

45th World Amateur Go Championship (WAGC) 2025

Regulation Document

Tournament Name:

The 45th World Amateur Go Championship (WAGC) 2025

Host:

The International Go Federation (IGF) and the North American Go Federation (NAGF) with the support and cooperation of the Nihon Kiin

Sponsors:

We are grateful to the support of the International Go Federation, the Iwamoto North America Foundation, and the American Go Association for providing the core funding making this event possible.

Dates:

May 16-23, 2025

Venue:

The event will be held at the Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport in Richmond, British Columbia. This world-class 4-star hotel features a state-of-the-art Convention Centre.

Address: 7311 Westminster Hwy, Richmond, BC V6X 1A3

Phone: (604) 278-5555

Website: <http://executivevancouverairport.com>

The Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport offers a complimentary airport shuttle, ensuring you arrive at the hotel within 10 minutes from the international terminal of Vancouver International Airport (YVR).

1. Tournament Details:

- **Swiss Pairing System** with **8 rounds** in total, with **two rounds per day**
- The competition will be conducted according to the **International Go Federation (IGF) Rules**, with **Black giving a 6½-point komi**.
- **Time Settings:**
 1. Each player is allocated **60 minutes** of thinking time.
 2. There will be **3 renewable 30-second overtime periods**.
 3. If a player fails to make a move within the time limits, they will lose the game.

4. Being late by more than **20 minutes** in any round will result in the game being forfeited.

- **Score Calculation:**

1. The winner of each round receives **2 points**.
 2. If scores are tied, the **Sum of Opponents' Scores (SOS)** will be compared.
 3. Additional tiebreaker methods, such as comparing SOS minus the opponent's score from previous rounds, will be used if necessary.
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2. Schedule:

- **May 16:** Arrival day (dinner provided)
 - **May 17:** Go friendship event & welcome banquet
 - **May 18-21:** Competition days (two rounds per day)
 - **May 22:** Sightseeing outing
 - **May 23:** Departure day (breakfast provided)
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3. Eligibility:

- Players from 77 countries and territories are invited to compete in the 45th WAGC.
 - All players must be amateur Go players. Former/retired professional players or amateur players who will be certified as a professional player before June 1, 2025 are not eligible for this event.
 - Each player must have the nationality of the country he or she represents.
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4. Awards:

- The winner will be awarded the title of "**45th World Amateur Go Champion**" and will receive a trophy and a Nihon Kiin 8 Dan certificate.
 - Players ranked second to eighth will be awarded trophies.
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5. Travel and Accommodation:

Players are responsible for their own travel arrangements. The accommodation is located at the same venue as the event - Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport in Richmond, British Columbia. Meals during the tournament period are included.

Players may be accompanied as they see fit, but only costs for the players are covered. The rooms can accommodate a second person if the player chooses; if an additional room is needed, please contact the organizers to discuss the costs. The accompanying person(s) will also be able to opt-in to the player breakfast, the opening banquet, and the sight-seeing day activities. We will publish costs over the next month or two.

6. Registration:

Players are required to submit the following documents to the Tournament Office by February 1st, 2025.

- Completed entry form (using the attached document)
- Face photo (must be more than 100KB, good quality jpg colour digital photo)
- A copy of the passport (the page or pages clearly showing nationality)

We will provide a personalized visa reference letter upon request.

Late entries may not be accepted without prior approval.

7. Additional Information:

- **Obligations:** All players are obligated to participate in the official events such as the opening ceremony and the closing ceremony.
- **Optional Tours:** A sightseeing outing will be organized on **May 22**, but optional tours may also be available.
- More details will be available on the website <https://leago.gg/event/wagc2025> as they are confirmed.