

# LONDON OPEN GO CONGRESS

## PAIRGO TOURNAMENT - RULES

**Location:**

Theatre.

**Rounds:**

There will be 4 rounds.

**Time Limits:**

20 minutes sudden death.

**Komi:**

The komi is 6½ for equally graded pairs. Choose Black by Nigiri.

**Handicap:**

Full handicaps apply for unequal grades. Black wins Jigo.

**Results:**

The onus is on the winner to record the result. Failure to do so may result in a loss.

**Style:**

Each pair consists of a Lady and a Man. The exact meaning of 'Lady' and 'Man' is left undefined.

Players in each pair take turns in the order:

Black Lady, White Lady, Black Man, White Man. There is no consultation on moves. If your partner forgets to play, you can remind the Lady or the Man with:

“Partner - please play NOW!”

The pairing is McMahon, aiming for high handicaps to start, reducing for each round. Verbal Japanese rules of play apply.

**The Clock:**

If you capture more than three stones, you may stop the clock while removing prisoners.

**Playing out of turn:**

If the wrong member in a pair plays when it is his or her partner's turn then:

1. The move stands.
2. The offending pair pays a 3-point penalty.
3. Play continues from the person who played out of turn.

**Prize:**

Each partner in the winning pair receives £10.

**Disputes:**

The PairGo Tournament Organiser's decision is final.