

Sanctioning Secretary – Carol Duarte

2023 Sanctioning Secretary Report: 27 WUSPBA competitions were sanctioned in 2023, and 3 are already sanctioned for 2024. Most were sanctioned within 24 hours of receiving the sanctioning forms with a day or two longer for those requiring additional verification or an exception for a judge. Games directors have done an excellent job of following WUSPBA procedures.

A current list (within 1 year) of RSPBA judges has been created using the RSPBA results page for 2022 and 2023 contests (RSPBA does not make their list available), and a By-law proposal change will clarify the exception process for future contests.

R2 use for contest registration has increased, with 18 of the 27 contests (66%) using R2 in 2023. R2 provides many advantages for registration: participants are not able to register for the wrong grade, easy print out solo judging forms with no need to prepare the forms by hand, quick and easy submission of games results, automatic registration verification, simple entry and payment process for participants not requiring USPS mail, and the ability of directors to duplicate the setup info in future years, saving effort. First time directors using the system have had positive feedback about the experience. An instructional presentation for R2 contest setup has been created to assist first time users.

A google-sheet of sanctioned games has been continually updated and made available to the EC and OSPGO and others who need it to help with information tracking and games preparations. This year it was updated to include WUSPBA Steward information, Long & Lat for the games map, and R2 use.