be running sanctioned tournaments in private residences or venues not open to the general public are subject to immediate loss of all Play! Pokémon privileges.

In addition, secular venues are preferred at all times, as non-secular venues may cause potential participants to feel unwelcome.

## 4. Minimum Number of Players

At least 8 players must have participated in a tournament for that event to remain sanctioned. If fewer than 8 players participate in the tournament, the Professor organizing the event must report the tournament as canceled.

## 5. Reporting Events

As players have an interest in their tournament record for the season, it is important for Organizers to report their events in a timely manner. It is critical that Premier Events especially be reported in a timely manner, as the results of these events can determine whether a player is eligible to participate in larger, more prestigious events such as the Pokémon World Championships.

Tournament results are due to be received by Pokémon Organized Play within 7 days after the event, and are to be reported online at [www.pokemon.com](http://www.pokemon.com). Any results not submitted by this time are considered delinquent. A history of delinquent events may jeopardize the Organizer's ability to host future tournaments.



## 6. Maintaining Records

Tournament results assist Pokémon Organized Play (POP) in player investigations, errors in reporting, and various other administrative duties. To aid in these activities, Organizers are required to keep the results of a sanctioned tournament for three months, and these results should be given to POP when requested.

Each player's deck list or team is considered to be confidential during an event and is not to be shared with anyone other than the tournament staff or POP, except in instances where the information is part of an article or match streaming. Deck lists and team details may be published at the discretion of POP. Deck lists should be retained by the Organizer for three months unless otherwise instructed by POP.

## 7. Updating Results

Results for an event may be updated at any time by the Organizer until the tournament has been marked as "Completed." Once that tournament is final, ratings and rankings for individual players should be automatically calculated the next morning.

For any changes to the event results after that point, the Organizer of record will need to contact us via <http://support.pokemon.com/> to have the match result corrected.

## 8. Suspension of Tournament Organizer Privileges

Pokémon Organized Play reserves the right to suspend or terminate an Organizer's ability to participate in some or all aspects of the Play! Pokémon program for any reason. Suspended Organizers will be listed on [www.pokemon.com](http://www.pokemon.com) to notify players of that Organizer's ineligibility to sanction Pokémon tournaments.



## ***Appendix A. Document Updates***

Pokémon Organized Play reserves the right to alter these rules, as well as the right to interpret, modify, clarify, or otherwise issue official changes to these rules, with or without prior notice.

Document updates will be made available at <http://www.pokemon.com>.

### Revisions made for latest publication (July 26 2017)

- General revision and updating of language for the sake of uniformity and clarity.
- Updated Section 2: Organizers are now encouraged to sanction their events with at least 14 days' notice.

