

European Go Congress 2025 (EGC 2025)

EC (European Championship) Rules

I. General rules

- 1.1. EC Rules are binding directly at the European Championship played during the European Go Congress 2025 (EGC 2025).
- 1.2. Territory Scoring Verbal European-Japanese Rules apply with komi 6.5 and Japanese fill-in counting.
- 1.3. For matters not regulated in the EC Rules the EGC 2025 Tournament Rules apply.
- 1.4. EGC 2025 Anti-cheating Rules apply with no exception.

II. Selection and registration procedure

- 2.1. Selection of 32 players, together with reserve players, is performed by the EGF (European Go Federation). The final list of players and reserve players is presented to the organisers of the EGC 2025 by the end of June 2025.
- 2.2. Registration for participation at the European Championship is connected with an entry fee for the First Week plus Weekend.
- 2.3. Players who want to play also some other tournaments at the EGC 2025 (including Main, Rapid or Weekend Tournaments) have to pre-register and register on the same conditions as all other participants, which includes payment of an appropriate entry fee – so for two-week participation (including Main or Rapid Tournaments) an entry fee for the whole EGC 2025 (Full Congress) is required.
- 2.4. All 32 players selected by the EGF must register personally at the registration desk of the EGC 2025, and confirm that they still want to play in the European Championship, at the first registration day (Saturday, 19th July 2025).
- 2.5. If by the end of that first registration day (21:00 local time) all 32 players are not registered in conformance with point 2.4 above, an appropriate number of reserve players who fulfilled the above conditions will be added to the list of participants of the European Championship.
- 2.6. If after applying the procedure described at points 2.4 and 2.5 above the registered number of participants at the European Championship is still less than 32 players, the organisers of the EGC 2025 will fill the gap with an appropriate number of high rated participants of the Main Tournament that have a passport of an active EGF member country.

III. European Championship specific rules

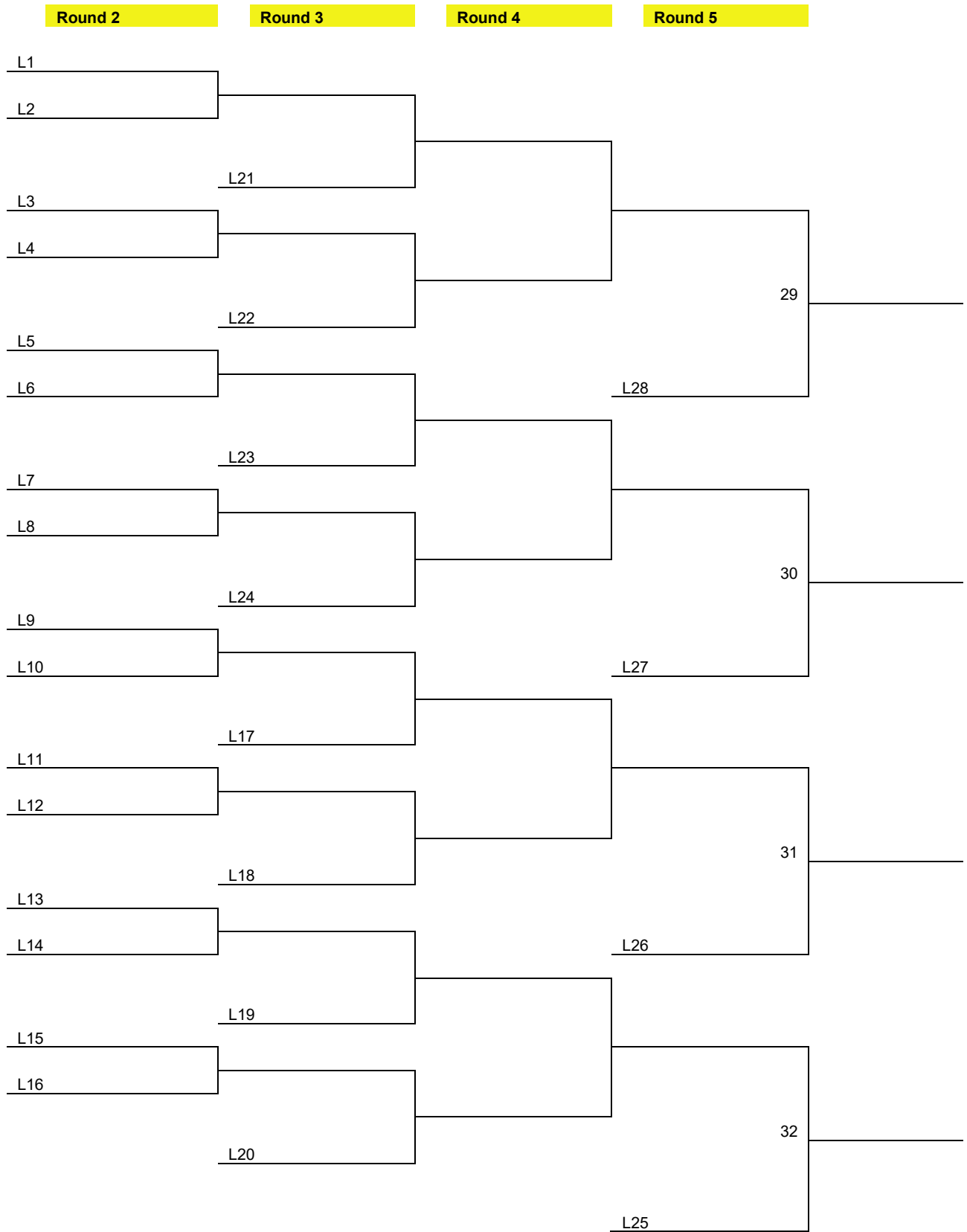
- 3.1. Thinking time per player:
 - a) in rounds 1 to 5 (including games played in the “Losers’ Bracket” on a free day) and in quarterfinals: 1 hour + 30s bonus Fischer time,
 - b) in semifinals, small final and final: 1 hour 20 minutes + 40s bonus Fischer time.
- 3.2. Pairing for the first round (and consequently – for all the next rounds) are based on the last EGF rating accessible before the EGC 2025 (Friday, 18th July 2025), with the provision that players in each of 8 groups of 4 players will be ordered randomly during the Opening Ceremony of the EGC 2025.
- 3.3. Players are obliged to be present at their tables in the playing rooms at the time scheduled for starting the round. Accepted late appearance is 30 minutes.
- 3.4. A player who is late more than the allowed time loses the game by default. However, contrary to the EGC 2025 Tournament Rules such a player is not excluded from the next round, but he/she will be paired according to the normal European Championship procedure.
- 3.5. If all the conditions specified in section I of the document “Possibility for connecting EC games with the Main Tournament games” (in short: “EC connection”) are met, the games played on the same day as the Main Tournament games shall be taken into account as well for the Main Tournament. It means that games played in round 4 of the European Championship (Wednesday, 23th July) and in semifinals, small final and final (Saturday and Sunday, 28th and 29th July) will not be taken into account for the Main Tournament in any case.
- 3.6. The European Championship participants may participate also in the Main Tournament on the same conditions as all other Main Tournament participants, including payment of the appropriate entry fee.
- 3.7. Starting MacMahon score of the EC participants at the Main Tournament will be set according to section II of the “EC connection” document.
- 3.8. All players qualified for the Main Tournament supergroup are obliged to play all rounds in the Main Tournament, according to section III of the “EC connection” document.

IV. Charts and templates for the European Championship organization team

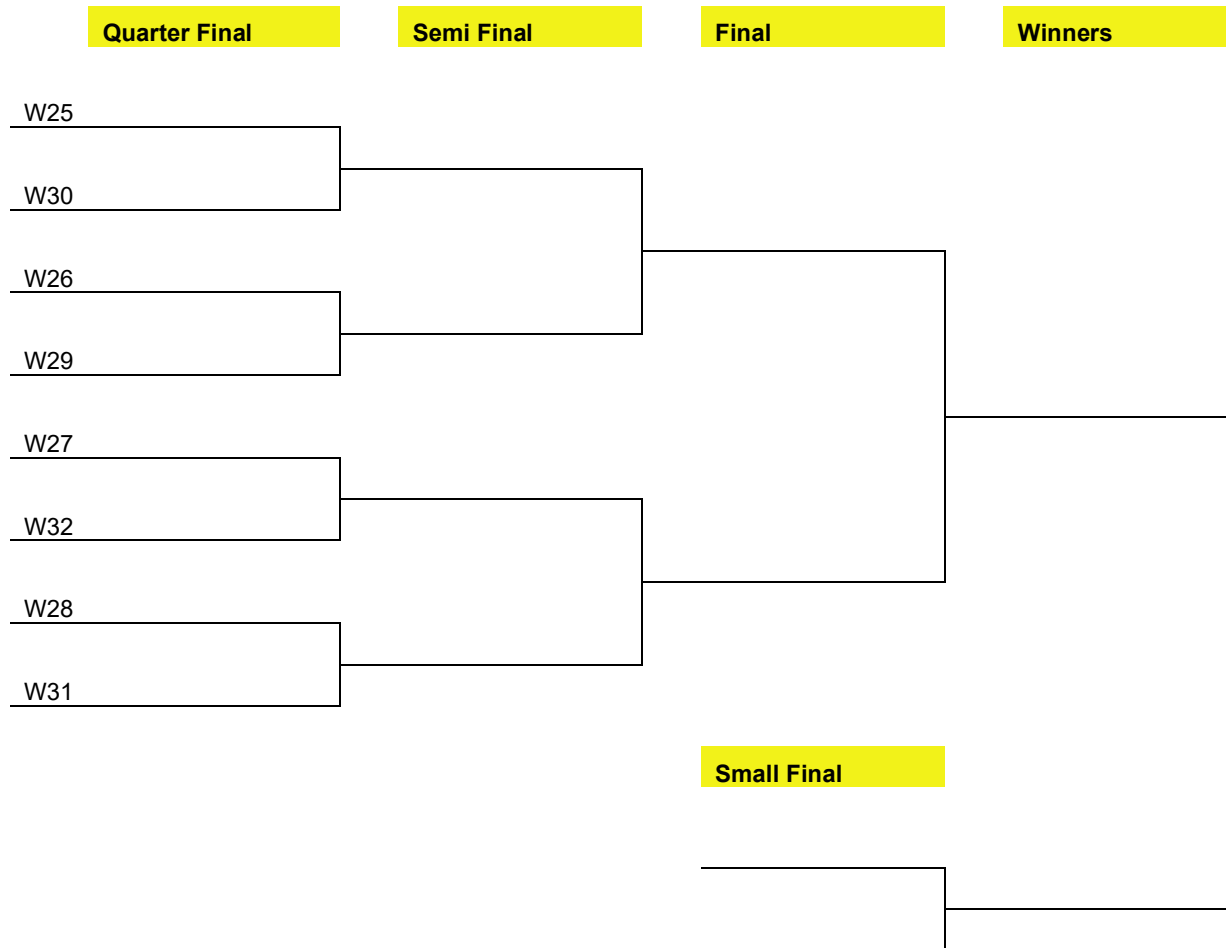
4.1. Main bracket:



4.2. 1st round loser's bracket:



4.3. Final bracket:



Approved by the Chief Referee of the European Go Congress 2025

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