

AGHS School Team Tournament Rules and Regulations 2023



The deadline for sign-ups is Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023, 11:59 pm PST. You can register here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeiSHithaN0b-JdOj60LGXduHPpeip9WQOgWODXd9M3_sJvWQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Eligibility and Miscellaneous Rules

- ☐ All players must be under 19 years of age or currently enrolled in K-12.
- ☐ Only players residing in North America (US, Canada, Mexico) may participate.
- ☐ A team is only eligible if all of its students come from the same school/institution. Students who come from the same school system would also be allowed to form a team.
- ☐ Go institutions will be permitted to send teams to the School Team Tournament. Institutions may have a maximum of five teams; additional teams may be placed on a waitlist.
- ☐ A team must have three players and may have one substitute player who will play in the event that a player from that team is absent.
- ☐ Players will be put in team positions (first, second and third chair) based on their respective rankings (strongest player will be first chair, and weakest player will be third chair)

Tournament Schedule

- ☐ The tournament will be held on the weekend of March 25th and 26th.
 - ☐ Round 1: March 25th, 10 AM PST (1 PM EST)
 - ☐ Round 2: March 25th, 1 PM PST (4 PM EST)
 - ☐ Round 3: March 26th, 10 AM PST (1 PM EST)
 - ☐ Round 4: March 26th, 1 PM PST (4 PM EST)
- ☐ Please be on time. Failure to show up **15 minutes** after the designated time will result in an automatic forfeit.
- ☐ Byes must be requested before the tournament starts.

General Rules

- ☐ **Where:** on AGHS Tournament Room via KGS

- ❑ How to access the tournament room: The room can be accessed by going to "Rooms" on the upper left --> "Room List" --> "Tournaments" --> "AGHS Tournament Room" (This should be on the top of the list).
- ❑ **Board Size:** 19x19 board
- ❑ **Rule Set:** AGA Rules
- ❑ **Time Limit:** 45 minutes main time and 5 periods of 30-second byo-yomi
- ❑ **Komi: 7.5 points** in an even game, 0.5 points during a handicap game unless otherwise stated.
- ❑ **Handicaps:** Handicap games will be offered with only up to **6 stones handicap maximum**, regardless of further rank difference. **Handicap = rank difference - 2.**
- ❑ By default, the white player should create the game. However, if the white player is having difficulties, the black player may create the game too. In the case of an even game, either player can make the game and KGS will decide the color selection.
- ❑ **The winner should fill out [this form](#) to report the result of the game.**

Ranks

- ❑ To prevent issues with sandbagging (registering at a lower rank than one's actual level) or featherbagging (registering at a higher rank than one's actual level), we will verify the ranks of all participants according to the following procedure:
 - ❑ Players with a stable rank and at least ten rated games within the last 2 months on a popular online Go server should provide us with the server they play most on, their rank on that server, and their username on that server. Accepted servers include KGS, OGS, IGS, Fox, Tygem, and WBaduk.
 - ❑ We will be using the conversion charts here (tinyurl.com/y22vndhc).
 - ❑ We reserve the right to adjust players' ranks when we believe a rank no longer accurately demonstrates a player's playing strength.
 - ❑ Players without verified ranks may have their ranks adjusted at any time by us if we determine that they are playing at a higher or lower level than their rank indicates
- ❑ Rank adjustments will all be supported by a group of strong players, including professionals.

Scoring/Tiebreaks

- ❑ In case of a tie between two teams with an equal number of wins, the following tiebreakers are used (in order) :
 1. Head-to-head result
 2. Sum of opponents' scores (SOS)
 3. Sum of defeated opponents' scores (SODOS)
- ❑ **If teams are still tied, they will share the same place.**

Prizes

- ❑ **Each participant who participates in all rounds will receive a participation prize.**
- ❑ The top teams of each division will receive prizes; further announcements regarding prizes will be given as we approach the tournament dates.
- ❑ **Teams must participate in all 4 rounds to be eligible for prizes.**

If you have any questions, please email aghsregister@gmail.com or visit our website aghs.us