

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Softball Ontario Sanctioned Games and Events Policy

1. What is a sanctioned game or event?

A sanctioned game or event is one that has been reviewed and approved by Softball Ontario or one of its Member Associations. It meets all required criteria for insurance coverage, officiating, and safety standards.

2. Why is sanctioning important?

Sanctioning ensures that games and events meet Softball Ontario's standards for insurance, safety, and fair play. It also provides access to certified officials and promotion through Softball Ontario's channels.

3. What are the criteria for a game or event to be sanctioned?

To receive sanctioning, a game or event must:

- Be organized or endorsed by a Softball Ontario Member Association (OASA, PWSA, ORSA, SPOA).
- Use registered Softball Ontario umpires or name Softball Ontario and the Member Associations as a third party on an alternative insurance certificate.
- Provide proof of appropriate insurance coverage.
- Comply with safety regulations, equipment standards, and concussion protocols.
- Promote fair play and adhere to Softball Ontario's code of conduct.

4. How do I apply for sanctioning?

Event organizers must submit a sanctioning application to their Member Association at least 14 days before the event. If the organizer does not belong to one of the Member Associations, they must use the Softball Ontario Sanctioned Event Application Form.

5. What information is required in the application?

The application must include:

- Event details (date, location, participating teams, etc.).
- Proof of insurance for all participating teams.
- Confirmation that the event meets all sanctioning criteria.

6. Where can I find the list of Softball Ontario sanctioned teams?

The sanctioned team database is available on the Softball Ontario website. If a participating team is not listed, proof of insurance must be provided before the event can receive approved sanctioning.

7. What benefits do sanctioned events receive?

Sanctioned events gain:

- Access to Softball Ontario and/or Member Association insurance coverage.
- Recognition and promotion through Softball Ontario's communication channels.
- Use of certified officials for games.

8. What happens if an event is not sanctioned?

Non-sanctioned events:

- Are not covered by Softball Ontario or Member Association insurance policies.
- Cannot use Softball Ontario branding or claim affiliation with Softball Ontario.

9. Can a sanctioned event lose its sanctioning?

Yes, Softball Ontario reserves the right to revoke sanctioning if an event fails to comply with policy requirements or violates sanctioning criteria.

10. Who should I contact for further inquiries?

For more information or to submit a sanctioning application, contact:

- **Softball Ontario:** info@softballontario.ca | 416-426-7150
- **OASA Insurance Coordinator:** Dave Northern – insurance.oasasoftball@gmail.com
- **PWSA Members Tournaments:** Lynda Turton – lyndaturton2@gmail.com
- **ORSA Insurance Coordinator:** Don McConnell – donmccconnell34@gmail.com
- **SPO Director of Operations:** Kerri Toole – kerri@playslopitch.com

For specific application forms, visit the Softball Ontario website or contact your respective Member Association.