

Pair Go Official Handicap Tournament (online) organised by the Japan Pair-Go Association

1st and 2nd July 2021

Schedule (UTC time)

All games will be played on Pandanet.

There will be a **goodwill game at 12:00 on 1st July**. This goodwill game is traditional for the pair-go championship. The foreign pairs have the opportunity to play against Japanese VIPs, very often professional players.

For the Europe/Africa time zone, **two preliminary rounds will be played at 15:00 and 19:00 on 1st July** (see the tournament system below).

The **semi-finals will be played at 9:00 on 2nd July and the finals at 12:00**.

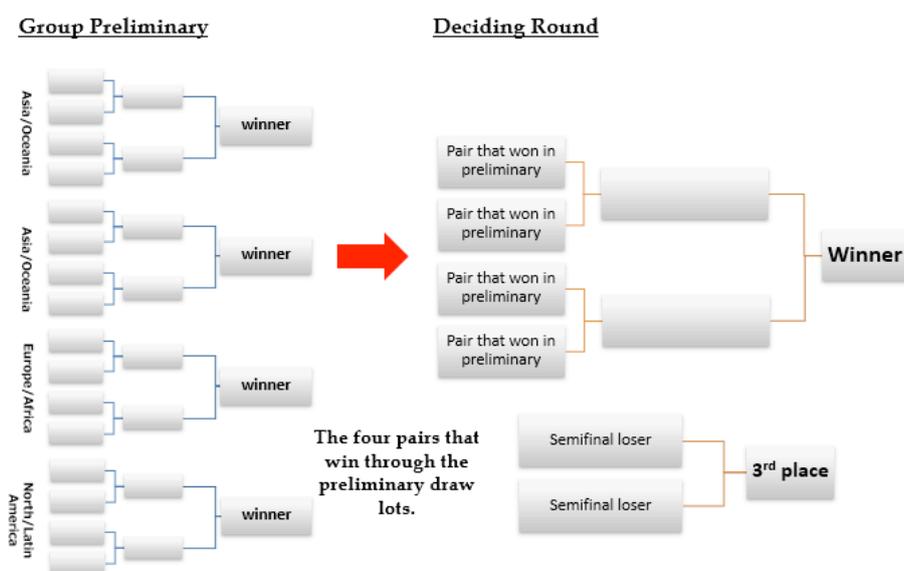
For the pairs eliminated in the preliminary rounds, there will be an « **exchange game** » at **10:30 on 2nd July**.

Tournament system

For the Group Preliminary, the pairs will be divided in 3 « time zones » (Asia/Oceania, Europe/Africa and North/South America).

There are 4 classes/levels (A-D) to decide which pairs will advance to the Deciding Round. Only six pairs from the Europe/Africa region will make it to the Deciding Round.
→1pair (A class), 1 pair (B class), 2 pairs (C class), 2 pairs (D class)

Image of the tournament format (showing the case of A class)



Additional information

- Each participant should play **20 games on Pandanet by the end of May**, in order to have an official ranking.
- To keep the tradition of the pair-go championship, each participant should take a

video of herself or himself for the **best-dressed award**, if possible in a **national costume by the end of April** (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gE9a-x_h1k)

- Each participant should be able to play all the scheduled games (goodwill game, preliminary games, exchange game, semi-finals and finals if any)

Anti-cheating measures

- Each participant should have a PC (laptop, desktop) to play the games on Pandanet, and this PC must have a webcam to show your face by ZOOM during the games.

Prizes

The following cash prizes or prizes of equal value will be awarded:

A class

1st- 100,000 yen

2nd- 50,000 yen

3rd- 30,000 yen

4th- 20,000 yen

Other classes (each)

1- 50,000 yen

2- 25,000 yen

3- 15,000 yen

4- 10,000 yen