

Pair Go World Festival 2025
The World Junior Pair Go Championship (U-15)
-Outline-

As of April 2025

Overview

The world's first international amateur Pair Go tournament for the under-15 age group. Eight pairs of boys and girls who enjoy Go and Pair Go from around the world will gather in Osaka to decide the best Junior Pair Go champion in the world and to deepen international exchange among children who will live in the world in the future.

Dates and Venue

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

Participating Pairs

-8 pairs of 16 players from 6 countries/territories

Eligibility

- Pairs must have the nationality of the country/territory to be represented.
- Pairs must be amateurs who are 15 years old or younger until August 10.
- 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.

Game Conditions

- 3 round Swiss system
- All games to be played on even, with Black giving a komi of 6½ points.
- 15 minutes + 10 sec per move (Fischer Timing)
- The penalty for a rotation error is three points.
- Any problems arising during play will be settled by the referee.

Schedule

Aug. 7 (Thu):		Check-in at the tournament hotel by 19:00
Aug. 8 (Fri):	AM	PGPP Meeting & Gathering *Plans to ask your participation
	PM	Goodwill game, Opening Ceremony
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 * You are invited to participate.
	PM	Award Ceremony
	PM	Closing Ceremony
Aug 11 (Mon)		Check-out

Parental Attendant

- One attendant is allowed per player.
- One attendant per pair is allowed, but if they are not blood relatives, it may be difficult for them to share the same room. In that case, each will have a single room.
- (Note) Players who cannot sleep in a single room are recommended to be accompanied by a parent.
- Siblings are allowed as long as they are adults
- We will provide the same support (airfare, accommodation, meals) as the players.

Expenses (The organizer will cover the following expenses.)

1. Accommodation: from Aug. 7 (check-in) to 11 (check-out)
* Mainly twin (two beds in one room) room.
If the attendant is not a family member, a single room will be provided.
2. Meals: Breakfast and lunch during the tournament
3. Airfare: 80,000 yen airfare per player and attendant

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 at the Hotel.

Others

- Please avoid wearing casual wear on the 9th in accordance with the Pair Go Manners.
- Basically, attendants will not be on stage, but might be on stage depending on the age of the players. Please bring non-casual attire.
- 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

Garner An Ing Hotel

<https://gnrhoteles-osaka.com/en/>

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

Documents to be submitted (Deadline: 31 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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