



Softball Ontario Sanctioned Games & Events – FAQ

General Questions

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 a Member Association. It meets all requirements for insurance coverage and uses approved officiating.

2. Why is sanctioning important?

Sanctioning ensures your event is covered by insurance, follows safety standards, and is officially recognized by Softball Ontario.

Eligibility & Requirements

3. What types of games/events can be sanctioned?

Exhibition games, friendly games, leagues, and tournaments can all be sanctioned if they meet the required criteria.

4. Who must organize or endorse the event?

The event must be organized or endorsed by Softball Ontario or one of its Member Associations (OASA, PWSA, ORSA, or SPOA).

5. Do we need certified umpires?

Yes. All sanctioned events must use registered Softball Ontario umpires.

6. What safety standards must be followed?

Events must comply with:

- Field regulations
- Equipment standards
- Concussion protocols

7. Are teams required to follow a code of conduct?

Yes. All participants must promote fair play and follow Softball Ontario and Member Association sportsmanship policies.

Team Requirements

8. Do all teams need to be registered?

Yes. All participating teams must be listed in the Softball Ontario Sanctioned Team Database.

9. Are there any exceptions?

Yes. Teams traveling from outside Ontario must provide:

- A travel permit **and/or**
- Proof of insurance

10. How does a team become sanctioned?

Teams must either:

- Obtain insurance through a Member Association (OASA, PWSA, ORSA, SPOA),
or
 - Provide private insurance with:
 - A certificate naming Softball Ontario and all four Member Associations (OASA, PWSA, ORSA, SPOA) as additional insured
 - Minimum \$5 million liability coverage
 - Coverage for participants, officials, and organizers
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Application Process

11. How do I apply for sanctioning?

Submit an application through your Member Association or directly to Softball Ontario if you are not affiliated.

12. When should I apply?

At least 14 days before the event.

13. What information is required?

- Event details
- Proof of insurance for all participating teams

14. What if a team is not in the database?

You must provide valid proof of insurance before the event can be approved.

15. How will I know if my event is approved?

Approved events are listed on the Softball Ontario website, which is updated weekly.

16. What if my event is not listed?

Contact Softball Ontario at info@softballontario.ca.

Benefits of Sanctioning

17. What are the benefits of having a sanctioned event?

- Insurance coverage through Softball Ontario or Member Associations
 - Official recognition and promotion
 - Access to certified umpires
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Non-Sanctioned Events

18. What happens if my event is not sanctioned?

- No insurance coverage through Softball Ontario
 - Cannot use Softball Ontario branding
 - Cannot claim official affiliation
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Compliance & Enforcement

19. Can sanctioning be revoked?

Yes. Softball Ontario may revoke sanctioning if the event fails to meet requirements or violates policies.

Contact Information

20. Who do I contact for help or to apply?

You can contact:

- Your Member Association (OASA, PWSA, ORSA, SPOA)
- Softball Ontario

Softball Ontario Contact:

- Email: info@softballontario.ca
 - Phone: 416-426-7150
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