

# Invitation to the 39th World Amateur Go Championship in Tokyo Tokyo Tournament

## Outline

1. Tournament name: The 39th World Amateur Go Championship in Tokyo
2. Hosts: The Nihon Ki-in/The International Go Federation (IGF)
3. Support: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, (the Japan Foundation)
4. Cooperation: The Kansai Ki-in
5. Venue: The Nihon Ki-in (Tokyo)
6. Schedule: 2 to 8 May, 2018
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: 37 countries  
Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom
  - 4) Africa: 3 countries  
Madagascar, Morocco, South Africa
  - 5) North & Central America: 7 countries  
Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, 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
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 Nihon Ki-in and the Kansai Ki-in.
9. Awards
  - 1) The winner will be given the title of '39th World Amateur Go Champion' and will receive an amateur 8-dan diploma from the Nihon Ki-in.
  - 2) All of the 2nd to 8th place players will receive prizes with cups.
  - 3) A player not placed in the top eight who has demonstrated fair play and fighting spirit will be awarded the Asada Fighting Spirit Prize.

## Supplementary Notes

### 1. Nationality

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

### 2. Travel and accommodation expenses during stay in Tokyo

We shall be responsible for the following expenses for the 77 players and 4 guest officials.

- Transportations to and from Haneda or Narita international airport
- Accommodation: Seven nights from 2 to 8 May 2018
- Meals: from dinner on 2 May to breakfast on 9 May

\*Important notes: We will take no responsibility for any extra expenses

- Players will be responsible for their travel expenses (e.g. air tickets) to get to Japan (Tokyo) by themselves.
- Players who for reasons of their own convenience arrive earlier than 2 May and/or stay longer than 9 May will by themselves be responsible for all extra expenses incurred.

### 3. Guest officials

- Four vice presidents as guest officials will be invited from the go organizations of the different zones.
- Guest officials will supervise and assist the players from designated zones and countries.

### 4. Registration

Players and guest officials are requested to return the following documents to the Tournament Office by **31 January 2018**.

- (i) Completed entry form (using the attached document)
- (ii) Face photos (\*good quality jpg colour 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.

### 5. Schedule:

- 2 May: Arrival at Haneda or Narita international airport, check-in hotel, registration
- 3 May: IGF General Meeting, International goodwill match with locals  
Opening ceremony and reception party
- 4 to 7 May: WAGC tournament
- 7 May: Doping test, Closing and award Ceremony
- 8 May: Sightseeing
- 9 May: Departure from Tokyo/end of official schedule

### 6. Accommodation

Hotel Tokyo Green Palace (\*<http://www.tokyogp.com/english/>)

\*Whether arriving in Japan at Narita or Haneda, players and guest officials are requested to check in at the above official hotel designated by the Tournament Office.

### 7. Events

All players and guest officials are obligated to participate in all official events such as IGF general meeting and the goodwill match.

8. Doping test

Top three of the prize-winners and a player chosen at random from the players' list may be subject to doping tests.

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

<http://www.intergofed.org/about-the-igf/the-igf-anti-doping-regulation.html>

9. 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 entry form at the Tournament Office 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 designated hotel on 2 May 2018.
- 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 Japanese 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 Japan 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 or Fax.

10. Tournament Office

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