

2025 National Weiqi Pro Qualification Tournament

Regulations for players from International (excluding Korea and Japan)

& the Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan regions of China

1. Organizer:

Chinese Weiqi Association

2. Support:

Zhejiang Province Weiqi Association

3. Host:

Xiaoshan District Bureau of Culture, Radio, Television, Tourism, and Sports,
Hangzhou

4. Executive Host:

Xiaoshan District Weiqi Association, Hangzhou

Xiaoshan District Mingshi Weiqi Academy, Hangzhou

5. Co-organizer:

Zhejiang Mingshi Culture and Sports Co. Ltd.

6. Competition Events:

- 1) Junior Men Group
- 2) Junior Women Group
- 3) Adult Men Group
- 4) Adult Women Group

7. Competition Schedules and Venues:

The tournament will be held from July 10 to 20, 2025, at hotels including "Kaiyuan Xiaoshan Hotel" and "Baosheng Hotel" in Xiaoshan District, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province. Specific venues and schedules for each group

will be notified after the registration deadline.

- 1) Preliminary Stage: July 11 – 17 (Check-in on July 10)
- 2) Semifinal Stage: July 17 – 18
- 3) Final Stage: July 19 – 20

8. Eligibility:

- 1) Junior Groups (Men/Women): Born on or after January 1, 2008.
- 2) Adult Groups (Men/Women): Born on or before December 31, 2007.
- 3) Registration Quotas:

No registration quota limits.

The corresponding Weiqi associations shall organize the registration of amateur 5-dan (or higher) players.

- 4) Eligibility Suspension

Any player who qualifies for the professional 1-dan rank in this year but voluntarily forfeits the promotion shall be barred from participating in the National Weiqi Pro Qualification Tournament for the next five years.

- 5) Responsibilities of Participating Units

The participating units shall assume direct supervisory responsibility for team leaders and coaches listed in their delegations. The units are obligated to verify the eligibility of all registered players, with particular attention to the accuracy of ID numbers on registration forms. Original IDs must be presented for verification during the event.

- 6) Delegation Composition

Each unit may register 1 team leader.

Units with 5 or more players may add 1 coach; those with 10 or more

players may add 2 coaches.

All additional personnel will be classified as non-quota staff.

7) Insurance Requirement

All participants must procure personal accident insurance covering the competition period and travel. The organizer shall not be liable for injuries caused by personal negligence during the event.

9. Competition Format:

1) Rules: Latest Weiqi competition rules ratified by the Chinese Weiqi Association.

2) Stages: Preliminary, Semifinal, and Final.

3) Format Details:

a) Junior Men Group

i. Preliminary Stage:

Format: Swiss-system tournament (tentatively scheduled for 13 rounds; the exact number of rounds will be adjusted based on the actual total number of participants).

Advancement: The top 56 players will qualify for the Semifinal Stage.

ii. Semifinal Stage:

Format: Double-elimination knockout (divided into 14 groups, with 4 players per group; 3 rounds per group). The 56 qualified players will be assigned to groups and positions via snake-style pairing, based on their Preliminary Stage rankings.

Advancement: The top two players from each group (a total of 28 players) will advance to the Final Stage.

iii. Final Stage:

Format: Double-elimination knockout (divided into 7 groups, with 4 players per group; 3 rounds per group). 14 players with 2 consecutive wins and 14 players with 2 wins and 1 loss in the Semifinal Stage will be assigned to groups and positions via snake-style pairing, based on their Preliminary Stage rankings.

Result: The top two players from each group (a total of 14 players) will be awarded the professional 1-dan rank.

b) Junior Women Group

i. Preliminary Stage:

Format: Swiss-system tournament (tentatively scheduled for 11 rounds; the exact number of rounds will be adjusted based on the actual total number of participants).

Advancement: The top 16 players will qualify for the Semifinal Stage.

ii. Semifinal Stage:

Format: Double-elimination knockout (divided into 4 groups, with 4 players per group; 3 rounds per group). The 16 qualified players will be assigned to groups and positions via snake-style pairing, based on their Preliminary Stage rankings.

Advancement: The top two players from each group (a total of 8 players) will advance to the Final Stage.

iii. Final Stage:

Format: Double-elimination knockout (divided into 2 groups, with 4 players per group; 3 rounds per group).

Additional Playoff: The two third-place finishers from each group will compete in one additional playoff round.

4 players with 2 consecutive wins and 4 players with 2 wins and 1 loss in the Semifinal Stage will be assigned to groups and positions via snake-style pairing, based on their Preliminary Stage rankings.

Result: The top two players from each group and the winner of the third-place playoff (a total of 5 players) will be awarded the professional 1-dan rank.

c) Adult Men Group

i. Preliminary Stage:

Format: Swiss-system tournament (tentatively scheduled for 13 rounds; the exact number of rounds will be adjusted based on the actual total number of participants).

Advancement: The top 24 players will qualify for the Semifinal Stage.

ii. Semifinal Stage:

Format: Double-elimination knockout (divided into 6 groups, with 4 players per group; 3 rounds per group). The 24 qualified players will be assigned to groups and positions via snake-style pairing, based on their Preliminary Stage rankings.

Advancement: The top two players from each group (a total of 12 players) will advance to the Final Stage.

iii. Final Stage:

Format: Double-elimination knockout (divided into 3 groups, with 4 players per group; 3 rounds per group). 6 players with 2

consecutive wins and 6 players with 2 wins and 1 loss in the Semifinal Stage will be assigned to groups and positions via snake-style pairing, based on their Preliminary Stage rankings.

Result: The top two players from each group (a total of 6 players) will be awarded the professional 1-dan rank.

d) Adult Women Group

i. Preliminary Stage:

Format: Swiss-system tournament (tentatively scheduled for 9 rounds; the exact number of rounds will be adjusted based on the actual total number of participants).

Advancement: The top 8 players will qualify for the Semifinal Stage.

ii. Semifinal Stage:

Format: Double-elimination knockout (divided into 2 groups, with 4 players per group; 3 rounds per group). The 8 qualified players will be assigned to groups and positions via snake-style pairing, based on their Preliminary Stage rankings.

Advancement: The top two players from each group (a total of 4 players) will advance to the Final Stage.

iii. Final Stage:

Format: Double-elimination knockout with 3 rounds. 2 players with 2 consecutive wins and 2 players with 2 wins and 1 loss in the Semifinal Stage will be assigned to positions via snake-style pairing, based on their Preliminary Stage rankings.

Result: The top two players will be awarded the professional 1-dan rank.

- e) All players shall compete together in respective groupings. While special provisions for conferment of professional / amateur ranks to those who applied to this regulation are as below:
- i. If players advance to the Final Stage and qualify for the professional 1-dan rank, they shall be awarded the title normally.
 - ii. If players do not qualify for the professional 1-dan rank but advance to the Semifinal Stage, an additional qualification quota shall be granted through a mixed-group playoff among them who entered the Semifinal Stages. (Note: If only one such player enters the Semifinal Stage, he/she shall be directly awarded the professional 1-dan title.)
 - iii. If no players advance to the Semifinal Stage, no additional qualification quota shall be granted.
 - iv. Additional amateur rank awards: For those who enter the Semifinal Stage but fail to advance to the Final Stage shall be awarded the amateur 6-dan rank. Those who enter the Final Stage but do not qualify for the professional 1-dan title shall be awarded the amateur 7-dan rank.
- 4) Time Control: Each player shall have 1 hour of basic time, followed by three periods of 30-second byo-yomi (overtime). Exceeding the time limit shall result in a loss.
- 5) Final Ranking Criteria: For players with identical results in the Final Stage or Semifinal Stage, their rankings shall be determined by their Preliminary Stage rankings, with the higher-ranked player listed first.

Players who did not advance to the Semifinal Stage shall be ranked solely based on their Preliminary Stage rankings.

- 6) Detailed Competition Rules: Specific tournament regulations shall be stipulated in the Supplementary Competition Guidelines.

10. Awards & Rankings

1) Junior Men Group:

- a) 14 players shall be awarded the Professional 1-dan rank.
- b) Players ranked 15th to 16th in the final standings shall be awarded the amateur 7-dan rank.
- c) Players ranked 17th to 20th in the final standings shall be awarded the amateur 6-dan rank.

2) Junior Women Group:

- a) 5 players shall be awarded the Professional 1-dan rank.
- b) Players ranked 6th to 8th in the final standings shall be awarded the amateur 6-dan rank.

3) Junior Talents Special Quota (this provision does not apply to international players and applies solely to Chinese nationals, including the Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan regions of China):

1 special quota shall be reserved for junior talents.

Eligible players: Those born on or after January 1, 2012, who advance to the Semifinal Stage of either the Junior Men or Women Group but did not qualify for the professional rank in this tournament.

Selection method: Eligible players shall compete in a mixed-gender selection tournament organized by the National Weiqi Team. The top 1 player shall be awarded the Professional 1-dan rank.

Detailed arrangements will be announced separately.

4) Adult Men Group:

- a) 6 players shall be awarded the Professional 1-dan rank.
- b) Players ranked 7th to 8th in the final standings shall be awarded the amateur 7-dan rank.
- c) Players ranked 9th to 12th in the final standings shall be awarded the amateur 6-dan rank.

5) Adult Women Group:

- a) 2 players shall be awarded the Professional 1-dan rank.
- b) Players ranked 3rd to 4th in the final rankings shall be awarded the amateur 6-dan rank.

6) The special provisions for conferment of professional / amateur ranks to those who applied to this regulation shall be implemented in accordance with Article e of the Competition Format details.

7) All rank awards specified above shall not be reallocated to subsequent candidates.

8) Initial Rating for Newly-Qualified Professional Players.

- a) Male professional players: Initial rating of 2240 points
- b) Female professional players: Initial rating of 2200 points

11. Registration

- 1) All participating units must submit their registration materials, including the electronic registration form (should be signed or sealed) and players' individual ID photos, through their local Weiqi associations and emailed to the Chinese Weiqi Association's designated email address: cwainternational@foxmail.com by June 8. The Email

subject and attachment file names must follow this format:

"Countries/Regions_2025 National Weiqi Pro Qualification
Tournament Registration Form"

- 2) Tournament Service Fee: Each registered player shall pay a tournament service fee of RMB 300.
- 3) Players Substitution and Withdrawal: Any request for withdrawal or player substitution after registration must be submitted with valid justification and shall only take effect upon approval by the Organizing Committee. For mid-tournament withdrawals, a written application must be submitted by the team leader or coach prior to the next round's pairing, subject to official approval by the Organizing Committee.
- 4) Accommodation and Meals: The Organizing Committee will arrange unified accommodation and meal services. Detailed information will be published separately in the Supplementary Notice.
- 5) Committee Meeting Attendance: The date of the Organizing Committee meeting will be announced in the Supplementary Notice.
All participating units must send an authorized representative to attend.

12. Expenses:

All registered players shall be responsible for their own travel, accommodation, and meal expenses throughout the tournament.

13. Officials & Dispute Resolution

1) Appointment of Technical Officials

The Chief Referee shall be designated by the Chinese Weiqi Association. Deputy Chief Referee, referees and other technical officials shall be recommended by the Host Organizer from among certified Level 1 or

higher referees, based on operational requirements and the principle of efficiency, subject to final confirmation by the Chinese Weiqi Association.

2) Appeal Procedures During Competition

Any appeal regarding officiating decisions (including those made by the Chief referee or Deputy Chief Referee) must be:

- a) Submitted in writing by the team leader or coach
- b) Filed within 20 minutes after the conclusion of the relevant round
- c) Accompanied by an appeal fee of RMB 1,000

The appeal fee shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld, or forfeited to the Organizing Committee if the appeal is dismissed.

3) Dispute Resolution

All non-officiating disputes related to the tournament shall be submitted to either the Organizing Committee or the Chinese Weiqi Association for resolution.

14. Code of Conduct

1) Competition Compliance

All participating units shall strictly adhere to the tournament regulations, competition rules, and relevant provisions, and shall compete fairly. In case of violations, depending on the seriousness of the circumstances, strict actions will be taken with reference to the "Disciplinary Guidelines and Penalty Regulations (Trial) of the Chinese Weiqi Association" and the "Implementation Rules for the Management of the Competition Conduct and Discipline in National Weiqi Tournaments and Events".

2) Athlete's Pledge Requirement

All registered players must sign the "Athlete's Pledge of Competition Ethics and Discipline" as required. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the tournament.

- 3) For registered players who are minors or persons with limited legal capacity attending the tournament without guardians:

The relevant participating unit must notify the Host Organizer during registration. The Host Organizer shall inform the guardian of relevant risks and the guardian must sign a written acknowledgment. Such registered players may only compete after completing the above procedures.

15. Matters not covered herein shall be addressed through subsequent notices. The Chinese Weiqi Association reserves the exclusive right to interpret these regulations.

Chinese Weiqi Association

May 9, 2025

Attachment: [Registration Form Template]

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Registration Form

Countries/Regions:

Team Leader:

Coach:

Group	Player Name	Gender	ID Numbers	Weiqi Strength	Date of Birth	Contact	Note

Seal / Signature:

Contact: