

2020 Australian Go Congress



Australian **Go**
Congress

February 13th to 16th

Featuring...

- **Five tournaments**
- **32 winners**
- **\$10,000+ in cash & trophies**
- **Three top level professionals**
- **Professional lessons**
- **Lumbertruck broadcasting games from the Congress**
- **Pro-simul games**
- **Academic Symposium**
- **Pair/Team Go event**
- **Lightning tournament**

Want more details? Visit the website - <http://ausgocongress.com/>

Register at <https://www.ausgocongress.com/registration/>

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Event to be held at:

**Hanho Newspaper,
570 Blaxland Road,
Eastwood, NSW 2122**

Email: generalmanager@ausgocongress.com

Draft Schedule of events

Thursday 13th Feb 2020

10:00am to 12:00pm – Room 1 & Room 2: Pro simul games

2:00pm to 4:00pm – Room 1 & Room 2: Pro lectures

5:00pm to 6:30pm – Room 1: (TBA)

5:00pm to 6:45pm – Room 2: Lightning tournament

Friday 14th Feb 2020

10:00am to 1:00pm – Room 1: Pro workshops

2:00pm to 4:00pm – Room 2: Friendly games with Pro review

5:00pm to 6:45pm – Room 1: Academic/AI Symposium

5:00pm to 6:45pm – Room 2: Pair Go/Team Go Tournament

Saturday 15th Feb 2020

9:30am to 10:00am – Room 1: Opening ceremony

10:00am to 12:30pm – Room 2: Round 1, Seniors and Handicap tournaments

10:00am to 12:30pm – Room 1: Round 1, Dan

1:00pm to 3:30pm – Room 2: Round 2, Seniors & Handicap tournaments

1:00pm to 3:30pm – Room 1: Round 2, Dan

3:30pm to 6:00pm – Room 2: Round 3, Seniors & Handicap tournaments

3:30pm to 6:00pm – Room 1: Round 3, Dan

Sunday 16th Feb 2020

9:00am to 11:30pm – Room 2: Round 4, Seniors & Handicap tournaments

9:00am to 11:30pm – Room 1: Round 4, Dan

9:30am to 4:30pm – Room 2: Kyu tournament (6 rounds)

12:00pm to 2:30pm – Room 2: Round 5, Seniors & Handicap tournaments

12:00pm to 2:30pm – Room 1: Round 5, Dan

2:30pm to 5:00pm – Room 2: Round 6, Seniors & Handicap tournaments

2:30pm to 5:00pm – Room 1: Round 6, Dan

5:00pm to 5:30pm – Prize giving and closing ceremony

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The Tournaments

Division 1 – Dan

This is the top division for players wishing to play even games. The top 16 players entering the Congress will compete for the best prizes. There will be 6 rounds over 2 days, with all matches being even games with 6.5 komi for white. The opponent and player colours are determined by the draw. Players will have 1 hour each plus 3 time 40 seconds byo yomi.

Division 2 – Dan

This is the second division for players wishing to play even games. Players who did not qualify for Division 1 will compete in this division. There will be 6 rounds over 2 days, with all matches being even games with 6.5 komi for white. The opponent and player colours are determined by the draw. Players will have 1 hour each plus 3 time 40 seconds byo yomi.

Division 3 – Handicap

The Handicap division is for people wishing to play handicap games. Players from 15 kyu to 4 dan can compete in this division. There will be 6 rounds over 2 days, with all matches being handicap games. The opponent, player colours and handicap are determined by the draw (the maximum handicap is 9 stones). Drawn games score half a point for each player. Players will have 1 hour each plus 3 x 40 seconds byo yomi

Division 4 – Seniors

This division is for people over 50 years of age, there is no rank restriction for this event. There will be 6 rounds over 2 days. All matches will be handicap games, your opponent and player colours are determined by the draw. Drawn games score half a point for each player. Players will have 1 hour each plus 3 time 40 seconds byo yomi.

Division 5 – Developing players

This is an event for kyu players, especially young people and beginners. The tournament has 6 rounds in one day. All matches will be handicap games, The opponent and player colours are determined by the draw. Drawn games score half a point for each player. Players will have 20 minutes each plus 3 x 30 seconds byo yomi

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Prize money

The total prizes in cash and trophies across all divisions is \$10,000

Dan Tournament 1 – total prize money \$4,000 with 10 prize winners

Dan Tournament 2 – total prize money \$2,000 with 10 prize winners

Handicap Tournament – total prize money \$1,200 with 6 winners

Seniors Tournament – total prize money \$1,100 with 6 winners

Kyu Tournament – medals and certificates for the top 6 winners

Tournament Director & Tournament Referee

The Tournament Director is David Mitchell, the Tournament Referee is An Younggil 8P for all divisions. All issues related to the rules and disputes are decided by Mr Mitchell & Mr An, their decision on all matters is final.

Registration & Entry Fees

All registrations and entry fees are to be made through our website:

<https://www.ausgocongress.com/registration/>

There are five main tournaments, several 'side' tournaments and many opportunities to learn or play with Professionals. The fee for entering a tournament (including as many sided tournament as you wish) is as follows:

1. Dan tournaments... \$90 (\$50 for school and uni. students)

The entry fee is that same for both dan tournaments. The number of entries will determine who plays in which division. The tournaments run over 2 days with 6 rounds - three games on the Saturday and three on Sunday.

2. The Handicap tournament... \$90 (\$50 for school and uni. students)

This is for players 4 dan and weaker, you will have good games against a wide range of players with reasonable time limits. The tournament runs for 2 days with 6 rounds - three games on the Saturday and three on Sunday.

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2. The Seniors tournament... \$90 - no concession rate

This is for players over 50 and between 7 dan and 1 kyu. The tournament runs over 2 days with 6 rounds - three games on the Saturday and three on Sunday.

4. The Junior's tournament...\$30 - no concession rate

This is a one-day tournament for young people and players below 5 kyu, this is a great way to play and learn from an enthusiastic group of players with short time limits in one day. This tournament has 6 rounds in one day.

Accommodation

The Sydney Go Congress cannot offer accommodation. Visitors do however have a wide of accommodation to choose from including everything from budget priced backpacker and from Youth Hostel accommodation, AirBNB through to high-class commercial hotels.

The organizing committee recommend you visit the NSW state Government website 'Destination NSW' where you will find a range of options. There is also Air B&B and other hotel and accommodation sites to find accommodation that suits your budget.