



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 encourages Professors to sanction their tournaments no later 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. Sanctioned tournaments will appear on the [Event Locator](#).

NOTE

Events sanctioned later than this may not be approved.

3. Appropriate Venues

Pokémon Organized Play prefers all sanctioned events to be run in a game store. However, we acknowledge that these venues may not always be available to Organizers. With this in mind, Pokémon Organized Play allows sanctioned events to be run in other public locations, such as community centers, libraries, or rented event halls. All venues must be clean, safe, and open to the general public. In addition, secular venues are preferred at all times, as non-secular venues may cause potential participants to feel unwelcome.

NOTE

Sanctioned events may not 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.

Venues requiring ticketed entry are considered open to the public.

4. Minimum Number of Players

To remain sanctioned, a tournament must have at least 8 participating players. Of those players, at least 8 must complete 2 or more rounds. If fewer than 8 players participate in the tournament, the Professor organizing the event must report the tournament as canceled.

In the case of Prerelease events that have fewer than 8 players, the Organizer should contact their Retail Liaison using the email addresses below:

Europe & South Africa

retailereurope@pokemon.com

United States & Canada

retailerinfo@pokemon.com

5. Organizer Presence

The Organizer of a tournament is the Professor who originally sanctioned that tournament on the official Pokémon website. The Organizer is ultimately responsible for ensuring that the tournament is run according to the rules and procedures laid out in this and other core rules documentation. Because of this, the Organizer must be present at the tournament while it is taking place.

For further information regarding Organizer responsibilities, please refer to section 7.5 of the Play! Pokémon General Event Rules.

6. 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 especially critical that Premier Events be reported in a timely manner, as the result 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 [the official Pokémon website](#). Any results not submitted by this time are considered delinquent.

NOTE

A history of delinquent events may jeopardize the Organizer's ability to host future tournaments.

7. Maintaining Records

Tournament results assist Pokémon Organized Play 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 Pokémon Organized Play when requested.

The contents of any player's deck or team may be published by the Organizer at any time once the event has begun, provided that this information is publicly accessible, and that the publication of such data is part of an initiative that provides additional value to those attending or watching the event. For example, this includes broadcasting a match via live stream or publishing an article about the event. Otherwise, this data should be kept confidential throughout the duration of the tournament.

Deck lists and team lists should be retained by the event Organizer for three months unless otherwise instructed by Pokémon Organized Play.

Pokémon Organized Play reserves the right to publish tournament information, including but not limited to the items listed above, transcripts, audio and/or video recordings or other recounts, player penalties, awards, or any other resultant information from the tournament.

8. 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 our [Customer Support Portal](#) to have the match result corrected.

Erroneous Player IDs may be corrected by the Organizer directly, using the "Replace Player ID" tool, up to 3 months after the upload date.

9. Suspension of Organizer Role

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 [the official Pokémon website](#) 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 [the official Pokémon website](#).

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Section	Revision	Details
4	Clarification of existing rule	“To remain sanctioned, a tournament must have at least 8 participating players. Of those players, at least 8 must complete 2 or more rounds.”
5	Added Section 5, Organizer Presence	–