

Updated WGPO Sanctioned Tournament Requirements

Effective: January 2, 2022

Requirement #3 Amended effective: April 1, 2022

Requirement #2 Amended effective: May 21, 2022

These requirements amend and supersede Updated Tournament Rules issued by the Board of Player Representatives (BPR), effective September 1 – December 31, 2021. Rules apply to sanctioned in person tournament play only. Standards for resuming local WGPO Club play shall be determined by individual clubs and directors.

Variants of the COVID virus, Delta and Omicron, have evolved. Because viruses constantly change through mutation, new variants are also expected to occur. WGPO requirements are based on Center for Disease Control (CDC) COVID-19 *Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People*, updated November 19, 2021, and advice from Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC).

1. Directors shall conduct Tournaments that comply with federal, state and local health directives including Canadian, provincial and territorial directives.

2. All tournament participants must be both fully-vaccinated for COVID-19 and have also received COVID-19 booster(s) as recommended by the CDC and/or National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI – Canada). A booster is not required if the participant is not yet eligible to receive a booster. Either a printed or electronic copy of COVID 19 vaccine plus booster must be presented to tournament director at time of registration.

Vaccination/booster requirements for players from outside of North America:

To be eligible to participate in WGPO events, players must be fully vaccinated for COVID including all recommended boosters in the player's home country.

3. Participants are required to wear masks at all indoor tournaments with greater than forty participants during tournament time. Masks are optional in tournaments of forty or fewer participants if the tournament is held in a county where the CDC has designated the Community COVID-19 level as low at the time of the tournament.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

The tournament director retains the option to require masks regardless of tournament size. Masks are not required at tournaments held in private residences or outdoors.

4. Tournaments shall be held in venues away from public or congested areas, e.g., in a separate hall or room in a restaurant, community center, hotel, private home, etc.

5. On the day of the tournament, each participant shall attest by signature to the following:

- I do not currently have COVID-19 symptoms.
- I am assuming all risks of attending the tournament.
- I have fully cleaned and sanitized all equipment to be used in play.
- I will practice safe hygiene and follow COVID-19 safety precautions.

6. Directors shall provide hand sanitizer and cleaning wipes to participants.