

The 2018 New Zealand Winter Pair Go Handicap Tournament

This will be played online over two weeks involving one game per week for each pair

1. Entry

a. To Enter

Please send the email address, rank, team captain and town city of you and your pair to Alan Guerin:
unigoclub@gmail.com . Entries close 24th June 2018

- b. **IMPORTANT** – release of information: - by entering you agree to release information (being your name, rank and email address) to anyone else entered in the tournament for the purposes of organizing and completing the games.
- c. You may enter as a pair or as an individual. Individual entries will be paired with members of the opposite gender where-ever possible as this is the general idea of pair go. If entering as a pair please make this a mixed pair if you can

2. Venue

This will be an online Tournament played on **KGS**

3. Tournament Date

There will be two rounds:

First Round beginning **the week of 25th June and must be played by 9pm 1st July 2018**

Second Round beginning the week of **2nd July and must be played by 9pm 8th July 2018**

4. Contact – IMPORTANT

If entering as a pair please advise who is the team captain as I will contact the team captain with your pair to play and it is up to the team captain to contact the opposing team captain to arrange the time of the game for that week. (please talk to your pair partner early in the week to get times they are available)

5. Location

Members of the same pair should play from a separate location if possible. This is to limit accidental communication during the game. **In case of illegal communication the team will forfeit.** Communicating about resigning is limited to the following case: the player to move may ask for his or her partner's consent to resign; the partner may agree or not agree to resign. In practice on KGS it may be that one player resigns and the other player will be asked to agree

6. Handicaps

Handicaps will be calculated for you based on the rank provided by you when entering. (This will be based on the average of the pairs rating.)

If the team receiving the handicap would prefer to play on even and the stronger team is happy with that also, you may play on even. **(NZ rules to be used)**

7. Order of moves

- The pairs play in the following order:

Black female player, White female player, Black male player, White male player

This cycle is called the normal rotation. The players must always play in the normal rotation.

- The player who makes the first move of the game is as follows:

In non-handicap games, the Black female player makes the first move. (The next move is made by the White female player.)

In games with a handicap of two stones or more, the White female player makes the first move. (The next move is made by the Black male player.)

Basically – “Ladies First”

8. Resignation

Resignation is announced by the player whose turn it is to move. The player's partner cannot retract the resignation, once agreed in advance

9. Go Rules and Referee

NZ Rules to be used. Alan Guerin is the referee and his decisions will be final.