



Tournament Sanctioning Requirements and Procedures

The purpose of an ADO Sanction for a particular competition is to ensure, to the best of its ability, that the host organization has the means at its disposal to pay the prize money as advertised and to conduct the proposed competition in a professional manner under the established ADO Tournament Rules.

Eligibility

1. The host organization must be an [affiliated ADO Member](#) in good standing and must accept full responsibility for the tournament prize purse.
2. Only open tournaments are eligible for ADO sanctioning. Only "unrestricted" Open and, Women's singles events in sanctioned tournaments are eligible for ADO ranking points.
 - FEMALE CATEGORY (Women, Ladies, Girls): These categories are for those participants recorded female at birth, and within definition of female under this policy, which includes females who wish to transition to men, but are not undergoing hormone treatment. Once any individual whose sex is recorded as female at birth commences hormone treatment to transition to a man, then they will no longer be eligible to participate in the Female category.
 - OPEN CATEGORY: This category is open to all players. Participants who are eligible to play in both OPEN and FEMALE category events may choose which event to play in. If there is an OPEN and FEMALE event that overlap with each other, the player may only play in one of those events.
3. Guaranteed prize money must be a minimum of \$1,000 in total prize money to be eligible for ADO sanctioning.
 - Percentage payout events, offering a percentage payout of entry fees collected, may be scheduled provided:
 1. None of the anticipated revenues from these events are included in the guaranteed advertised purse for ADO sanctioning purposes. Note: "Guaranteed" amounts added to entry fees collected may be included in the total guaranteed purse.
 2. A percentage breakdown is provided for all positions to be paid in such events and/or guaranteed minimum payouts.
 - Percentage payout events are not eligible to be sanctioned singles events.
 - Only guaranteed payouts of open events hosted by the ADO Member Organization as part of the tournament may be counted toward the total prize fund for ranking points.
4. Players may be recycled in mixed doubles and mixed triples events only at the tournament director's discretion.

5. Tournament sanctioning will not be approved on established ADO National Qualifier dates, within the same region, unless the tournament is held in conjunction with said National Qualifier.

Application Procedure / Requirements

1. The application form is [available online](#). This form initiates a sanctioning request.
 - Applications for ADO sanctioning must be submitted a minimum of 45 days prior to the scheduled tournament dates.
 - The application must be accompanied by a non-refundable filing fee:
 1. \$30.00 (Tournament Prize Purse of \$1,000 - \$4,999)
 2. \$40.00 (Tournament Prize Purse of \$5,000 - \$9,999)
 3. \$50.00 (Tournament Prize Purse of \$10,000 - \$19,999)
 4. \$60.00 (Tournament Prize Purse of \$20,000 or more)
 - A statement indicating that the prize monies of the proposed competition are guaranteed by the host organization.
 - A breakdown of prize money or percentage payout, entry fees, date, and starting times for each event in the competition.
 - At the discretion of the Regional Director or Area Manager, the following may be required:
 1. Documentation disclosing the support, financial or otherwise, of a sponsor or sponsors.
 2. Documentation (contracts or policies) showing that the persons having custody of all competition monies (entry fees, sponsor's fees, etc.) are bonded for an amount exceeding the competition's stated total prize monies.
 3. Evidence that the bonds will not be terminated for at least sixty (60) days following the proposed competition.
2. The Regional Director and Area Manager will review the application for final approval or denial within ten days.
3. Once ADO sanctioning is granted, any changes to the original application (date, prize structure, event schedule, etc.) must be submitted in writing and approved by both the Regional Director and Area Manager. Failure to do so could void any prior ADO sanctioning.
4. The host organization must publish on the flyer and circulate the following information:
 - A complete breakdown of prize money or percentage payout, entry fees, date, and starting times for each event.
 - A statement indicating any requirements/restrictions for events, including seeding by points, local standings, or geography.
5. Singles events in ADO-sanctioned tournaments must be designated as Open or Women's. ADO ranking points will be assigned based on the division of the event.
 - Only 3 singles events can be sanctioned per tournament. Each singles event must:
 1. Be either just Open, or have separate Open and Women's events.
 2. Play minimum of "Best 2 of 3" legs each round.
 3. Play Cricket, or an '01 game of 301 or higher (i.e. 301 DIDO, 501 SIDO)

4. Each event can be any of these designated games but any one event cannot consist of multiple types of games.
5. Be played on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.
6. Either start via cork and alternate, or cork every leg.
6. Each entrant in the sanctioned Singles events must pay a \$2.00 surcharge to the ADO.
 - It is the host organization's responsibility to collect and forward the \$2.00 ADO surcharge fee, and tournament results, to the ADO Office within seven (7) days following the tournament using [the online form](#).
 - Delinquent host associations will be considered not in good standing, until the results and fees are received by the ADO.
7. First-time tournament hosts and hosts who have defaulted must provide proof of funds in the bank to cover the guaranteed tournament purse before sanctioning may be considered.

Advertising of ADO Sanction

1. All flyers/posters/advertising for ADO-sanctioned tournaments must include the name/logo of the ADO Member host organization and the ["Sanctioned by ADO" logo](#).
2. No organization may advertise that its proposed competition is sanctioned by the ADO until this has been confirmed in writing by the ADO. Penalties for misuse may include a monetary fine and/or denial of future sanctioning requests.
3. Under no circumstances should "Sanctioning Applied For" and/or similar phrases be used.