

# 2025 Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance World Masters Baduk

## World Division Outline

2025 Samsung Fire & Insurance World Masters Baduk World Division preliminary will proceed as follows

1. World Division participants : 12 players invited through regional seeds, foreign players wishing to participate at their own expense, and foreign players residing in Korea (excluding nationals from Korea, China, Japan, Chinese Taipei)

**\*one player will advance to main round(finals) through the World Division preliminary**

2. Regional seed invitations(12 players) : Europe 4, America 4 (South America 1, North America 3), and Asia 4(Thailand 1, Singapore 1, Malaysia 1, Vietnam 1)

3. Selection method for regional seeds :

| Region  | Selection method   | Notes  |
|---------|--|--|
| Europe  | - 1st and 2nd place winners of the 2024 European Congress<br>- 1st and 2nd place winners of 53th Prague Go Tournament(undecided) | - If a winner is not a European national, the next place player may be chosen<br>- if a winner declines or does not meet conditions, the next place player may be chosen |
| America | - recommended by South American Go Association<br>- recommended by North American Go Association                                 | - If no South American player is available, a North American player may replace them<br><b>* US Go Congress : 7/12~7/20</b>  |
| Asia    | - recommended by each Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam Go Association  | - it excludes nationals from Korea, China, Japan, Chinese Taipei   |

4. Qualification criteria for World Division :

- ① Regional Seed Invitations: local nationals / others: nationals excluding from Korea, China, Japan, Chinese Taipei
- ② Professional go players from the European and American Go Associations may choose to participate in either the general Division, the world Division.
- ③ professional or ex-professional go players from Korea, China, Japan, Chinese Taipei are not eligible

5. Support for World Division

- regional seed players: \$ 1,000 for accommodation (tax of 22% already deducted). Other expenses are self-funded
- no support for other foreign players

## 6. Participation registration

- deadline: submit profile(entry form) by 7. 21(Mon)
- draw date: integrated preliminary round match draw on 7. 25(Fri)

7. Main round participants(round of 32) : previous year's top 4 + national seeds 12(Korea 6, China 3, Japan 2, Chinese Taipei 1) + wild card 1 + integrated preliminary round 15(General Division 11, Senior Division 1, Woman Division 1, U-20 Division 1, World Division 1)

## 8. Regulations

- 1)time control: each player has 2 hours of main time, followed by five 1-minute byoyomi periods. Komi is 6.5 points.
  - late arrival rule: the amount of time late will be deducted from the player's main time. If a player is more than 15 minutes late, they will forfeit the game
- 2)Competition Format
  - From the Round of 32 to the Semifinals, the tournament will follow a single-elimination format. The Final will be a - best-of-three match
  - Once the draw for the Round of 32 is made, the bracket will remain fixed through to the Semifinals.
  - The draw will be conducted randomly without consideration for players' nationalities

## 9. Tournament Schedule & Venue

1)Integrated preliminary round: Held at the Korea Baduk Association tournament place

| Date                | General Division<br>(11 players) | Senior Division<br>(1 player) | Women's<br>Division<br>(1 player) | U-20 Division<br>(1 player) | World Division<br>(1 player) |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aug 19 (Tue), 11:00 | Round 1                          | Round 1                       | Round 1                           |                             |                              |
| Aug 20 (Wed), 11:00 | Round 2-1<br>(Groups 1-5)        | Round 2                       | Round 2                           | Round 1                     | Round 1                      |
| Aug 21 (Thu), 11:00 | Round 2-2<br>(Groups 6-11)       | Round 3                       | Round 3                           | Round 2                     | Round 2                      |
| Aug 22 (Fri), 11:00 | Round 3                          | Round 4                       | Round 4                           | Round 3                     | -                            |
| Aug 23 (Sat), 11:00 | Round 4                          | Round 5                       | Round 5                           | Round 4                     | Round 3                      |
| Aug 24 (Sun), 11:00 | Round 5                          | Round 6                       | Round 6                           | Round 5                     | Round 4                      |

- ※ The number of rounds and schedule may be adjusted depending on the number of applicants after registration closes.
- ※ Some matches in the preliminary stage will be broadcasted. The broadcast match list will be announced in advance, and games will begin simultaneously at 11:00 AM.

2)Main Tournament Draw Ceremony: November 7 (Fri), Main Tournament (Round of 32 to Final Best-of-Three): November 8 (Sat) – November 18 (Tue) / Venue to be confirmed

10. Prize money

| Stage         | Prize money  | Notes                         |
|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Round of 32   | ₩5,000,000   | single-elimination tournament |
| Round of 16   | ₩12,500,000  |                               |
| Quarter-final | ₩25,000,000  |                               |
| Semi-final    | ₩50,000,000  |                               |
| Runner-up     | ₩100,000,000 |                               |
| Winner        | ₩300,000,000 | best-of-three                 |

10. application acceptance and inquires

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## Korea Baduk Association