

Sanctioned Tournaments

What is Tournament Sanction?



Any tennis club or association affiliated with Tennis West requires approval (**Sanction**) from Tennis West to host any *Open* tournament – that is any tournament that is open to players outside your Club and draws on other affiliated club members in WA. Tennis West sanctions over 50 Australian Ranking and non-AR tournaments annually. These tournaments appear on the Tennis West Tournament Calendars which are regularly updated on the Tennis West website.

The main benefits of sanctioning tournaments include but are not limited to:

- Access to Tennis West assistance with entry forms, rules, match plans and playing formats;
- Use of Tournament Planner software and upgrades;
- Access to Tennis West website marketing;
- Dedicated Tennis West Tournament Operations staff liaison;
- Recourse to Tennis Australia Policies including but not limited to Extreme Weather, Code of Behaviour, Member Protection and disciplinary arrangements, and
- Assistance with provision of Event officials.

Sanctioning a tournament involves a cost to the player (**Player Sanction Fee**) once on the basis of the athlete's entry into the tournament. This Player Sanction Fee should be built into entry fees or disclosed separately on the Event Fact Sheet. Fees are set annually by Tennis West and must be remitted to Tennis West within 30 days of invoice.

Applicable Sanction Fees:

- *Non Australian Ranking Tournaments: \$2.50 (excl GST) per player entry*
- *Tournaments that include one (1) or more Australian Ranking events: \$5.00 (excl GST) per player*

Player Sanction Fee income contributes to Tennis West's investment in tournaments and tournament players – including player development, State teams, premier events, administration and policy development.

A Club may apply for event sanction at any time. Consideration of any application is subject to:

- Availability of requested dates,
- Status of event and request for Australian Rankings points, and
- Impact of any potential conflict with existing sanctioned tournaments.