

2023 NAGF Pro Qualification Tournament Rules

Overview

Dates: Preliminary Round: August 6 - 8
Semi-final Round: August 9 - 10
Final Round: August 10 - 11

Venue: San Francisco Go Club
22 Peace Plaza #501, San Francisco, California

Tournament Director: Michael Bull

Match Start Times: Morning: 9:30 AM / Afternoon: 2:30 PM

Time Limit: 75 minutes main time + 1 minute / 5 times byo-yomi

Game Rules: AGA Rules

Preliminary Round

- Two groups of six-seven 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
Emil Garcia	Abraham Florencia
Eric Lee	Edward Zhang
Michael Chen	Eric Yoder
Nathan Morse	Jeremiah Donley
Stephen (Dong-Lien) Lin	Joel Kenny
Yinli Wang	Paige Lemaster
	Valéria Lewis

Semi-final Round

- Each group's #1 player and the other group's #2 player play a best-of-three 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 August 9 - 10.
- First and 3rd game colors are chosen with nigiri.

Final Round

- The winners from the semi-final round play a best-of-three match.
- The games will be played on August 10 - 11.
- 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: Optional
- 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.