

"Alpha Egg AI Weiqi Robot Cup" National Weiqi Professional Qualification Tournament 2026

Regulations for players from International (excluding Korea and Japan) & the Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan regions of China

1. Host

Chinese Weiqi Association

2. Organizers

Fujian Provincial Social Sports Guidance Center

Fujian Provincial Weiqi Association

3. Sponsor

Anhui Toycloud Technology Co., Ltd.

4. Co-Organizers

Lianjiang County Bureau of Culture, Sports and Tourism

Kingworld Hotel Gui'an

5. Competition Events

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

6. Competition Schedule and Venue

The tournament will be held from July 10 to 20, 2026 at Kingworld Hotel Gui'an, Fuzhou City, Fujian Province.

The detailed schedule will be announced after the registration deadline.

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

7. Eligibility

- 1) Junior Men's and Women's Groups: Born on or after January 1, 2009.
- 2) Adult Men's and Women's Groups: Born on or before December 31, 2008.

3) Quota Limits

Players from international (excluding Korea and Japan) and the Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan regions of China are allowed to participate. Qualification verification will be announced separately. No registration quota limits. The corresponding Weiqi associations designated by the Chinese Weiqi Association shall organize the registration of amateur 5 dan (or higher) players.

- 4) Players who qualified for professional in the current year but renounced it are banned from the National Weiqi

Professional Qualification Tournament for the next 5 years.

- 5) Participating units are directly responsible for managing their team leaders and coaches, and shall verify the eligibility and manage registered players. Special attention shall be paid to verifying ID numbers; original ID documents must be available for inspection during the tournament.
- 6) Each unit may register 1 team leader.
 - ≥ 5 players: may add 1 coach
 - ≥ 10 players: may add 2 coaches
 - Other personnel are considered extra members.
- 7) All participants must purchase personal accident insurance (covering travel and competition periods). Any personal injury or accident during the tournament due to individual reasons shall be borne by the participant.
- 8) To ensure fair competition, the tournament strictly enforces the Code of Discipline and Penalties of the Chinese Weiqi Association (for Trial Implementation) and the Implementation Rules for the Conduct and Discipline of National Weiqi Events.

8. Competition Format

- 1) The latest Weiqi Competition Rules approved by the Chinese Weiqi Association shall apply.
- 2) The tournament consists of three stages: Preliminary, Semifinal, Final.
- 3) Format Details:
 - a) Junior Men's Group
 - i. Preliminary: Swiss system. Tentatively scheduled for 13 rounds; the exact number of rounds will be adjusted based on the actual total number of participants. Top 56 advance to Semifinal.
 - ii. Semifinal: Double-elimination knockout. 14 groups \times 4 players, 3 rounds each group. The 56 qualified players will be assigned to groups and positions via snake-style pairing, based on their Preliminary Stage rankings. Top 2 per group (28 total) advance to Final.
 - iii. Final: Double-elimination knockout. 7 groups \times 4 players, 3 rounds each 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. Top 2 each

group (14 total) are awarded Professional 1 Dan.

b) Junior Women's Group

- i. Preliminary: Swiss system. Tentatively scheduled for 11 rounds; the exact number of rounds will be adjusted based on the actual total number of participants. Top 16 advance to Semifinal.
- ii. Semifinal: Double-elimination knockout. 4 groups \times 4 players, 3 rounds each group. The 16 qualified players will be assigned to groups and positions via snake-style pairing, based on their Preliminary Stage rankings. Top 2 per group (8 total) advance to Final.
- iii. Final: Double-elimination knockout. 2 groups \times 4 players, 3 rounds each 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. Top 2 each group and the winner of the third-place

playoff (5 total) are awarded Professional 1 Dan.

c) Adult Men's Group

- i. Preliminary: Swiss system. Tentatively scheduled for 11 rounds; the exact number of rounds will be adjusted based on the actual total number of participants. Top 24 advance to Semifinal.
- ii. Semifinal: Double-elimination knockout. 6 groups \times 4 players, 3 rounds each group. The 24 qualified players will be assigned to groups and positions via snake-style pairing, based on their Preliminary Stage rankings. Top 2 per group (12 total) advance to Final.
- iii. Final: Double-elimination knockout. 3 groups \times 4 players, 3 rounds each 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. Top 2 each group (6 total) are awarded Professional 1 Dan.

d) Adult Women's Group

- i. Preliminary: Swiss system. Tentatively scheduled for 9 rounds; the exact number of rounds will be

adjusted based on the actual total number of participants. Top 8 advance to Semifinal.

- ii. Semifinal: Double-elimination knockout. 2 groups × 4 players, 3 rounds each group. The 8 qualified players will be assigned to groups and positions via snake-style pairing, based on their Preliminary Stage rankings. Top 2 per group (4 total) advance to Final.
 - iii. Final: 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 groups and positions via snake-style pairing, based on their Preliminary Stage rankings. Top 2 are awarded Professional 1 Dan.
- e) All players shall be grouped in accordance with the competition regulations. **Special provisions for players subject to this regulation (Players from international (excluding Korea and Japan) and the Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan regions of China) : each group will have one extra professional quota for these players who qualify for the Semifinal.**
- If no such player advances to the Semifinal round,

no quota shall be awarded.

- If only one such player advances, he/she shall be directly conferred the Professional 1 Dan.
- If multiple such players advance to the Semifinal round, a playoff shall be held, with the playoff rules to be announced separately.

Any vacant Semifinal spots in each group resulting from the playoff (or being directly awarded professional dan rank) shall be filled sequentially by other players ranked by their preliminary stage, until the semifinal quota of the group is fully filled.

4) Time Control:

Each player shall have 1 hour of basic time, followed by three renewable 30-second overtime periods. 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 rules will be specified in the Supplementary

Competition Rules.

9. Rankings and Awards

1) Junior Men's Division

- Top 14: Professional 1 Dan
- 15th–16th: Amateur 7 Dan
- 17th–20th: Amateur 6 Dan

2) Junior Women's Division

- Top 5: Professional 1 Dan
- 6th–8th: Amateur 6 Dan

3) Junior Talents Special Quota (1 spot)

Players born on or after **January 1, 2013** who advanced the Junior Semifinal but did not qualify for professional may enter a selection tournament (mixed gender) organized by the national team. The top 1 player will be awarded Professional 1 Dan. The detailed arrangements shall be announced separately.

4) Adult Men's Division

- Top 6: Professional 1 Dan
- 7th–8th: Amateur 7 Dan
- 9th–12th: Amateur 6 Dan

5) Adult Women's Division

- Top 2: Professional 1 Dan

- 3rd–4th: Amateur 6 Dan
- 6) Players subject to this regulation:
- The award rules for professional dan ranks shall be implemented in accordance with Article e of the Competition Format details.
 - Those advancing Semifinal but not earning professional dan are awarded Amateur 6 Dan.
- 7) None of the above awarded dan ranks shall be passed down to subsequent places.
- 8) In accordance with the latest Weiqi Athlete *Technical Grade Standards* issued by the General Administration of Sport of China:
- Top 8 juniors: First-Class Athlete
 - 9th–16th juniors: Second-Class Athlete
- Awards are effective after public notice.
- 9) Initial ratings for newly qualified professional players:
- Men: 2240
 - Women: 2200

10. Registration

- 1) Registration shall be conducted through designated Weiqi associations. Each association shall collect all registered information and submit it to

cwainternational@foxmail.com by June 1. Please submit two attachments:

- Editable Word document
- Scanned PDF or photo with official seal

Email subject and filename: [Team Name]_National Weiqi Professional Qualification Tournament 2026 Registration Form

- 2) Service fee: 300 RMB per player.
- 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) Registration forms must be stamped with the official seal of the participating unit. Otherwise, the registration will be deemed invalid.
- 5) Accommodation and dining arrangements will be announced in the Supplementary Notice.
- 6) 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.

11. Competition Expenses

Participants are responsible for their own transportation, accommodation and meals.

12. Referees and Disputes

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 Organizers 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:

- Submitted in writing by the team leader or coach.
- Filed within 20 minutes after the conclusion of the relevant round.

- 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.

13. Tournament Discipline

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 Organizers during registration. The Organizers 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.

14. 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

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