

Important announcement: SEYGO Tour 2020 goes **online!**

After a very successful SEYGO Tour 2019, the International Organizing Team initially planned following events to be counted for SEYGO Grand Prix 2020:

- Stage 1: Grenoble, France
- Stage 2: Vatra Dornei, Romania
- EYGC 2020: Stubicke Toplice, Croatia
- Stage 3: Kamianets Podilskyi, Ukraine
- Stage 4: Zaoztrog, Croatia
- Stage 5: Vienna, Austria
- Stage 6: EPFL, Switzerland

The first three events were successfully held and then – the pandemics of COVID-19 spoiled the rest of our plans. The Stage 3 planned for July 2020, connected with European Go Congress 2020, had to be cancelled. The future of international face-to-face go tournaments heavily depends on safety of international travelling.

Therefore, the International Organizing Team decided that **the rest of the SEYGO Tour 2020** will be organized as **a series of online tournaments** using the “SEYGO Knock-Out System”:

- Stage 3: SEYGO Ukraine, July 2020
- Stage 4: SEYGO Croatia, August 2020
- Stage 5: SEYGO Austria, October 2020
- Stage 6: SEYGO Switzerland, November 2020
- Stage 7: SEYGO Masters, December 2020

NOTE: If the situation with international travelling within Europe is normalized, the Stage 4 will be held as a face-to-face tournament during the 2nd International Summer Go Camp in Zaoztrog, 3-10 Aug 2020.

Format of online tournaments – general rules

- 1) The games will be played on Online Go Server, Japanese rules, basic time: 60 minutes + 3x30 seconds Japanese byoyomi. A separate document “**SEYGO Tour 2020 Guide**” explains the handling of the Online Go Server in more detail.
- 2) Games will be played “one round per day”, generally from Tuesday to Sunday for a 6-rounds event, with a predefined starting time (generally at 20:00 CEST).
- 3) For semifinal, small-final and final games, a video-link between players is required, with a backup side-perspective video stored by participants, available on demand. A separate document “**Fair-play in Online Go**” explains the anti-cheating measures in more detail.
- 4) According to the rules of European Go Federation, on-line tournaments will be rated as the class D tournaments. **All players must be members of national go associations.** We strongly encourage all young players to check the status with their respective national go association.

Participation Fee – Three Options: BASIC, SUBSCRIBER, and SUPPORTER

- 1) **BASIC:** the **basic participation fee** for a single event (online or face-to-face) is **15 EUR** for each participant.
- 2) **SUBSCRIBER:** The **subscription for all remaining events** (Stages 3-7) depends on the EGD rating of participants on 30th June 2020:
 - a. for players rated 2000 and above – **50 EUR**
 - b. for players rated 1000 and above – **40 EUR**
 - c. for players rated below 1000 – **30 EUR**Each subscriber will get the book “European Youth Go Yearbook 2019” by Sinan Djepov, 5d.
- 3) **SUPPORTER:** any individual who believes in the future of European Youth Go is welcome to support the SEYGO Tour 2020. We will organize some small events where supporters will be invited and treated as V.I.P.

The basic participation fee, subscription or donation is to be paid directly to the bank account of European Go Federation. The details of the European Go Federation bank account will be sent to each participant after the registration. The confirmation of payment should be sent to the organizers – it is the prerequisite for the participation in the tournament.

Modification of SEYGO Points

- 1) SEYGO Points obtained during first two Stages held in Romania and France, as well as SEYGO Points obtained during EYGC 2020 are counted as described on the SEYGO webpage.
- 2) SEYGO Points obtained on online tournaments will be counted as 50% of number of SEYGO Points obtained on face-to-face tournaments (in line with the rules of European Go Database, giving even lesser weight to online tournaments). It means that the winner of an online SEYGO Tour event will be given 500 SEYGO Points, the second place 250 SEYGO Points and so on.

The SEYGO Vouchers

- 1) Depending on the number of subscriptions, a fair amount of the income will be awarded as SEYGO Vouchers to the most successful participants in each tournament and to the most successful participants in the whole year – SEYGO Grand Prix 2020.
- 2) The complete information will be transparently published on the SEYGO Project webpage.

Documents:

- 1) SEYGO Tour 2020 Guide
- 2) Fair-play in Online Go

Please, send any questions or comments to: seygotour2019@gmail.com!