

2024 NAGF Pro Qualification Tournament Rules (UPDATED)

Overview

Dates: Preliminary: June 16 - 18
Semi-final Round: June 19 - 20
Final Round: June 20 - 21

Venue: College André-Grasset, Montreal, Canada

Tournament Director: Jean-Sébastien Lechasseur

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 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
Joel Kenny	Tianyi Chen
Bill Lin	Eric Lee
Stephen Lin	Nate Morse
Ben Mantle	Guanyu Song
Michael Guyue Xu	Eric Yoder
Edward Zhang	Sen Zhan

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 June 19 - 20.
- 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 June 20 - 21.
- 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.