

Invitation to the 40th World Amateur Go Championship in Matsue, Shimane, Japan Outline

- 1. Tournament name:** The 40th World Amateur Go Championship in Matsue, Shimane
- 2. Host:** The Nihon Ki-in/The International Go Federation (IGF)
- 3. Support:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Japan Foundation, Shimane Prefectural Government, Shimane Prefectural Board of Education, Matsue City, NHK Matsue Station, San-in Chuo Television Broadcasting Co., Ltd., Broadcasting System of San-in, Nihonkai Telecasting Co., Ltd., The San-in Chuo Shimpo Newspaper Co., Ltd.
- 4. Special Sponsor:** Fujitsu Limited
- 5. Cooperation:** The Kansai Ki-in, Shimane Igo Federation, Shimane Prefectural Cultural Promotion Foundation, KurokiGoishiten Co., Ltd.
- 6. Venue:** Shimane Civic Centre
*Location: 158 Tonomachi Matsue city, Shimane prefecture (TEL: 0852-22-5506)
- 7. Schedule:** 30 May to 7 June, 2019
- 8. 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
- 9. 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.
- 10. Awards**
 - 1) The winner will be given the title of '40th World Amateur Go Champion' and will receive an amateur 8-dan diploma from the Nihon Ki-in.
 - 2) All of the 2nd to the 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. Applicant Eligibility

Each player must be an **amateur** go player.

A certified pro by a national or federal Go organisation (including EGF and AGA) will **not** be eligible to this Championship. The former pro (e.g. retired pro) will also **not** be eligible to the Championship. The currently amateur player who will be either formally or informally approved or certified as a pro earlier than 2 June 2019 will **not** be eligible to this Championship.

3. Travel and Accommodation Expenses (during the event)

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: **8 nights** from 30 May to 6 June 2019
- Meals: from dinner on 30 May to breakfast on 7 June

*Important notes: We'll have **no** responsible for any extra expenses including the followings:

- Players will be responsible for their travel expenses (e.g. air ticket) to get to Japan (Tokyo) by themselves.
- Players who for reasons of their own convenience will arrive in earlier than 30th May and/or stay longer than 7 June will by themselves be responsible for all extra expenses incurred.

4. Registration

Players and guest officials are requested to return the following documents to the Tournament Office by **31 January 2019**. (*The late entry may not be acceptable without your prior notice)

- (i) Completed entry form (using the attached document)
- (ii) Face photos (*must be more than 100KB, good quality jpg colour digital photo)
- (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. Accommodations:

In Tokyo: Hotel JAL City Haneda (*Check-in: from 14:00h)

<https://www.okura-nikko.com/japan/tokyo/hotel-jal-city-haneda-west-wing/>
4-11 Haneda Asahi-Cho Ota-Ku Tokyo (Tel: +81-3-5735-2525)

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

In Matsue: Matsue New Urban Hotel (<http://new.matsue-urban.co.jp/en/index.html>)
40-1 Nishicha-Machi, Matsue, Shimane (Tel: +81-852-23-0003)

6. Schedule:

30 May: Arrival at Haneda or Narita international airport, Check-in hotel near Haneda airport

31 May: Flight to Shimane from Haneda airport, Orientation

1 June: IGF General Meeting, International goodwill match with locals, Opening ceremony and reception party

2 to 5 June: WAGC tournament

5 June: Closing and award Ceremony, Doping test

6 June: Sightseeing, Flight back to Tokyo from Shimane

7 June: Departure from Tokyo/end of official schedule

* Note that the details of the schedule will be announced soon in the official website.

7. Obligations

All players and guest officials are obligated to participate in all official events such as IGF general meeting, the goodwill match and ceremonies (i.e. opening and closing)

8. Optional Tours

Optional special tours will be provided by the local during the tournament.

The details of the above tour will be informed the players in March 2019.

9. Doping Test

Three of the prize-winners 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>

10. Companion Package Fee

For a companion who will accompany the player or IGF director, we will offer a companion a package fee as JPY 130,000 (*Note that the payment can be only accepted by cash).

The package fee will include accommodations (*8 nights' stay of 30 May-6 June), return air ticket between Haneda and Shimane, lunch meals (at the tournament venue), opening reception (1st June) and sightseeing tour (6th June).

Please note that a companion of a player who is 15 years old or younger (as of 1st June 2019) may not be requested to pay for the above package fee.

11. 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 face photo or photocopy of passport
 - (iv) Failure to check in at the designated hotel on 30 May 2019
- 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).

12. Tournament Office

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