

马来西亚围棋协会

Persatuan Weiqi Malaysia (PPM0031410122003)

(Malaysia Weiqi Association)

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Invitation to the 12th Malaysia Weiqi Open Championship (MWOC 2025)

15–21 August 2025 | GMBB Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Dear Esteemed Friends of the Weiqi Community,

The Malaysia Weiqi Association is honored to extend our warm invitation to all Weiqi associations, federations, and enthusiasts worldwide to participate in the 12th Malaysia Weiqi Open Championship, to be held from **15 to 21 August 2025** in the vibrant city of **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**.

This prestigious annual event serves not only as a competitive platform but also as a cultural exchange, strengthening bonds among Weiqi players across the globe.

Event Overview

Arrival: 15 August 2025 (Friday)

Tournament Dates: 16–17 August 2025 (Saturday–Sunday)

Sightseeing and Tourism Program: 18–20 August 2025 (Monday–Wednesday)

Departure: 21 August 2025 (Thursday)

Tournament Venue

GMBB Kuala Lumpur

Located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur, GMBB is a creative and cultural destination that will provide an inspiring environment for all participants.

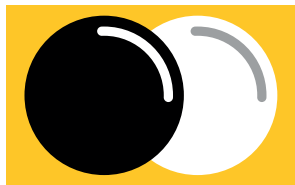
Fees and Payment

Participant Fee: RMB 4,800 or USD 660 per person

Accompanying Person Fee: RMB 4,500 or USD 620 per person

The above fees include:

- i. Tournament participation (for players only)
- ii. 6 nights accommodation & specified meals
- iii. Full 7 Days 6 Nights sightseeing tour (Ipoh, Pangkor Island, Sekinchan)
- iv. All local transportation
- v. Tour guide service throughout the trip
- vi. Entrance tickets and tour activity fees
- vii. Malaysia government tourism tax (8%)



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Notes:

- i. International or domestic flight tickets are not included.
- ii. Personal expenses and travel insurance are not included.
- iii. Fees must be fully paid upon registration confirmation.
- iv. Payment details will be provided separately.

Tournament Groups

Group A: Beginner Group (Low Kyu) **Suitable for beginners up to 16K level*

Tournament Date: 16 August 2025

Group B: Intermediate Group (Intermediate Kyu) **Suitable for 15K to 10K level players*

Tournament Date: 16 August 2025

Group C: Advanced Group (High Kyu) **Suitable for 9K to 1K level players*

Tournament Dates: 16–17 August 2025

Group D: Open Dan Group (Low Dan) **Suitable for 1D to 3D level players*

Tournament Dates: 16–17 August 2025

Group E: Open High Dan Group (High Dan) **Suitable for 4D and above*

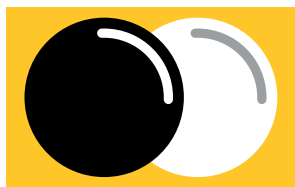
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Group Timetable Overview

Groups A & B: Beginner and Intermediate Group

Tournament Date: 16 August 2025 (Saturday)

Time	Descripton
9:00 AM	Player Registration / International Team Leaders Meeting
10:00 AM	Opening Ceremony
11:00 AM	Weiqi Match
1:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM	Weiqi Match
6:00 PM	Closing Ceremony for Beginner and Intermediate Groups



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Group C: Advanced Group

Tournament Date: 16 - 17 August 2025 (Saturday & Sunday)

16 August 2025

Time	Descripton
9:00 AM	Player Registration / International Team Leaders Meeting
10:00 AM	Opening Ceremony
11:00 AM	Round 1
1:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM	Round 2
4:00 PM	Round 3
6:00 PM	End of Day 1 Matches

17 August 2025

Time	Descripton
9:00 AM	Player Registration / International Team Leaders Meeting
10:00 AM	Round 4
12:00 PM	Lucnh
1:00 PM	Round 5
3:00 PM	Round 6
5:00 PM	Closing Ceremony

Groups D & E: Open Dan and Open High Dan Groups

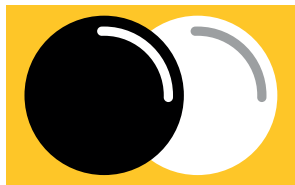
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Competition Regulations

1. Tournament Rules

1.1 The tournament will adopt the Swiss-system pairing format. All players are required to complete all rounds, regardless of their win-loss record.

Advanced, Open Dan, and Open High Dan Groups (Groups C, D, and E):

19x19 board using Chinese counting rules.

Black wins with 185 stones.

Time control: 60 minutes of absolute time per player; overtime will result in an automatic loss.

Beginner and Intermediate Groups (Groups A and B):

13x13 board using Chinese counting rules.

Black wins with 88 stones.

1.2 Players must strictly adhere to the match schedules. Late arrival without a valid reason will not be accepted.

1.3 Redo moves are strictly prohibited. Players must make their moves carefully and responsibly.

1.4 Players are not permitted to leave the competition area during the match without prior approval from the Chief Referee.

1.5 Unjustified withdrawal or forfeiture is prohibited and may result in sanctions.

1.6 Any disputes shall be adjudicated by the Chief Referee. Appeals may be submitted following the tournament's arbitration procedures. The decision of the Arbitration Committee shall be final and binding.

2. Venue Conduct

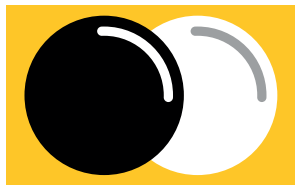
2.1 The tournament venue is a public space. Players, officials, and spectators are expected to maintain a quiet and respectful environment.

2.2 Unauthorized entry and exit during the competition are prohibited.

2.3 Players who are more than 10 minutes late without justification will forfeit their match.

2.4 Parents and accompanying persons must assist in ensuring the venue remains orderly.

2.5 Players are required to comply with all venue regulations and maintain proper decorum throughout the tournament.



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3. Player Code of Conduct

- 3.1 Any form of cheating or unethical behavior, once confirmed, will result in immediate disqualification and blacklisting from future events.
- 3.2 Players must demonstrate sportsmanship, showing respect towards referees, opponents, and spectators.
- 3.3 Conduct that undermines the integrity, reputation, or fairness of the tournament will not be tolerated.

4. Appeal and Arbitration Procedure

- 4.1 Players wishing to lodge an appeal must submit a written appeal within 30 minutes of the incident, accompanied by an appeal fee of RM100.

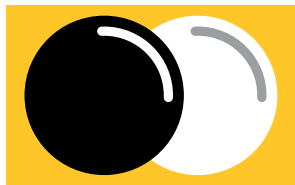
If the appeal is upheld, the fee will be refunded.

If the appeal is dismissed, the fee will be retained and used to support tournament operations.

- 4.2 The Arbitration Committee will convene and deliver a final decision within one hour.
- 4.3 All parties must comply with the Arbitration Committee's final decision without exception.

5. Important Notes for Participants

- 5.1 All players must wear proper attire (long pants and closed-toe shoes) while at the venue.
- 5.2 Participants are advised to bring their own drinking water.
- 5.3 Players holding a Malaysian Identity Card will compete in the Malaysia Group; all others will be classified under the International Group.



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6. Swiss-System Pairing Standards

6.1 The number of rounds will be determined according to the number of participants:

Number of Participants	Number of Rounds
2-4	2
5-8	3
9-16	4
17-32	5
33-64	6
65-128	7
129-256	8

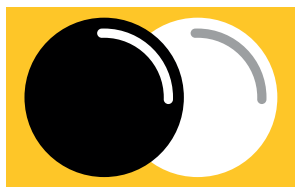
Each group must complete the scheduled number of rounds to determine final rankings.

7. Match Pairings and Results Announcement

7.1 Pairings will be announced 30 minutes before the start of each round.

7.2 Players are responsible for verifying their pairings and ensuring timely attendance.

7.3 Official results will be published promptly after each round. Players should verify their results and rankings accordingly.



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8. Special Circumstances Handling

- 8.1 Players arriving more than 10 minutes late will forfeit the round.
- 8.2 Players forfeiting two consecutive rounds without valid reasons will be withdrawn from the tournament.
- 8.3 Misconduct during the tournament, including but not limited to unsportsmanlike behavior or cheating, will result in immediate disqualification and blacklisting.
- 8.4 Players found engaging in acts detrimental to the event's integrity may be immediately expelled without prior notice.
- 8.5 Appeals regarding special circumstances must be made in accordance with the established arbitration procedure.

9. Miscellaneous Provisions

- 9.1 In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the organizing committee reserves the right to amend the tournament arrangements as necessary.
- 9.2 Any amendments or changes will be announced officially and shall take effect immediately upon publication.

Awards and Recognition

Cash Prizes (for Open High Dan Group only)

- i. A total cash prize pool of RM8,000 has been designated exclusively for the Open High Dan Group. These cash prizes aim to recognize and reward the highest level of performance demonstrated during the tournament.

Individual Awards

- i. Open Dan Group and Open High Dan Group
 - Trophies awarded to the 1st to 8th place winners
 - Medals awarded to the 9th to 16th place winners
- ii. Other Groups (Beginner Group, Intermediate Group, Advanced Group)
 - Trophies awarded to the 1st to 3rd place winners
 - Medals awarded to the 4th to 16th place winners (depending on the number of participants)
- iii. All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation in recognition of their efforts.