

2022 NAGF Pro Qualification Tournament Rules

Overview

- Dates: Preliminary Round: June 26 - 28
Semi-final Round: June 28
Final Round 1 / Loser's semi-final: June 29 - 30
Final Round 2: June 30 - July 1
- Venue: The National Go Center, Washington DC
- Tournament Director: I-han Lui
- Match Start Times: Morning: 9:30 AM
Afternoon: 2:30 PM (TD may decide to start a bit later if needed)
- Time Limit: 75 minutes main time + 1 minute / 5 times byo-yomi
- Game Rules: AGA Rules

Preliminary Round

- Two groups of six players play round-robin.
- The top two players from each group advance to the semi-final round.
- In case of a tie, there may be up to one tie-breaking match:
 - Two-player tie will be resolved using a head-to-head result
 - Three or more players tie will be resolved in the following order: (1) head-to-head, (2) random draw + one tie-breaking match
- The players of each group are as follows (players are listed alphabetically):
- All games use nigiri to choose color.

Group A	Group B
Eric Lee	Alexander Qi
Eric Yoder	Edward Zhang
Kevin Yang	Nate Morse
Qiyu Wu	Rémi Campagnie
Val Lewis	Tyler Oyakawa
Yuan Zhou	

Semi-final Round

- Each group's #1 player plays the other group's #2 player in a single match. If the top and second players are not decided, TD may use another random method to place players.
- The semi-final round will be played on June 28. The specific start time will be announced by the TD on the day or day before. (Depending on the preliminary round results, this round may be played in the evening of June 28.)
- Color's chosen with nigiri.

Final Round 1 / Loser's semi-final

- The two winners from the semi-final will advance to the final round and play a best-of-three match.
- The two losers from the semi-final will play the loser's semi-final in a best-of-three match.
- The first two games will be played on June 29, and in case of a 1-1 result, the third game will be played on June 30.
- Even if the two finalists had played at the preliminary or semi-final round, the previous result will not be counted for the best-of-three match.
- First and 3rd game colors are chosen with nigiri.

Final Round 2

- The winner from the loser's semi-final and the loser from Final Round 1 will play the Final Round 2 in a best-of-three match.
- The games will be played on June 30 - July 1. Specific times will be announced by the TD.
- Even if the two finalists had played at the preliminary round, the previous result will not be counted for the best-of-three match.
- First and 3rd game colors are chosen with nigiri.

Other notes

- Triple Ko/Super Ko: TD decides a draw. We will continue the tournament with the draw, and use the tie-breaking rules when needed.
- Nigiri: The older player gets white for nigiri (following Go custom). The player who wins the guessing game chooses the color.
- There will be no meal break during a game.
- For any unexpected situations, the TD will make the final decision.
- Players are not allowed to have any electronic devices with them during a match. "Electronic devices" includes phones, tablets, smart watches, etc. There will be a place

to store personal devices during each game. The venue will use a hand-held metal detector to check players for forbidden items.

- Observers are not allowed to communicate with players at any time during a match.

Covid safety

- Mask wearing: We will follow local government guidelines at the time of the tournament.
- Testing: Players must bring their own "over-the-counter" Covid test kit, and test themselves before coming to the venue on Sunday morning and Wednesday morning. Upon arrival on these two days, all players must sign a statement that they tested negative that morning.
- Vaccine: Players and observers must show proof of vaccination on the first day of the tournament. A digital picture of the proof is acceptable. The name on the vaccine card must match your name on your ID. The player's latest vaccine dose must have been received within the last 12 months.
- Everyone in the venue will be asked to do a temperature check each morning.
- Showing symptoms: Anyone who displays symptoms, such as a high temperature or continuous coughing, will be asked to leave the venue for the day and take a Covid test the same day. In case a player takes a day off, all remaining games for the day will be forfeited.
- Players are not allowed to compete if they test positive for Covid during the event. All remaining games will be automatically forfeited.