

## Softball Ontario Sanctioned Games and Events Policy

### 1. Purpose

This policy establishes the criteria for games and events to be considered sanctioned by Softball Ontario. Sanctioning ensures that events meet the organization's standards for insurance purposes.

### 2. Definition of a Sanctioned Game/Event

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

### 3. Criteria for Sanctioning

To receive Softball Ontario sanctioning, a game (exhibition, or friendly) or event, or league must:

- Be organized or endorsed by one of Softball Ontario's Member Associations.
- Utilize registered Softball Ontario umpires for officiating, or ensure that Softball Ontario and the 4 member associations (OASA, PWSA, ORSA, SPOA) are named as a third party on an alternative insurance certificate.
- Provide proof of appropriate insurance coverage for participants, officials, and organizers.
- Maintain appropriate safety measures, including compliance with field regulations, equipment standards, and concussion protocols.
- Promote fair play and uphold Softball Ontario and Member Association's code of conduct and sportsmanship policies.

### 4. Application Process for Sanctioning

- Event organizers must submit a sanctioning application to their Member Association at least 14 days before the event using the appropriate form linked below. If you do not belong to one of the Member Associations (OASA, PWSA, ORSA, SPOA) please utilize the following form: [Softball Ontario Sanctioned Event Application Form](#)
- The application must include event details and insurance confirmation of all participating teams.
- **If a team participating in the event is not listed on Softball Ontario's Sanctioned Team database found here [Softball Ontario Sanctioned Team Database](#) You must provide proof of insurance prior to your event receiving approved sanctioning.**
- A review process will assess compliance with the required criteria.
- Approved events will be listed on Softball Ontario's website which will be updated weekly. If you believe your event should be listed, but is not, please contact the Softball Ontario Office [info@softballontario.ca](mailto:info@softballontario.ca).

## 5. Benefits of Sanctioning

Sanctioned events gain the following benefits:

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

## 6. Non-Sanctioned Events

Events that do not receive sanctioning from Softball Ontario:

- Will not be covered by Softball Ontario or Member Association's insurance policies.
- May not use Softball Ontario branding or claim affiliation.

## 7. Revocation of Sanctioning

Softball Ontario reserves the right to revoke sanctioning if an event fails to meet compliance standards or violates any policy requirements.

## 8. Contact Information

For further inquiries or to submit a sanctioning application, contact your Member Association or Softball Ontario using the contact information below:

### Softball Ontario

[info@softballontario.ca](mailto:info@softballontario.ca)

416-426-7150

[Softball Ontario Application Form](#)

### OASA

#### Insurance Coordinator

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[OASA Tournament Application Form](#)

[OASA Team Application Form](#)

### ORSA

#### Insurance Coordinator

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[ORSA Application Form](#)

### PWSA

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[PWSA Application Form](#)

### SPO

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[SPO Application Form](#)