

Invitation to The 35th World Amateur Go Championship Gyeongju Tournament

Outline

1. Tournament name: The 35th World Amateur Go Championship Gyeongju Tournament
2. Sponsor/Host: Gyeongju City
3. Organizer: The International Go Federation (IGF)
4. Support: The Korea Baduk Association / The Korea Amateur Baduk Association
5. Cooperation: Hyundai Hotel, Gyeongju
6. Venue: Hyundai Hotel, Gyeongju (http://www.hyundaihotel.com/gyeongju_en/index.jsp)
7. Tournament schedule: Friday, 4 July to Friday, 11 July 2014

8. Competitors: 74 players from 74 countries and territories
 - 1) Asia: 17 countries and territories
Brunei, China, Chinese Taipei, China Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Macao, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, North Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam
 - 2) Near and Middle East: 2 countries
Israel, Turkey
 - 3) Europe: 35 countries
Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, 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, U.S.A.
 - 6) South America: 8 countries
Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela
 - 7) Oceania: 2 countries
Australia, New Zealand

9. Tournament conditions
 - 1) 8-round Swiss system.
 - 2) All games to be played on even, with Black giving a 6½-point komi.
 - 3) Time allowance of 60 minutes per player, followed by byo-yomi of 30 seconds x 3 times. Tournament clocks will be used for all games.
 - 4) Tournament rules are 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.

10. Awards
 - 1) The winner will be given the title of '35th World Amateur Go Champion
 - 2) Winners of 2nd to 8th places will receive awards.
 - 3) Other special prizes may be offered.

Supplementary Notes

1. Nationality

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

2. Travel expenses and accommodation expenses during stay in Gyeongju

The sponsors will be responsible for the following expenses for the 74 players and 4 guest officials.

- Transportation to and from Gimhae International airport
- Accommodation: Seven nights accommodations from 4 July to 11 July, 2014 (Check-out on July 11th)
- Meals: Meals from dinner on 4 July to breakfast on 11 July

• Players who for reasons of their own convenience arrive earlier than 4 July and/or stay longer than 11 July will themselves be responsible for all extra expenses incurred. The sponsors will take no responsibility for any extra expenses.

3. Guest officials

- IGF officials will be invited as a guest officials.
- 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 **30 April 2014**.

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

• In the case of multiple nationalities, please send copies of the passport for the country which you are representing.

5. Schedule:

- 4 Jul. (Fri): Arrival at Gimhae International airport, Move to an official hotel, Check in, Registration
- 5 Jul. (Sat): IGF General Meeting, Opening ceremony and Reception party
- 6 Jul. (Sun) to 9 Jul. (Wed): WAGC tournament
- 9 Jul. (Wed): Doping test, Closing and award ceremony
- 10 Jul. (Thurs): Sightseeing in Gyeongju City
- 11 Jul. (Fri): Departure from Gyeongju / End of official schedule

6. Accommodation

Detailed information will be given when available.

7. Events

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

8. Doping test

Several of the prizewinners and a few players chosen at random from the non-competition list will be subjected to doping tests.

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

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

9. Companions of players and guest officials

If a companion is staying with a player or guest official from 4 July to 11 July 2014, the package cost is \$600 (USD), which you should have ready to pay when you register. The package includes sharing accommodations, transportation to and from Gimhae International Airport, breakfast and dinner at the hotel, lunch at the tournament venue, and participation in the reception banquet.

10. 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 by 5 July 2014.
- 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 fax or email.

11. Tournament Office

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