

# 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 - 1st and 2nd place winners of 53th Prague Go Tournament	- If a winner is not a European national, the next place player may be chosen - if a winner declines or does not meet conditions, the next place player may be chosen
America	- recommended by South American Go Association - recommended by North American Go Association	- If no South American player is available, a North American player may replace them <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 (11 players)	Senior Division (1 player)	Women's Division (1 player)	U-20 Division (1 player)	World Division (1 player)
Aug 19 (Tue), 11:00	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1		
Aug 20 (Wed), 11:00	Round 2-1 (Groups 1-5)	Round 2	Round 2	Round 1	Round 1
Aug 21 (Thu), 11:00	Round 2-2 (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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