

Invitation to the 46th World Amateur Go Championship in Mungyeong, Korea

Outline

1. Tournament name: The 46th World Amateur Go Championship in Mungyeong, Korea
2. Hosts/Organized by: Korea Baduk Association, The International Go Federation(IGF),
Korea Baduk Federation
3. Support: Mungyeong-Si, Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism(MCST),
Korea Sports Promotion Foundation(KSPO)
4. Cooperation: Mungyeong-Si Baduk Association
5. Venue: Onnuri Sports Center, Mungyeong, Korea
6. Schedule: 6 to 13 September, 2026
7. Competitors: 77 players from 77 countries and territories
 - 1) Asia: 17 countries and territories
Brunei, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Korea, India, Indonesia, Japan, Macau,
Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, North Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam
 - 2) Near and Middle East: 3 countries
Iran, Israel, Turkey
 - 3) Europe: 36 countries
Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus,
Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland,
Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway,
Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland,
Ukraine, United Kingdom
 - 4) Africa: 3 countries
Madagascar, Morocco, South Africa
 - 5) North & Central America: 8 countries
Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, United
States
 - 6) South America: 8 countries
Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela
 - 7) Oceania: 2 countries
Australia, New Zealand

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8. Tournament Methods

- 1) 8-round Swiss system.
- 2) All games to be played on even, with Black giving a 6½-point komi.
- 3) Time allowance is 60 minutes per player, followed by byo-yomi of 30 seconds x 3 times.
*Tournament clocks will be used for all games.
- 4) The competition will be conducted in accordance with *The World Amateur Go Championship Rules*. *Any problems that arise will be settled by the referees.
- 5) The referees will be professional go players from the Korea Baduk Association

9. Awards

- 1) The winner will be given the title of '46th World Amateur Go Champion' and will receive an amateur 7-dan diploma from the Korea Baduk Association.
- 2) All of the 1st to 8th place players will receive prizes with cups.
- 3) Special Awards will be presented to two additional players not placed in the top 8.
- 4) All participants will receive a participation medal and a certificate of participation.

Supplementary Notes

1. Nationality

Each player must have the nationality of the country he or she represents.

2. Travel and accommodation expenses

responsible for the following expenses for the 77 players and IGF guest officials.

- Transportations : from Incheon international airport to Mungyeong
 - Accommodation: Seven nights from 6 to 12 September 2026
 - Meals: from breakfast on 7 to breakfast on 13 September 2026
- *Important notes:** We will take no responsibility for any extra expenses
- Players will be responsible for their travel expenses (e.g. air tickets)
 - Players who for reasons of their own convenience arrive earlier than 6 September and/or stay longer than 13 September will by themselves be responsible for all extra expenses
 - Accompanying person fee: 500,000 KRW (cash only; includes the same transportation, accommodation, and meals as provided to players)

3. Qualification

- Each player must be an amateur Go player.

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- A certified Pro by a national or federal Go organization (including EGF and NAGF) will **not be eligible** to this Championship.
- The former Pro (e.g., retired pro) will also **not be eligible** to the Championship.
- The amateur players who have passed professional qualification, unless she or he plays at a pro tournament or the pro status is in effect before the first day of the first round of the WAGC, the player shall be eligible to play for the WAGC.

4. Registration

Players and guest officials are requested to return the following documents to the Tournament Office by **1st June 2026**.

- (i) Completed entry form (using the attached document)
- (ii) Face photos (*good quality jpg color digital photo, 5 cm x 5 cm)
- (iii) Copies of passport (the page or pages clearly showing nationality)

*In case that you have multiple nationalities, please send a copy of the passport for the country which you are representing.

*If the flight information is marked as “TBD” on the entry form, please be sure to submit the **finalized flight details by 15 July**. Please note that registration will not be considered complete unless the flight ticket is submitted by the deadline.

5. Schedule: September 6 – 13

Day 1: Arrival in Korea, check-in hotel (near Incheon international airport), registration

Day 2: Move to Mungyeong, friendly match event, Opening Ceremony

Day 3~6: WAGC Tournament

Day 6: Doping test, Closing and Award Ceremony

Day 7: Sightseeing

Day 8: Departure day, end of official schedule

*The detailed schedule is subject to change depending on circumstances

6. Accommodation

- 1) Nearby Incheon international Airport (one night for arrival day; specific venue TBA)

*Check-in and player registration will be conducted from 15:00 to 22:00. For smooth operation, please plan your flight to arrive at Incheon International Airport within this time frame.

- 2) Seoul National University Hospital Human Resources Development Center

(SNUH HRD Center) <https://dept.snuh.org/dept/HRDC/index.do>

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7. Doping test

Top four of the prize-winners may be subject to doping tests.

*For details of the IGF anti-doping regulation, please check the following link:

<https://intergofed.org/anti-doping-regulation/>

8. Important points

1) Players or guest officials who commit any of the following infringements may have their participation in the tournament cancelled.

(i) Non-arrival of the entry form and flight information by the deadline.

(ii) False entries on the entry form.

(iii) Neglecting to send photos or photocopies of passport.

(iv) Failure to check in at the hotel on 6 September 2026, or before departure to Mungyeong the next morning.

2) If you need an official invitation and/or a guarantee from the Tournament Office to leave your country, please check what documents are necessary at your nearest Korean embassy, and note this in the appropriate column on the entry form. Please note that while in principle we will include in the official invitation the dates of arrival in and departure from Korea that you request, we will be responsible for your expenses only for the period as noted earlier in this paper.

3) Please refrain from wearing clothing such as short pants, sandals, jeans, T-shirts, sunglasses or similar items at all WAGC events.

4) Any questions should be directed in English to the Tournament Office by email.

9. Contact Information:

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