

## 7th U.S. Karuta Tournament Updated on August 24, 2025

We are pleased to announce that the 7th U.S. Karuta Tournament will be held as outlined below. The tournament format is designed to allow participants traveling from afar to enjoy as many matches as possible. We warmly welcome your participation.

**Date: Sunday, September 7, 2025**

(Check-in begins at 8:30AM Tournament scheduled to end around 3PM)

**Venue: Chevy Chase Elementary School**

**4015 Rosemary St, Chevy Chase, MD 20815**

(We changed the venue from Bethesda ES to Chevy Chase ES,)

### **Divisions:**

- **E Class:** For those aiming to earn Shodan (1st dan) from the All Japan Karuta Association
- **D Class:** For those who already hold Shodan or have equivalent ability

Please note: This tournament is not 公認大会 (kōnin taikai; authorized by the All Japan Karuta Association). It is the 後援大会 (kōen taikai; Supported tournaments). Therefore, promotion to a higher rank based solely on the tournament result is not possible. Even if a player performs well in this tournament, they are not guaranteed promotion to a higher rank.

**Maximum number of participants: 32.** If we receive more applications, participants will be selected through a lottery or other appropriate means. Please note that if we have a large number of participants, you may be asked to bring one set of playing cards (tori-fuda).

**Awards:** Top three players in each division will be awarded.

**Eligibility:** Players who can compete in accordance with the official rules and regulations of the All Japan Karuta Association.

**Entry Fee:** US \$15 (Free for participants coming from outside the United States)

**Format:** Preliminary matches followed by a final tournament (subject to change depending on the number of participants)

**Registration:** Please register via [this form](#).

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**The registration deadline:** Saturday, August 23, 2025

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