

Tournament Organizer Disqualification FAQ

Q) A player has been disqualified from the sanctioned event that I organized. What happens now?

A) The disqualified player can no longer play in this particular event. Also, the player cannot receive any prizes for the current event. If any prizes were paid out to the player *before* he or she was disqualified, you should not revoke or reclaim them.

If you witnessed the event that led to the disqualification, or if you wish to provide further information about the player, you may be asked to write a short statement for the record. Otherwise, the head judge of the event will handle all necessary documentation.

Q) Do I need to ask the disqualified player to leave the venue?

A) You are not required to. A tournament organizer has sole discretion over who is welcome at a store or event, and this decision is not connected to the disqualification process. For instance, the following situations are all possible:

- A player says “loser buys the winner a candy bar!” and is disqualified for wagering. The TO knows this was a simple mistake, and welcomes the player to join a side event later that day.
- A player offers to sell his cards to an opponent for less than store prices. The TO asks the player to leave, and head judge drops the player from the event without penalty.
- After being caught manipulating a shuffle, a player aggressively insults the investigating judge. The TO escorts the player from the venue, and the head judge disqualifies the player from the tournament for cheating and unsporting conduct.

Q) Can a disqualified player play in future sanctioned events?

A) All disqualifications are reviewed by the [Player Investigations Committee](#), a group of Magic judges who evaluate the severity of infractions and the content of witness statements in order to determine what further actions are necessary. A disqualified player can continue to play in other sanctioned events unless Wizards of the Coast issues a suspension. The review process typically takes 8-10 weeks. At the end of this process, the player is notified of its resolution and the database is updated.

If a player at your store is suspended, you will not be notified directly. However, Wizards Event Reporter will no longer allow them to be added to sanctioned tournaments, it will display their status as “suspended”. This requires Wizards Event Reporter to be online in order to properly display their status.

Q) Can a suspended player play in unsanctioned events?

A) Unsanctioned events are not governed by official Magic policies. You may run them how you wish. You may allow suspended players to join unsanctioned events at your discretion, but we encourage you to carefully consider whether admitting them is in the best interests of your community.