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# THE EYE CONCEPT



Why, how, what, when?

A close-up, angled view of a Go board. The board is made of light-colored wood with dark lines forming the grid. Numerous black and white circular stones are placed on the intersections. The lighting is soft, creating subtle shadows on the board's surface.

# MAJOR TOPICS

## OUTLINE

Why?

How?

What?

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## WHY

The ultimate goal of EGF and each National Association is to promote the game of Go



# MAIN OBJECTIVES



- show the game to non-players, make the game visible and available for everyone, increase the respectability and level of attraction the game provides
- provide the existing Go community with a healthy infrastructure that would include a consistent chain of events, a network of clubs where people can meet and play, online broadcasting and streaming
- highlight the efforts of the best players and reward them for it



## THE FIELD WITH HIGHEST IMPACT IS YOUTH

The concept of an elite team of youth that would represent Europe focuses on top players, providing recognition and rewards. Nevertheless, its main function is a strong motivational beacon, providing a clear objective to reach for each young player who wants to achieve a high level of play.

It also makes easy the task of nominating European representatives at International youth events.

Also, such a team will provide clear sponsorship goals.

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## HOW

The team will have a limited number of members from among the best youth in Europe based on very clear selection criteria. As part of the EGF master plan to promote Go at youth level, this concept is closely linked with other initiatives: EGF Academy and SEYGO tour.



# TEAM COMPOSITION



Based on this fact, the team composition will be:

- 4 players for each age group U12, U16, U20

(SEYGO knockout system generates 4 players on podium)

- one female player (if not already in the first four)

- in special cases (rising star) the coach can propose additional wildcard seats in the team



# TEAM COMPOSITION



There is a minimum rank (based on EGD) requirement:

- 4 Dan for U20, 2 Dan for U20 female player
- 2 Dan for U16 and 1 kyu for U16 female player
- 1 kyu for U12 and 3 kyu for U12 female player



# THE COACH



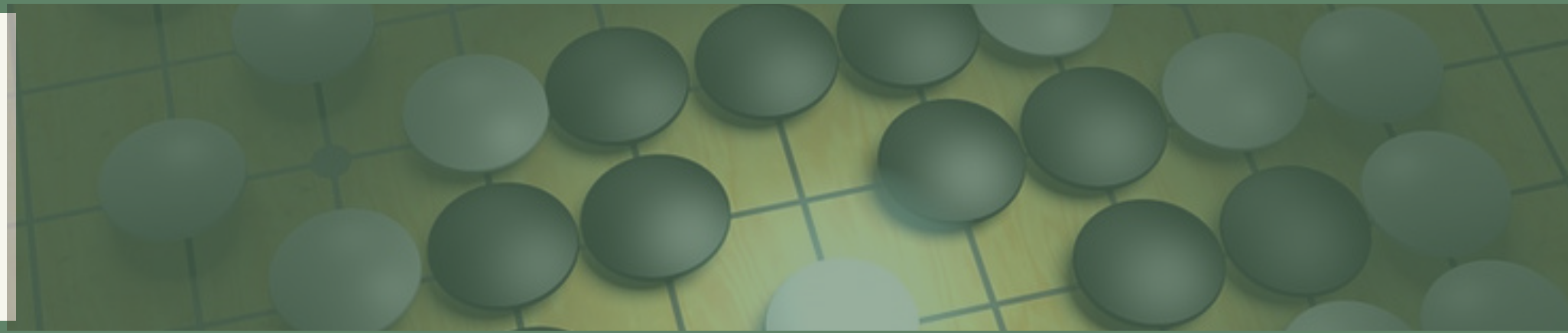
The team will have an official main coach, called federal coach, and up to two secondary coaches.

The federal coach is in charge with team selection, nominating representatives, other initiatives that concern the EYE.

The secondary coaches are there to complement the federal coach with teaching activities and also to replace the main coach if for some reason he/she becomes unavailable.

The federal coach has to propose a team composition every half a year. It can also propose replacement of players who breach the agreement signed with EGF as an EYE team member at any time.

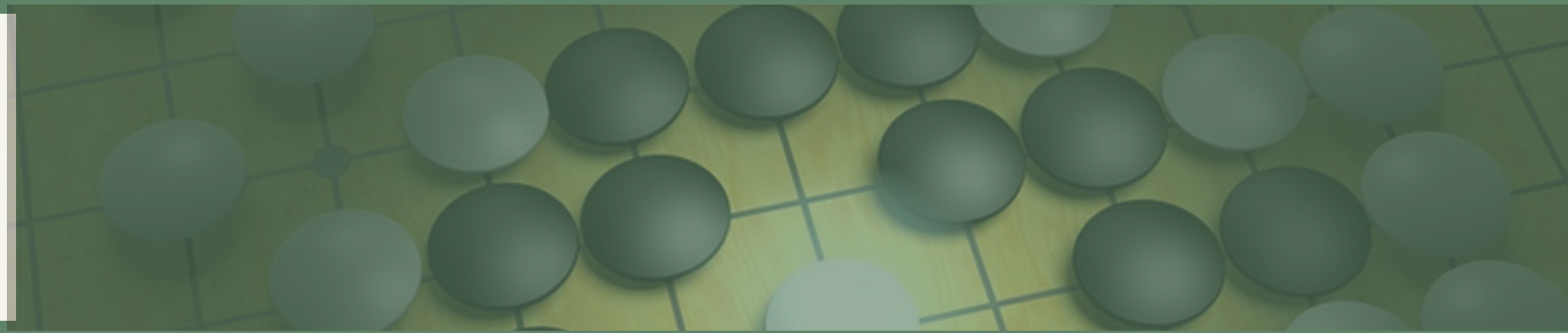
# THE BOARD



The coach decisions and proposals are supervised by a board consisting of 7 members as follows:

- 1 EGF executive member in charge with youth - currently Jana Hricova
- 2 EGF Academy coaches (this usually includes the federal coach who should have a right to vote on proposals as well) - currently Catalin Taranu and Alexandre Dinnerstein
- 1 EGF Academy manager - currently Viktor Lin
- 3 SEYGO tour organizers - Damir Medak, Li Ting, Flavien Aubelle

# THE BOARD



The role of this board is to prevent abusive behavior of coaches. It gets proposals from the federal coach and votes on them, a positive vote (4 votes for) meaning that the proposal has been accepted and becomes official decision. The composition of the board is made of people who are supposed to be very knowledgeable about youth activity and current situation.

The proposed first federal coach: Catalin Taranu,  
Secondary coach: Alexandre Dinnerstein.



# SELECTION CRITERIA



In order to create a point based system we allocate an impact range (very low, low, medium, high, very high) to each criteria:

- rating (based on EGD) - high (4 points)
- results in EYGC - very high (5 points)
- results in SEYGO - low (due to financial conditioning) - (2 points)
- by country limit - very low (1 point) - in special circumstances when score is very close between two players
- EGF Academy activity evaluation - medium (3 points)

# OFFICIAL TRAINING PROGRAM



As EGF Academy is the official training program of EGF, each EYE member will have to join the Academy (if not member already). This is a mandatory request in order to be part of the EYE.

The main reason for this is to make sure that each EYE member is actively getting regular training. Like this the coaches who regularly comment league games are aware of the student level of play.



# EVALUATION SYSTEM



A written agreement between ECF (represented by the federal coach) and each EYE member will be signed. This agreement will clearly stipulate the rights and obligations of the team members and coaches.

A player can only be part of the EYE if he/she accepts to sign the said agreement.





# EVALUATION SYSTEM



- the student will play in an 8 player league, a maximum of 7 games and get 4 lectures per month
- there is one point for each game played, one point for idle participation in a lecture and 2 points for active participation for a maximum of 15 points per month
- activity level has three areas: green from 10 to 15 points, yellow from 7 to 9 points and red from 1 to 6 points.
- an EYE member has to stay in the green zone at all times, failure to do that doesn't mean automatic exclusion but it gives the coach the right to propose replacement of that student.

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## WHAT

Being part of the EYE means:

- official recognition from EGF as top European youth
- priority in selection for international events as European representative, represent Europe at any international team tournament
- priority in getting financial support for participation at various events (if any available)
- get an EYE T-shirt with player name on it, those will be unique.
- others



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## WHEN

As soon as possible. since selection will be made each half a year, the earliest chance to start is after SEYGO stage 3 in Zaoštrog, Croatia.

Marketing aspects:

- needs creating of EYE logo, poster, roll-up, T-shirts
- during each EC, EYGC and SEYGO finals the team will be presented on the stage as best youth players of Europe. at such festivities the soundtrack from 007 movie Golden Eye can be played in background.
- announce current team composition on the EGF website
- others