

# Tournament Rules



1. All tournament games are AGA rated. You must have a valid non-expired AGA membership to play.
2. An entry fee is required to participate. This fee is waived for SFGC members.
3. Games must be played without assistance from other players, books, computers, notes, AI software, etc. There should be no talking or other interference while a game is in progress.
4. Games must be played with the time controls set by the Tournament Director.
5. Games must be played and scored using AGA rules as determined by the TD. No other rule set is allowed.
  - a. AGA rules specify 7.5 komi and that each player passes by handing their opponent a stone. To end a game, both players must pass and white MUST pass last (it is possible for white to pass twice).
  - b. In AGA rules, if an illegal move is made, the player must take back their move, pass, and give a capture stone to their opponent.
6. Any dispute is to be resolved by the Tournament Director (TD). The TD has final say on all matters. Raise your hand if you need the TD during a game.
7. When the game is over players must quietly pack up and report the game result to the TD. Players may not discuss their game while other games are in progress.
8. Speaking while tournament is in session is strictly PROHIBITED. Take all conversations and game reviews outside.
9. Players not present during round pairing will not be paired. If you are absent at the start of the match your clock will start. You will forfeit the game if you are late by more than 20 minutes from the start of the match.
10. Both players are responsible for monitoring loss by time. Should a player's clock time expire their clock's side will blink red.
11. The TD must be informed of handicap changes before a match begins should both players agree to a handicap other than that set forth by the TD.
12. Players must abide by the San Francisco Go Club dojo code of conduct.
13. Violation of the rules set forth may result in forfeiture to play, ejection from the tournament, and possible suspension from future tournaments at SFGC.