

Pair Go Official Handicap Tournament

-Tournament Outline-

Participating pairs

Japan 4, China 1, Korea 1, Chinese Taipei 1, Brunei 1, Indonesia 1, Malaysia 1, Mongolia 1, Singapore 1, Thailand 1, Vietnam 1, China Hong Kong 1, Europe 18, Canada 1, US 1, Latin America 5, Africa & Oceania 2, Winning pair in Pair Go Official Handicap Tournament Preliminary, winners of each of the three blocks in the Araki Cup Handicap Tournament (Japan), sponsor's seeds 2
Total: 54 pairs

Schedule

From Wed., July 1, to Mon., July 6, 2020

Wed., July 1: Check in at designated hotel/reception (by 16:00)

Thurs., July 2: Check out, Opening Ceremony (Shibuya Hikarie)/Transfer to Atami/
Check in (Hotel New Akao)

Fri., July 3: Official Handicap Tournament Opening Ceremony/Round One/
Goodwill Match/Welcome Party

Sat., July 4: Round 2, 3, 4/Closing Party

Sun., July 5: Check out/ Transfer to Tokyo/ Check in/ Spectate at Pair Go WC 2020

Mon., July 6: Check out (return home)

Expenses

The organizers will bear all of the following expenses.

1. **50% of round-trip airfare** between your city and Tokyo (economy class)
2. Accommodation and meals: From dinner on July 1 to breakfast on July 6.
3. Round trip to Atami

Documents to submit: (Deadline: February 29)

1. Entry form (please confirm the privacy policy of the Pair Go Association at: <http://www.pairgo.or.jp/privacy/>)
2. Flight form
3. Copy of the page from your passport with your photo proving your nationality
4. Digital data for your photo (in colour, facing camera) (to be used in tournament program and on our HP)

How to secure your airplane ticket

Before buying your ticket, please send in the flight form to our office to check. After approval by the Pair Go Association, please buy the ticket and submit the receipt to us. We will transfer the cost to the account number given in your flight form. (The exchange rate will be the rate designated by our bank on the day of the transfer.)

Tournament registration

Please come to the designated hotel by 16:00, Wed., July 1.

We will inform you later about how to go from the airport to the hotel.

Accommodation

Participants will be staying at a hotel with 'family rooms' on July 2, 3, and 4, so please understand that you will share a Western- or Japanese-style room with 3~5 people. (The association will allot the rooms.)

On July 1 and 5, you will be staying at hotels in Shibuya. If from the 5th, you want to stay at the same hotel as on the 5th, please ask us to make a reservation for you. Please bear the cost of this accommodation yourself. (You can inquire with us about the cost.)

National costume

Please wear national costume at the Opening Ceremony on July 2 (Tokyo) and July 3 (Atami).

The designer Koshino Junko will select the recipients of the Best Dresser prizes.

Other points

Participants are requested to take part in all official events from July 2 to 5.

After you have submitted your entry form, you need to play 20 rated games in the general playing room on Pandanet. The period for playing these games is from March 1 to April 30. In order to maintain fairness, we will give you new Pandanet ID. Please make sure you play all 20 games during this period with this ID.

Playing rules, based on the Pair Go Rules

Time allowance is 50 minutes. If you use up all your time, you lose.

Handicaps are decided by the points system.

Handicaps will be based on the handicap chart according to the differences in handicap points.

Regardless of the differences in handicap points, the maximum handicap will be five stones with a reverse komi of six points (White wins a jigo).

When there is no difference in pair points, games will be played on even with Black giving a handicap of 6.5 points (White wins a jigo).

Colours are to be decided by the female players conducting nigiri.

Hotels

July 1 & 5: **Shibuya Tokyu REI Hotel**, 1-24-10 Shibuya, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo. Tel. +81 3 3498 0109 <https://www.tokyuhotelsjapan.com/global/shibuya-r/>

July 2, 3, 4: **Hotel New Akao**, 1993-250 Atami, Atami City, Shizuoka Prefecture. Tel. +81 555 82 5152 <https://www.i-akao.com/en/>

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