

Pokémon Organized Play Sanctioning Regulations

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1. Introduction

This is meant to be used in conjunction with the Pokémon Organized Play Tournament Rules document. Tournament Organizers are required to follow the regulations set forth for sanctioned tournament play.

2. Sanctioning Events

A tournament may be sanctioned online any time prior to the date of the event. Tournaments may not be sanctioned after the date of the event has passed. Sanctioned tournaments will appear on the tournament locator at <http://www.go-pokemon.com/op/>.

3. Appropriate Venues

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

Sanctioned events are not allowed to be held in private locations. Tournament 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 sanctioning privileges.

In addition, Pokémon Organized Play prefers secular venues be used at all times. Non-secular venues can cause potential participants to feel unwelcomed, whether real or perceived.

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 Tournament Organizer must report the tournament as cancelled.

5. Reporting Events

As players have an interest in their tournament record for the season, it is important for Tournament Organizers to report their events in a timely manner. It is critical that Premier Events be reported in a timely manner, as they count toward a player's Premier Rating, which can determine whether a player is eligible to participate in the Pokémon TCG World Championships.

Tournament results are due to Pokémon Organized Play within 7 days after the event and are to be reported online at <http://www.go-pokemon.com/op/>. Any results not submitted by this time are considered delinquent and may jeopardize the Tournament Organizer's ability to host future tournaments.

6. Maintaining Records

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

A Tournament Organizer must destroy decklists that were submitted after the event is completed, unless POP has specifically requested that these lists be retained for research purposes. If the Tournament Organizer used a player's decklist in place of a registration slip, only the portion of the decklist with the player's name, POP ID, and age division should be retained. Any information that may contain the contents of a player's deck should be destroyed to prevent any unfair advantage that may be gained by retaining this information. If time permits, the Tournament Organizer may choose to return decklists to the players rather than destroying them. Any unreturned decklists should be destroyed.

7. Updating Results

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

For any changes to the event results after that point, the Tournament Organizer of record will need to contact organizedplay@go-pokemon.com to have the match result corrected.

8. Suspension of Tournament Organizer Privileges

Pokémon Organized Play reserves the right to suspend or terminate a Tournament Organizer's ability to participate in some or all aspects of POP for any reason. Suspended Tournament Organizers will be listed on <http://www.go-pokemon.com/op/> to notify players of that Tournament Organizer's ineligibility to sanction Pokémon TCG 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.go-pokemon.com/op/>.

Changes for September 1, 2009

General reformatting of document.

Section 5. Event reporting requirement shortened to 7 days.