

EGF Commission election

We invite applications for commission membership in several key areas of our organization. In agreement with the EGF Constitution, a commission may have any number of members. From among these members, a chairperson is selected to coordinate the commission's activities and to represent it to the board. **Note:** The selected commissions are in charge after **being elected by the EGF Board**.

Selection of commissions:

- Any member of an EGF member organization (i.e. individual persons) may apply for a commission position. Applications are submitted via their national Federation. In case of lack of response/help by the National Federation directly contact the EGF board.
- The EGF board selects the members of the commissions and, in agreement with the commission, chooses one person to act as a chairperson. In this process the EGF board considers a balanced distribution of chairpersons across member countries.
- The EGF Board may remove a chairperson or a member of the Commission at any time for substantial reasons (e.g. inactivity, conflict of interest, misconduct, or breach of duties).

Entitlements:

- Chairpersons shall receive relevant documents from the EGF Board, and updates needed to perform their role.
- The board will first seek and consider the opinion of the commission for relevant matters, and may decide against a commission's proposal only if there are substantial reasons to do so.
- If the EGF Board meeting agenda includes a topic the chairperson is responsible for, the chairperson can join the meeting to give the corresponding expertise.
- The chairpersons can propose agenda items, projects, or initiatives to the board.
- Chairpersons (and, where applicable, their commission) are listed publicly on the EGF website, acknowledging their role in governance and ensuring visibility.

Obligations:

- The chairperson follows EGF board activities, news, information, and decisions.
 - The chairperson provides expertise by contributing advice in their area of responsibility.
 - The chairperson shares updates on their assigned activities with the EGF Board.
- A written report of the yearly activity is expected for the AGM of the EGF. Travel support for commission members is currently not available.
- The chairperson maintains discretion on internal discussions.

Commissions and task description

Commission representing European Professionals

Purpose of the position:

The chairperson of the commission for European Professionals represents the interests, concerns, and development opportunities of professional Go players in Europe within the EGF board. They serve as a liaison between the professional community and the EGF, ensuring that the voice of European professionals is integrated into EGF policies, projects, and decisions.

Key Responsibilities:

- Act as primary contact point for European professional players in communication with the EGF board.
 - Keep European professionals informed about relevant EGF decisions, opportunities, and developments.
 - Drive internal activities in the group of professionals, ensuring participation, decision-making, and discussion leadership.
 - Bring forward issues, proposals, and initiatives relevant to European professionals.
 - Set up contracts between European professionals and the EGF.
 - Maintain and develop the European professional system, ensuring consistency.
 - Contribute to initiatives that promote professional Go in Europe (e.g., tournaments, training programs, sponsorship, visibility).
 - Provide regular updates to the EGF board on activities and concerns of the professional community.
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Commission responsible for European Go Database and Rating

Purpose of the position:

The commission responsible for the European Go Database and Rating ensures the management, accuracy, and ongoing development of the official European Go Database and rating system. The chairperson position safeguards the reliable operation of the database and rating processes, maintaining a fair and transparent system for European Go tournaments across Europe.

Key Responsibilities:

- Oversee the European rating system, ensuring correct calculations and timely publication of ratings.
- Data Aggregation / Maintenance: Keep the European Go Database updated with accurate player and tournament information.
- Data protection: Ensure compliance with the GDPR by establishing and maintaining appropriate frameworks (Privacy Policy, Data Controller, Data Processor, DPO, PDAs)

for handling personal data. In that respect, define the roles and responsibilities of data owner, data controller, and data processor

- Identify and implement improvements in data presentation, database structure and rating methodologies to enhance performance and user experience.
 - Provide technical and procedural support to EGF tournaments and events regarding player eligibility and ranking.
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Commission responsible for European Tournaments

Purpose of the position

The commission for European Tournament organization supports and oversees the planning and execution of EGF tournaments across Europe (except for the EGC). This role ensures that major events are organized to a high standard, follow EGF guidelines and rules, and deliver a consistent and professional experience for players, organizers, and spectators.

Key Responsibilities:

- Serve as interface between the EGF board and local organizers of official EGF tournaments (e.g., EYGC, EWGC, EPGC, Grand Prix Final, European Championship, etc.).
 - Support the preparation and execution of EGF events, offering guidance, documentation, and best practices.
 - Ensure that tournament proposals submitted by organizers meet EGF requirements in terms of logistics, timing, visibility, player accommodation, and competition format.
 - Help maintain a long-term calendar of major European tournaments, and avoiding scheduling conflicts.
 - Facilitate the sharing of knowledge and experience among past and future tournament organizers.
 - Oversee public communication and promotion of EGF events, in close collaboration with other commissions (e.g. youth, social media). This includes announcements and broadcasting, while the extent of promotion depends on the specific event and the role of the organisers.
 - Coordinate with the commission for Tournament Rules to ensure all tournaments are compliant with official regulations ... and feeds back on the application of the rules.
 - Guide tournament organizers in contributing post-event summaries, photos, and key results to be published as news entries on the EGF website, helping ensure consistent coverage and visibility of European Go events (together with commission for social media).
 - Collect and post tournament reports, feedback, and statistics to support continuous improvement.
 - Encourage new organizers and assist them in planning events under EGF supervision.
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Commission responsible for Top-Level Sport

Purpose of the position:

The commission for Top-Level Sport supports and oversees the development, recognition, and promotion of professional and top-amateur Go players within Europe. This role ensures that the strongest European players have structured opportunities to compete, improve, and represent Europe internationally, while strengthening the visibility and prestige of high-level Go in Europe.

Key Responsibilities:

- Serve as interface between the EGF board, professional players, top amateur players and partner organizations concerning top-level competitions and activities.
 - Coordinate and oversee the fair selection of European representatives for international championships (e.g., Samsung Cup Qualifier, Pair Go Championship, World Professional events, etc.), ensures that the selection process for world representation is transparent, well-communicated, and based on merit and clear criteria.
 - Support and coordinate European professional qualification systems, ensuring transparent rules and fair processes.
 - Planning and execution of top-level competitions such as the European Professional Championship, and European Championship (Main), Pro-League, Competitions with AGA, ...
 - Facilitate player development by supporting initiatives such as training programs, study groups, and collaboration with Asian and international partners (CEGO program, ...)
 - Promote the visibility of top-level European Go through media, livestreaming, and international outreach.
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Commission responsible for EGF Tournament Rules

Purpose of the position

The commission for EGF Tournament Rules is tasked with maintaining and developing the official tournament rules of the European Go Federation. This includes ensuring fairness, consistency, and clarity in the application of rules across EGF tournaments while adapting to evolving needs of the European Go scene and aligning with international standards where appropriate.

This commission works closely with the commission for European Tournaments.

Key Responsibilities:

- Maintain and update the official EGF Tournament Rules, covering all relevant aspects such as tournament formats, time systems, tie-break regulations, pairing methods, player conduct guidelines, and standards for prize money announcements.

- Propose rule updates in collaboration with the EGF board, national federations, and experienced tournament organizers.
 - Assist tournament organizers in understanding and applying EGF rules to their specific events. This includes providing guidance on the fair and appropriate selection of pairing systems, particularly for key events such as the EYGC, EWGC, and EPGC as qualification tournaments. The commission should also ensure that standard practices and historical examples are documented and made accessible as references.
 - Serve as a contact person for rule-related inquiries or disputes during major EGF tournaments.
 - Monitor rule alignment with international standards (e.g., IGF, Nihon Ki-in, etc.) while preserving regional relevance.
 - Provide educational material, updates, or workshops on tournament rules at EGC.
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Commission responsible for Anti-Cheating and Fair Play

Purpose of the position:

The commission for Anti-Cheating and Fair Play leads the EGF's efforts to ensure integrity and fairness in all Go competitions held under its authority. With the growth of online play and the increasing complexity of competitive environments, this role is central to developing and enforcing procedures that maintain trust, transparency, and respect across both in-person and digital tournaments.

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop and maintain a comprehensive EGF Anti-Cheating Procedure, aligned where appropriate with practices from international bodies such as the IGF.
 - Establish procedures for detection, investigation, and response to suspected cheating in both online and offline events.
 - Monitor developments in cheating detection (e.g. AI analysis, behavior analysis, statistical anomaly detection) and advise on their applicability to Go.
 - Propose to the EGF board disciplinary measures in substantiated cases of cheating, according to established procedures.
 - Collaborate with other chairpersons, especially those handling tournaments and rules, to ensure fair play procedures are embedded in all relevant activities.
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Commission responsible for Youth Development

Purpose of the position

The commission for Youth Development supports, promotes, and coordinates youth-focused activities across Europe. This role is essential in nurturing the next generation of Go players, providing opportunities for learning, competition, and community building among young players.

The commission acts as a bridge between national youth programs and the EGF, ensuring that youth initiatives are aligned, supported, and visible at the European level.

Key Responsibilities:

- Support organizers of youth activities and competitions such as the European Youth Go Championship (EYGC), European Youth Team Championship, SEYGO, European academy, Euro City Youth Go League, and other youth events.
- Assist national federations and local organizers in developing and expanding youth Go programs.
- Implementing and developing safe-guard policy fostering a safe environment for children.
- Maintain an up-to-date network of national youth coordinators to share resources, updates, and best practices.
- Foster collaboration with the commission for European Professionals to connect pros with youth through teaching programs, mentorships, and participation in youth events to inspire and develop young players.
- Promote participation in youth events by increasing visibility and offering support to less experienced countries.
- Develop and maintain materials or initiatives for youth training, including beginner resources, online classes, and exchange programs.
- Propose and manage youth-related projects (e.g., international camps, scholarships, mentorship).
- Provide input to the EGF board on youth-specific needs and policies.
- Represent European youth matters in discussions with international partners (e.g., IGF, AGA, or global youth events).
- Coordinate with the commissions responsible for tournament organization and rules to ensure youth competitions meet EGF standards.
- Encourage fair play, inclusivity, and accessibility in youth Go.
- Prepare a yearly report on youth activity developments and achievements for the EGF AGM.

Commission responsible for EU Funding & Project Proposals

Purpose of the Position:

The commission for EU Funding & Project Proposals leads efforts to secure European Union grants and funding opportunities to support the growth and development of Go across Europe. This role involves identifying relevant EU calls, writing compelling proposals, and managing funded projects in collaboration with the EGF board, member organizations, and partners.

Key Responsibilities:

- Monitor and identify EU funding programs and calls suitable for Go-related initiatives, including education, sport, culture, digital innovation, and youth development. That includes Erasmus+ for education and youth, Creative Europe for cultural projects, Horizon Europe for research and innovation, to EU Sport initiatives promoting grassroots and competitive activities.
- Develop, write, and submit high-quality grant proposals aligned with EGF priorities and strategic goals.
- Coordinate with other commissions, member organizations, and external partners to build strong, eligible project consortia.
- Manage awarded projects to ensure compliance with EU requirements, timely delivery of milestones, and accurate reporting.
- Provide regular updates to the EGF board on funding opportunities, application statuses, and project outcomes.
- Advise and assist other commissions on integrating EU-funded projects into their activities for maximum impact.
- Foster relationships with relevant EU institutions, agencies, and networks to enhance the EGF's visibility and access to funding.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience in grant writing, especially within EU programs (e.g., Erasmus+, Creative Europe).
- Familiarity with EU funding frameworks, application procedures, and compliance.

Commission for EGF Finances

Purpose of the position:

The commission for EGF Finances oversees the financial health and sustainability of the European Go Federation. This role ensures that the federation operates within a stable and transparent budget while supporting its strategic goals.

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop and propose a stable, balanced budget that reflects EGF priorities and activities, including potential adjustments to income sources and membership fees.
- Collaborate with the board and EGF members to ensure transparent and effective allocation of resources.
- Design and oversee a sustainable membership income system. This includes work on income from the European Go Congress (EGC).
- Oversee the distribution of sponsor contributions (including overhead funds).
- Recommend and implement reallocations of expenditures when necessary.
- Coordinate budget allocations across commissions to support their activities.

Commission for Legal Affairs

Purpose of the position:

The commission for Legal Affairs provides expert legal guidance to the EGF and its members, ensuring compliance with relevant laws and regulations while protecting the federation's interests.

Key Responsibilities:

- Advise the EGF board on legal matters affecting the organization, including contracts, governance, intellectual property, and dispute resolution.
- Review and draft legal documents, agreements, and policies.
- Ensure the EGF complies with national, European, and international laws relevant to its operations.
- Support the development and updating of the EGF constitution and internal regulations.
- Assist in addressing legal disputes or issues involving the federation or its members.
- Provide risk assessments and recommend preventive legal measures.
- Liaise with external legal counsel when specialized advice is required.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Professional legal background, preferably licensed lawyer with experience in nonprofit or sports law.

Commission for IT and Webpage

Purpose of the position:

The commission for IT and Webpage is responsible for managing and developing the EGF's digital presence, ensuring the website and online tools effectively serve the Go community across Europe.

Key Responsibilities:

- Maintain, update, and improve the official EGF website and related digital platforms.
- Ensure website usability, accessibility, and up-to-date content.
- Implement new features, integrations, or tools to support EGF activities
- Collaborate with other EBMs and the EGF board to reflect current initiatives and events online.
- Manage technical infrastructure related to EGF digital communications.
- Oversee data privacy and security measures related to EGF online assets.

Commission for European Go Congresses (EGCs)

Purpose of the position:

The commission for European Go Congresses oversees the planning, coordination, and execution of the EGF's flagship annual event—the European Go Congress. This role ensures the event runs smoothly, meets high standards, and fosters community engagement.

Key Responsibilities:

- Oversee the organization and coordination of the EGC, working closely with local organizers and volunteers.
- Ensure consistent quality and adherence to EGF standards across all EGC editions.
- Foresee pitfalls of the congress and discuss it with the current organizers.
- Promote the EGC to expand participation and visibility within Europe and beyond.
- Collect reports of previous years and provide it to potential EGC organizers
- Collaborate with other commissions, especially those responsible for tournaments and top players, to maximize the Congress's impact.

Commission responsible for Social Media / Marketing / Communication

Purpose of the position

The commission for Social Media manages and develops the European Go Federation's presence on digital platforms, ensuring professional, consistent, and engaging communication. This role strengthens the visibility of European Go activities, connects the Go community, and supports the promotion of EGF events and initiatives across multiple channels.

Key Responsibilities (should be regularly updated in agreement with the EGF board):

- **Twitch**
Oversee streaming of EGF tournaments and special events.
Coordinate commentary, scheduling, and technical support.
Develop strategies for growing audience engagement and reach.
- **Instagram**
Share visual highlights from tournaments, players, and the European Go community.
Create engaging stories and reels to increase visibility among younger audiences.
Maintain a consistent design and brand identity.
- **Facebook**
Publish news, event announcements, and live updates.
Moderate community discussions and interact with followers.
Ensure cross-promotion of content with other platforms.

- **EGF Webpage**
Oversee timely publication of tournament reports, results, and news entries.
Ensure professional presentation and clear navigation.
Coordinate with other commissions to provide consistent updates and coverage.
 - **YouTube (optional extension)**
Manage archive of livestreams, lectures, and highlights.
Develop playlists and structured educational/professional content.
 - **LinkedIn**
Provide content axed on partnership and international results, key events and EGF institutional communication
Promote go as a strategy and mind growth tool
 - **General Social Media Strategy**
Maintain a unified voice and branding across all platforms.
Develop content calendars to ensure regular activity.
Collect analytics and feedback to improve engagement and visibility.
Coordinate with commissions for Tournaments, Top-Level Sport, and Professionals to ensure coherent communication and event planning (streams)
 - Regulates Twitch Set-Up
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Commission responsible for Grassroots Sport

Purpose of the position

The commission for Grassroots Sport leads the efforts to promote Go as a widely accessible, inclusive, and community-oriented activity across Europe. Working as a team, this role focuses on spreading the game, attracting and supporting beginners, strengthening teaching infrastructure, and providing resources that help local clubs and organizers grow the Go community.

Key Responsibilities:

- Spread Go by supporting initiatives that make the game visible in schools, universities, cultural institutions, and public events.
- Create more beginners by developing strategies to attract new players, sharing best practices for teaching, and supporting local clubs with beginner-friendly resources.
- Organize and coordinate teachers' meetings and training sessions across Europe to strengthen the teaching network and exchange methods and experiences.
- With the help of the commission for social media/communication, create EGF promotional materials such as posters, flyers, and media kits, ensuring professional quality, multilingual availability, and consistent branding.
- Work with other commissions to align grassroots initiatives with tournaments, top-players, initiatives and social media efforts, creating a coherent development strategy for Go in Europe.

- Collect feedback from local clubs, teachers, and players to identify opportunities for improvement and growth.
- Ensure inclusivity so that Go is welcoming and accessible to people of all ages, genders, and cultural backgrounds.
- Develop a long-term vision for Go as a grassroots community sport in Europe.