

# SANCTIONING POLICY GUIDE



**This document outlines the DCI's tournament sanctioning policies. Meeting all of these requirements does not necessarily guarantee sanctioning status for the tournament.**

*The current sanctioned-tournament requirements and policies are as follows:*

**I. Tournament coordinators must apply to the DCI for sanctioning at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the date of the proposed tournament.**

The DCI can provide better service to its members when coordinators apply early. Early application allows more time for the DCI to advertise tournaments thoroughly and to ensure that proposed tournaments meet all sanctioning requirements.

**II. Within eight (8) days after a sanctioned tournament concludes, the tournament coordinator must compile and submit a tournament report to the DCI.**

For each event organizers sanction with the DCI, they receive an Event Report Summary. Upon the event's completion, this summary needs to be filled out and returned to the DCI with complete and correct match reporting forms and player information lists. Master editions of these forms are found in the back of the Tournament Coordinator Handbook, which is mailed to organizers when they sanction their first tournaments.

Returning reports quickly is the only way match results can impact players' ratings efficiently. In an effort to improve the reporting process, the DCI is instituting the Tournament Report Submission Policy to specify for coordinators what happens when reports are past due.

**III. For select games, the DCI requires a minimum level of player participation for the event to be included in the ratings database.**

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- For singles events, a minimum of eight (8) players must participate.
- For team events, a minimum of four (4) teams must participate.

*No minimum participation level is set for any other DCI-supported game.*

**IV. All sanctioned tournaments must be advertised.**

Sanctioned events are the only way DCI members can improve their ratings, so tournaments must be advertised well enough in advance for DCI members in the area to learn about them.

**V. A sanctioned tournament may not have an entry fee of more than \$20 per person.**

The DCI understands that it is sometimes necessary to charge an entry fee to cover costs associated with an event, such as renting tournament space, providing prizes, and producing advertising. In such cases, we ask that the entry fee be no more than \$20. In the case of Sealed-Deck tournaments where product is provided by the coordinator, the entry fee may be raised according to the suggested retail value (plus applicable taxes) of the product provided.

**EXCEPTION:** If an event coordinator feels it is necessary to charge a higher entry fee in order to cover the costs of a larger tournament space, he or she may request an exemption from this requirement. Requests are reviewed by the DCI Sanctioning Department and approved on a case-by-case basis.

**VI. Tournament coordinators and tournament judges must have previous experience running either sanctioned or unsanctioned tournaments.**

This requirement ensures that those running sanctioned tournaments are comfortable with the tournament setting and rules. The DCI can assist you in finding an experienced coordinator or experienced judges.

**VII. All sanctioned tournaments must use the most current edition of the DCI Official Standard Floor Rules for the appropriate game.**

You can access the DCI Standard Floor Rules via the web or by request from the DCI. If you need other errata or information, please contact the DCI.

**VIII. Tournament coordinators must be approved by the DCI.**

All tournament coordinators must sign the appropriate Event Sanctioning Application, which states that they have read and will abide by the most current official Standard Floor Rules and sanctioning policies.

**IX. No tournament official may participate in an event he or she is officiating. This rule extends to coordinators, judges, referees, and other tournament staff.**

**X. Violation of these terms and conditions, or any other conduct that is unlawful, unprofessional, or otherwise detrimental to the DCI or the products or business reputation of Wizards of the Coast, Inc., including conduct detrimental to or in violation of the rules of the DCI or other tournament programs sponsored by Wizards of the Coast, may result in immediate suspension and/or termination of all rights to sponsor sanctioned events.**

Wizards of the Coast reserves the right to revise or otherwise amend these policies in whole or in part. If you have any questions regarding these policies, please contact the DCI at (800) 324-6496, by fax (425) 204-5820, or by email at <dc@wizards.com> .

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