

PrairieCon Tournament Policy

Tournament definition

To provide clarity on PrairieCon's definition of the term tournament, the following guidelines are provided.

For an event at PrairieCon to be considered a tournament, it must have:

- Capacity for at least 12 players,
- Multiple player rounds, that is players will play multiple games or rounds over the course of the tournament, and
- An organizer and overseer who does not play.

At the discretion of the Games Coordinator, the event may need to satisfy additional criteria.

Tournament levies

Tournaments may be permitted to levy fees on participants to cover game material costs and additional prize support. These additional fees must be approved by the Games Coordinator by 15 April of each convention year. These fees will be collected by the tournament organizer at the game table at the Convention.

Fees to cover game material costs

If the tournament organizer requires that all participants purchase new game material (e.g. packages of collectible cards), then the tournament organizer may charge a fee to play in the tournament. The intent of the fee is to cover the cost of the material. The tournament organizer agrees to:

- Not charge a fee significantly more than the cost of the game material. For example, if a tournament requires the purchase of an item retailing for \$4.50, a \$5.00 fee would be acceptable. A \$6.00 fee would not be.
- Announce the additional fee in any promotional material.
- Provide additional funding support to the event at their discretion.
- Support PrairieCon as a convention sponsor.

Fees to cover additional prize support

If a tournament organizer wishes to provide additional prizes to winners of an event by charging additional fees to all participants of that event to raise funds for the purchase of these additional prizes, the tournament organizer must agree to:

- Use all money raised from prize levies on event participants to purchase prizes for tournament winners at that year's PrairieCon.
- Announce the additional fee in any promotional material.
- Provide additional funding support to the event at their discretion.
- Support PrairieCon as a convention sponsor.

If an event organizer wishes to charge fees to cover additional prize support AND fees to cover game material costs, the organizer must consult with the Games Coordinator well before 15 April (before 1 April).