2026 NSW Go Championships

Introduction

The 2026 NSW Go Championships will be held at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, 117, Ryedale Road, West Ryde on Sunday 5th July 2026.

The event is open to all Go players but because of space limitations there is a limit of 50 players. When the 50 player limit is reached new registrations will be placed in a wait list.

Rules, terms & conditions

Ryde-Eastwood RSL

All participants and visitors to the tournament must comply with the Ryde-Eastwood By-laws (https://www.releagues.com.au/227) some of the key points are:

- Everybody must be a member of the club or register on entry using a driving licence or identity card.
- Persons under 18 must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for the child's behaviour
- Persons under 18 are not allowed into the gaming machine areas nor are they allowed to attempt to purchase of consume alcoholic drinks.
- People are not allowed to bring food or drink into the club.
- The club accepts no responsibility for personal effects including mobile phones.

Registration

Please register your name, rank and division and pay using the following link https://2026-nsw-championships.square.site/ - any problems please contact An Younggil 8p; anyoungkil@gmail.com

The entry fee is $40.

Registration closes at 5:00pm, Saturday 4th July and if you have not registered you cannot play**.**

Registrations without payment are not accepted. Due to time constraints, there is no "on the day" registration and game clocks will be started at 10:15am.

Tournament rules

All players must comply with the AGA tournament rules and Code of Conduct, failure to do so may result in the loss of a game or disqualification from the tournament.

To ensure there is a clear winner in each division, there is a limit of 16 people in each division. The Tournament Director will determine the divisions when player registration is completed.

Divisions:

Adult divisions	The main event will be 4 rounds with three prize divisions – The NSW Open, NSW Dan, and NSW Kyu handicap. Note: The Open division is for the top 16 players, the Dan division for all other dan and 1 kyu players. **The Open and Dan divisions will be even games.** **NOTE: The exact split of divisions will be determined on the day depending on the number of people who join the event.**

Adult Division Tournament format:

Rounds: 4 rounds, McMahon draw.

Time Limit: 20 minutes + 30 seconds, 3 times

Any games not finished within 85 minutes will be adjudicated.

Timetable for 4 rounds

9:00am Doors open – people register with the club and enter the room.

10:15am – Round 1

11:40am – Round 2

1:00pm – Lunch

1:30pm – Round 3

3:00pm – Round 4

4:45pm – Prizes

Tournament management:

The Tournament Director is Gareth White, and the Tournament referee is An Younggil 8P.

Game adjudication & dispute process:

The event must adhere to a tight timetable, games lasting longer than 85 minutes will be adjudicated by the Tournament Referee (using AI technology if appropriate). In the event of a dispute, the Tournament Referee and Tournament Director will decide the matter, their decision is final.

Refreshment:

Refreshments can be purchased from the RELC café or from local shops.

Prizes:

There will be trophies and certificates for the first place in the Open, Dan and Kyu divisions. Second and third places winners will be awarded a medal and a certificate.