2019-20 AGHS Youth Go League Rules and Regulations

Eligibility

All players **18 years of age or younger**, or currently enrolled in high school, are eligible to participate.

Must have at a verified rank (10 rated games) on an online go server or by a go association

Schedule

Players will be split into divisions with four to five players each. Each round will consist of a round-robin tournament between the participants in each division, and each round will last one month. **See pairings here.**

Due to feedback, we will have default times for rounds. Here are the default times for the February rounds:

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Round 1: Saturday, , 10am PT (1pm ET)
Round 2: Saturday, , 10am PT (1pm ET)
Round 3: Saturday, , 10am PT (1pm ET)
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4 player divisions

Round 1: 1 vs 2, 3 vs 4 Round 2: 1 vs 3, 2 vs 4 Round 3: 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3

5 player divisions

Round 1: 1 vs 2, 3 vs 4 Round 2: 1 vs 3, 2 vs 5 Round 3: 1 vs 5, 2 vs 4

Round 4 (self-scheduled): 1 vs 4, 3 vs 5 Round 5 (self-scheduled): 2 vs 3, 4 vs 5

Please contact your opponent if you need to reschedule your games.

Registering and Dropping Out

By default, all current players will remain registered for the next round. If you wish to join or drop out for the next round, **please fill out the form <u>here</u>**.

Game Settings and Rules

All games will be played in the AGHS Tournament Room on KGS.

All games are played on 19x19 with Japanese rules. Time limits are 45 minutes main time, followed by 5 periods of 30 seconds byo-yomi. There are no handicaps.

Results

To report the result of the game, the winner should send an email to aghspresident@gmail.com and aghspresident@gmail.com with the following format in the title:

[Name] won against [Opponent's Name] in the [Division] by [Result].

2 points are awarded for a win, 1 for a loss, and 0 for a loss by forfeit. At the end of each round, the top player in each division will move up, and the bottom player will move down a division. 2-way ties will be broken by the head-to-head result of the players. In the case of 3 or 4-way ties where head-to-head results are not applicable, ties will be broken by seed.

If a player does not arrive within fifteen minutes within the time agreed on by the players, he or she forfeits the game. In the event of any dispute, immediately email aghspresident@gmail.com. The AGHS officers will be the final judges of all results.

Prizes

Players will be awarded reward points for playing in the league consistently, improving divisions, etc. These points can be used to redeem various prizes (simul games with pros and trophies) that will be given at the end of the rounds. Our goal is to reward players who use the league as a means to try to learn and improve and to equally reward people of all strengths.

Note: If you have any questions about the rules, feel free to ask us questions! Just send an email to **both** aghspresident@gmail.com and aghspresident@gmail.com, and we'll be sure to get back to you immediately.