

Pair Go World Festival 2025: The 2nd World Pair Go Official Handicap Tournament

-Outline-

As of April 2025

Overview

The World Pair Go Official Handicap Tournament has been organized as one of the main events of the "Pair Go World Festival 2025" to be held at the site of the Expo 2025 Osaka. This will be the second tournament following the first tournament held in conjunction with the 32nd International Amateur Pair Go Championship in 2022. The tournament will officially adopt the rating system provided by Pandanet, which holds patents in Japan and abroad. All pairs competing in the tournament will have their dan/kyu ranks determined by the "Pandanet" rating system to ensure uniform accuracy and fairness in the "Official Handicap Tournament.

Dates and Venue

August 8 (Fri.)-10 (Sun.), 2025 / EXPO Messe "WASSE", Expo Kansai Osaka

Participating Pairs

-16 pairs of 32 players from approximately 15 countries/territories

Eligibility

-Pairs must have the nationality of the country/territory to be represented.

-Pairs must each have a rank of 1 dan or lower.

(Pandanet ID holders must have a rank of 2 dan★ or lower)

-Pairs must be adults (Only parent-child pairs are acceptable, as it is difficult to provide rooms.)

-Pairs must be able to participate in all the designated events during the tournament.

-Pairs who can participate in the tournament in national costume or similar.

-Pairs must play on Pandanet and have their dan/kyu rank confirmed by the deadline.

Classes and Tournament Format

Pairs are divided into 2 or 3 classes according to their pair points.

Three rounds of games will be played in each class to determine the winner and the third-place pair.

Game Conditions

Handicap games based on the difference in pair points.

15 minutes + 10 sec per move (Fischer Timing)

Schedule

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| Aug. 7 (Thu): | | Check-in at the tournament hotel by 19:00 |
| Aug. 8 (Fri): | AM | PGPP Meeting & Gathering |
| | PM | Goodwill game, Opening Ceremony |

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| Aug. 9 (Sat): | AM | Opening Ceremony (for games) |
| | AM-PM | 1st - 3rd Round |
| | PM | Award Ceremony |
| Aug. 10 (Sun): | AM-PM | Araki Cup Handicap Tournament |
| | PM | Award Ceremony |
| | PM | Closing Ceremony |
| Aug 11 (Mon) | | Check-out |

Confirmation of rank at Pandanet

All ranks must be confirmed on Pandanet by July 13, one month prior to the tournament.

If the dan/kyu ranks are not confirmed by the deadline, the participants will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

Please understand that it is extremely important for the “Official Handicap Tournament” that the competing pairs fix their kyu ranks according to the same rules.

★If you already have a Pandanet ID with a confirmed Dan rank

Please report your ID and dan/kyu rank to the Pair Go Association.

If you have played 20 or more rated games within the last year, we will register your kyu rank as of the date you reported to us.

If you do not meet the above conditions, please play at least 20 rated games with your ID and report to us by the deadline, **July 13**.

★★If you do not have a Pandanet ID

Please create your own ID on Pandanet from below, make sure you can log in with Gopanda2, and report it to the Pair Go Association.

Registration Form

https://pandanet-igs.com/igs_users/register

Gopanda2

<https://pandanet-igs.com/communities/gopanda2>

After reporting the created ID to the Pair Go Association, please play at least 20 rated games by **July 13**. Please contact us again to let know that you have finished.

Additional Information

1. Events of the “Pair Go World Festival 2025”

Tournaments for amateurs and top professionals.

The 34th International Amateur Pair Go Championship to decide the world's best amateur Pair Go pair and the Matsuda Cup 9th World Students Pair Go Championship to decide the

world's best student pair will be held.

The Professional Pair Go Championship 2025 will be held, in which eight pairs of 16 top Japanese male and female professional players will compete.

Other events include the Goodwill Game in which professional and amateur players and officials participating in the festival will play a game dressed in national costumes. There will also be the Best Dresser Award judged by world-renowned designer Junko Koshino, a Pair Go manga exhibition in collaboration with Japanese culture “manga,” and other events.

2. Araki Cup Handicap Tournament

A handicap tournament by Go strength, will be held on the 10th, with participation by amateur pairs gathered from the public call in Japan. All participants in the official handicap tournaments on the 9th will also be invited. We hope that you will enjoy exchanges with Japanese Go fans through Pair Go.

3. Pair Go Promotion Partners (PGPP) Related Events

On the morning of the 8th, a meeting will be held where overseas players and officials participating in the Pair Go World Festival will gather to report on Pair Go activities and promotion in their countries and territories.

After the MTG, there will be an opportunity to meet with Japanese sponsors

Expenses (The organizer will cover the following expenses.)

1. Accommodation: from Aug. 7 (check-in) to 11 (check-out)
2. Meals: Breakfast and lunch during the tournament
3. Airfare: 80,000 yen airfare per player

Registration

Players are required to check-in at the venue hotel by 19:00 on Aug. 7.

We will set up a registration room where you can check in and register at the Hotel.

Others

-Please avoid wearing casual wear on the 9th in accordance with the Pair Go Manners.

-Since the tournament will be held at the Expo site, it is necessary to submit personal information (name, e-mail address, address, telephone number, passport copy, etc.) to the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition to gain admission.

*We will inform you how to register separately.

-In order to issue special admission tickets, please keep your e-mail address registered with the Pair Go Association verified so that we can contact you at all times.

-Admission permits are only for the tournament venue, so those who wish to see other pavilions, etc., will need to buy their own individual admission tickets.

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/en/>

Accommodation

Shin-Osaka Station area

Documents to be submitted (Deadline: 12 May)

* Please be sure to submit the items below by the deadline.

1. Entry form (Please see our privacy policy:
http://www.pairgo.or.jp/privacy/index_en.htm)
2. Copy of passport page where your citizenship and birth date are printed
3. Portrait photo data for use in the tournament program and on the website

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