

Article Seven – Sanctioned Tournaments

R7.01 – **Sanctioning** – Sanctioning may be granted to tournaments operated by affiliated teams, or leagues with affiliated teams, Service Clubs, Umpires Associations, or similar Organizations fostering girls' softball who agree to abide by the Association playing rules and by-laws. Sanctioning shall not be given to unaffiliated teams or individuals for personal monetary gains nor when there is a conflict with the Association event dates for the requested Division.

PLEASE NOTE: The PWSA will not sanction any tournaments before June 1st, for the Mite division only.

R7.02 – **Submission of Rules** – We recommend that all Sanctioned Tournament games be governed by Softball Canada Rules with ALL PWSA modifications.

If your tournament rules differ from these above mentioned rules, please submit your tournament rules with your Tournament Sanctioning application.

R7.03 – **Fees** – Requests for Sanctioning must be accompanied by a sanctioning fee to cover administrative costs. The Association will set, annually, a sanctioning fee for as many tournaments as your association or team sanctions.

R7.04 – **Conflicts/Scheduling of Sanctioned Tournaments** – The Association will inform sanctioning applicants of coinciding dates of tournaments already sanctioned in any given Division.

Tournaments **will not** be approved for sanctioning by PWSA under the following conditions:

- ❖ PWSA will only sanction one tournament per geographic region per weekend in the same division. (north, south, east, west, central)
- ❖ The PWSA Provincial Championships or Qualifiers are being held in the same region, on the same weekend, as the requested tournament.
- ❖ The PWSA Provincial Championships or Qualifiers are being held for the same age category on the same weekend, as the requested tournament.
- ❖ There is a PWSA special event for a specific age group on that weekend. Example Skills Camp Weekend there will be no Squirt or Novice tournaments sanctioned.

R7.05 – **Tournament Requests** – Tournament report forms shall be returned to the Sanctioning Chairperson within the specified period of time.

NOTE: It is of utmost importance that you must complete the Tournament Result Form after each and every tournament. This form must be filled out and emailed to info@ontariopwsa.com within 5 days of the completion of each of your tournaments.

Failure to submit a written report or failure to follow tournament guidelines will result in future sanctioning of tournaments by the offending team/league/organization being withheld for a period of two years.

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R7.06 – **Rosters** - All PWSA teams participating in a sanctioned tournament must be affiliated with the PWSA prior to the start date of their first sanctioned tournament and submit the PWSA *Sanctioned Tournament Roster* to the tournament host. (This is not the PWSA team certificate)

For more information on affiliating, please contact the PWSA Registrar. 'Affiliated' means forms and fees have been received by the PWSA registrar.

R7.07 – Failure to Appear/Withdrawal from Tournaments -

- ❖ If a team withdraws seven days or less prior to the start date of a sanctioned tournament, the tournament organization is entitled to keep any deposits or registration fees. (Fees are paid in advance to secure a team's position).
- ❖ If a team withdraws from a tournament because PWSA has removed sanctioning status, due to non-compliance of sanctioning rules, the tournament organizer must return all deposits and/or registration fees to the withdrawing team.

****NOTE**** Teams that fail to appear will be subject to the following: the tournament organization is entitled to keep any deposits or registration fees. (Fees are paid in advance to secure a team's position).

R7.08 – **Game Officials** – All member clubs applying to host a sanctioned tournament must have their local UIC confirm they can man the tournament. This confirmation can be sent to PWSA via email to info@ontariopwsa.com

NOTE: Due to insurance liability, please ensure that your Officials are ALL insured.

R7.09 – **Out of Province Teams/Houseleague Teams** – Out of Province Teams/Houseleague Teams must provide proof of insurance to the tournament host club.

R7.10 – **Level of Play** – The Host application should identify Tier I or Tier II and/or the Division. It should also indicate if teams will be allowed to play up a Division.

R7.11 – **Draws** – Tournament draw formats must be specified by the host club in their application. Final draws are to be submitted to PWSA prior to the tournament.