

2026 NSW Go Championships

Introduction

The 2026 Korean Ambassador's Cup Go Championships (KAC) will be held at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, 117, Ryedale Road, West Ryde on Sunday 23rd August.

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 RELC 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 or 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-kac-go-championship.square.site/> - any problems please contact An Younggil 8p; anyoungkil@gmail.com

The entry fee is \$40.

Registration closes at 5:00pm, Saturday 22nd August and if you have not registered and paid 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.

Please note:

- An illegal move is an automatic loss of the game.
- Use your time wisely. it is dangerous to run your clock down to the last second before playing a move – if you run out of time you lose.
- Playing suicide moves or forcing your opponent to take stones from the board when they are in byo-yomi is not sportsman like, so please do not do it.

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:

All divisions	The event will be 4 rounds with the following prize divisions – an Open, Dan, advanced kyu and intermediate kyu divisions. Notes: The plan is to have an Open division for the top 16 players, a Dan division for all other dan players. Then two kyu divisions, for advanced kyu (1k to 9k) and intermediate kyu (10k to 20k). The Open and Dan divisions will be even games. The kyu divisions will be handicap games. The exact split of divisions will be determined on the day depending on the number of people who join the event.
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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 will be presented for the first three places in each division.

The TD and TR will review the performance of players 12 years old or younger and if they decide there may be prizes for most improved, sportsmanship and fighting spirit.