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SWA Junior Arbiter Training and Certification Course

The Singapore Weiqi Association (SWA) will organise a Junior Arbiter Training and Certification Course to equip participants with essential competition rules and practical arbiter skills, and to develop qualified arbiters for local Weiqi events.

Main Training Topics

- Rules of Weiqi competition: game completion, determining results, move procedures, counting, timekeeping and related rules
- Arbiter duties and practice: pre-event preparation, supervising games and on-site management
- Handling rule violations, disputes and common situations in youth competitions
- Tournament organisation: formats, pairings, result recording and basic ranking calculations
- Game clock operation, arbiter records, professional ethics and standards of conduct for arbiters
- Case discussions, practical exercises and examination preparation

Language: Training will be conducted in Mandarin. Examination papers will be available in Chinese and English.

Eligibility	Applicants must be at least 16 years old at registration and have a playing strength of 1 Kyu or stronger. For first-time applicants for SWA Junior Arbiter certification; those with previous experience as a Weiqi arbiter should refer to the eligibility categories below.
Training Session	Date: Friday, 20 November 2026 Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Examination Session	Date: Friday, 27 November 2026 Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Venue	SWA Bishan Clubhouse
Fees	SWA members: S$60; non-members: S$120. Includes training, examination, course materials and certificate fees.
Class Size	Maximum 25 participants per class.
Registration	Deadline: Friday, 13 November 2026, 23:59 hr
Certification and Eligibility to Serve as an Arbiter	**Participants who pass the training and examination will receive an SWA Junior Arbiter Certificate.** **Proposed requirement: Arbiters serving at future SWA-organised events must hold a valid arbiter certificate recognised by SWA.**

Junior Arbiter Registration Categories

Current experience	Registration / requirements
No previous experience as a Weiqi arbiter, or a total of no more than 6 tournaments officiated	Registration required: attend training and pass the examination; standard member/non-member fees apply.
Served as an arbiter in 7–12 tournaments, without having been in charge of a tournament division	Registration required: attend training and pass the examination; concessionary fee of S$40.
Experienced arbiters who have served as an arbiter in more than 12 tournaments	May skip junior-level training and sit the examination free of charge. Upon passing, a S$20 certificate fee applies. Experience as an arbiter is subject to SWA verification.

Registration form: https://forms.gle/qar5FYGJ5pCmsmWB6