

New Professionals in Europe – the qualification tournament

Concept: 16 amateur players, all citizens of a member country of the EGF, play a special tournament, which is under the lead of the EGF. This tournament is part of the cooperation between the EGF and CEGO. It is the goal of this tournament to certify finally two players as "New European Professionals" (NEP) by the EGF in 2014, as the beginning of a complete Professional System in Europe.

Tournament overview:

- Three days, Strasbourg, 23rd May, Amstelveen, 29th May, Vienna, 20th June
- 6 rounds Swiss system, with double elimination, 2 games per day
- 90 minutes per player, Canadian byoyomi, Chinese rules, 7.5 komi
- First NEP after 4 wins with 4:0 score
- Second NEP after 6 rounds with 5:1 score
- Status "Professional Player, certified by EGF" valid from 1st August 2014 on

Some details:

- Only players who want to become a Professional Player can participate
- Age limit: Under 40 on 23rd May 2014
- Invitation tournament, 16 players, EGF will invite latest first week April 2014
 - 4 players from European Championship 2013 (only top 4 eligible)
 - 1 player from World Amateur Go Championship 2013
 - 1 player from student-group (Beijing Sep 2013 – Feb 2014)
 - 2 wildcards for EGF and CEGO
 - 8 players from EGD, maximum of 1st quarter 2014 counts
 - Unused seats from the first 4 positions increase position 5 (EGD)
- No entry fee, no prize money

Remarks:

- Detailed pairing-plan available, seating for all 16 players in the beginning
- Seating along actual EGF-rating on 31st March
- Li Ting chief referee
- Broadcasting on internet guaranteed
- The one day events at the three cities are followed by a two or three day tournament, open for everyone, with the status "Bonus Point Tournament"