

CROQUET CANADA POLICY ON SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

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1. OBLIGATIONS OF CROQUET CANADA

When bestowing an official tournament sanction, Croquet Canada undertakes to:

- a. announce the tournament, in electronic or printed form, subject to timely receipt of information.
- b. process tournament results for calculation of Player-of-the-Year (POY) and Club-of-the-Year (COY) standings.
- c. provide timely publication of submitted finishing positions and narrative reports.
- d. attempt minimization of conflicting tournament dates.
- e. provide advice about organization and running of tournaments, when requested.
- f. provide guidance as regards reasonable court sizes, number and duration of games, when requested.

2. REQUIRED FEATURES of a SANCTIONED EVENT

- a. **Organizer:** A Sanctioned Event must be organized by a Member Club of Croquet Canada, or in the case of a CroqCan, by the Club authorized by Croquet Canada as host.
- b. **Version:** The tournament should be played under the current rules or laws of one of the following versions: USCA Croquet, Association Croquet or Golf Croquet.
- c. **Class:** The tournament should have announced features that classifies it into one of the following classes:
 - i. **Titled Event** - an open event whose title reflects nation wide or province wide participation (e.g. CroqCan, Quebec Open)
 - ii. **Ordinary Event** - not a titled event and open to participants from various clubs (e.g. Aboyne Open)
- d. **Court Size:**

For Titled Events the top flight should play on full size courts.
For Ordinary Events courts should be at least ½ size.
- e. **Game Duration:**

For the top flight of Titled Events:

 - i. USCA Croquet at least 80 minutes
 - ii. Association Croquet at least 2 hours
 - iii. Golf Croquet at least best of three games of 7 of 13 hoops

3. PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

For participation in a CroqCan, a Canadian resident player is required to be a member in good standing of Croquet Canada. Non-resident players must hold membership a WCF-recognized national croquet organization (e.g. USCA, Croquet Canada, etc.).

4. SANCTION FEES

A sanctioned tournament may consist of several separate EVENTS (singles, doubles, various flights, various versions). Normally, all events of a sanctioned tournament are sanctioned.

Sanction Fees per participant per event are payable as follows.

USCA or Association Croquet: \$5.00

Golf Croquet: \$3.00

Note: POY event, defined in the Player of the Year rules as a "competition event", are typically Singles level play events; "non-POY" event includes all Doubles events and all Handicap Play events.

5. PROCEDURES BEFORE A SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT

Previously sanctioned tournaments:

Organizers who are repeating a previously sanctioned tournament, may take sanctioning for granted, but need to provide the following Minimal Tournament Information, as soon as it is available, to:

- a. The Tournaments Coordinator [*currently [John Richardson](#)*]
- b. The Website Editor [*currently [Andrew de Courcy-Ireland](#)*]
- c. The E-Mallet Editor [*currently [Georg Dej](#)*]

Minimal Tournament Information:

- a. Dates: starting and finishing date
- b. Version: whether USCA Croquet, Association Croquet or Golf Croquet
- c. Types of Events: e.g. whether singles or doubles, . . .
- d. Contact: Person to be contacted for further information, with phone number and email address

In pursuit of our stated obligations, we expect all organizers to provide, either in their announcements, or at least in response to enquiries the following Additional Tournament Information:

- a. planned flights, with expected Handicap or Grade ranges
- b. number of courts to be used and whether full, medium or half size
- c. number of players to be accommodated
- d. planned duration of games
- e. minimum number of games per player (per event)
- f. tournament entry fee and what it covers
- g. practice times (if any)
- h. money prizes (if any)

New tournaments:

For a new (not previously sanctioned) tournament, application for sanctioning must be made to the Tournaments Coordinator [*currently [John Richardson](#)*], with enough advance notice to allow for clarification where needed.

All the above Additional Tournament Information (a) through (h) is required. It will greatly expedite matters if such application is made by e-mail. The Tournaments Coordinator will identify problem areas (if any) and try to help overcome them. Announcement of the tournament as sanctioned should wait until sanctioning has been approved.

6. PROCEDURES AFTER A SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT

- a. The Final Finishing Positions must be submitted for POY & COY tracking. See [POY & COY Overview](#).
- b. Game by game results are submitted for USCA Croquet handicaps and for Association Croquet and Golf Croquet Rankings. See [Handicaps & Rankings](#).
- c. A tournament report including the finishing positions should be submitted for publishing as follows:
 - a. Website Editor [*currently [Andrew de Courcy-Ireland](#)*].
 - b. E-Mallet Editor [*currently [Georg Dej](#)*].
- d. Forward payment for the sanction fees to the Treasurer at:

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