

The 44th Othello Meijin-sen

Host: Japan Othello Association (JOA) Sponsors: Othello Corp. • MegaHouse Corp.

The 44th Othello Meijin-sen All-Japan Tournament will be held as stated below.

Divisions: *Open Division, Masters Division (age 40 and above), Students Division, Primary School Division*

1. If any of the divisions other than the Open Division has less than 6 players, then that division's tournament will not be held.
2. The top female player in the Open Division will be awarded the Women's Meijin title (details below under tournament rules).
3. For all the players participating in the *Students Division*, please be sure to bring your student ID with you; we will check it on the day of the tournament. (Primary School, Middle School, High School, College, Graduate, and Vocational School Students)
4. Primary school students may choose to participate either in the *Primary School Division* or the *Students Division*, but not both.

Requirement for Entry:

- All players may participate regardless of age or gender (please check the divisions).
- All players must submit an agreement form regarding the usage of personal information. (Those that do not submit an agreement form may not participate in the tournaments.)

Please click on the "Agreement Form" link below, print and fill out the document, and submit it to the reception on the day of the tournament.

Agreement Form

Venue: Osaka Shikibo Hall

Address: Osaka Prefecture, Osaka City, Chuo Ward, Bingomachi 3 Chome 2-6

Access: Osaka Metro Midōsuji Line, Honchō Station, 2-minute walk from Exit 1
Osaka Metro Sakaisuji Line, Sakaisuji Honchō Station, 6-minute walk

Date and Time:

Primary Students Division	Saturday, March 16th, 2024 Reception: 12:30~13:00
Masters (age 40 and above) Division, Students Division	Saturday, March 16th, 2024 Reception: 11:00~11:30
Open Division	Sunday, March 17th, 2024 Reception: 9:00~9:30

※You may participate both in one of the divisions on Saturday, March 16th and the Open Division on Sunday, March 17th.

Handling Tardiness: If you do not check in while the reception desk is open (reception hours vary by division), then you will not be allowed to participate.

However, those who contact the Japan Othello Association Secretariat (080-1199-9312) while the reception desk is open on the day of the tournament AND are able to participate from Round 1 will be eligible to play. (A proxy lottery will be held).

Please contact the secretariat by telephone on the day of the tournament.

Due to the operation of the tournament, we will not accept any contacts via email on the day of the tournament.

■ **Maximum number of players (first come first served):**

March 16th *Masters Division (age 40 and above) • Students Division • Primary School Division* = 64 Players in each division

March 17th *Open Division* = 250 Players

※ *Each division will close its registration once it reaches its maximum number of players.*

■ **Entry Fee:**

	Pre-Registration		Reception on the Day of Tournament
	JOA Members	Non-Members	We will not accept any registrations on the day of the tournament.
Open Division	5,500 Yen	10,000 Yen	
Masters Division (age 40 and above)	4,000 Yen	10,000 Yen	
Students Division (the cost of non-member primary and middle school students is the same as the cost for member students)	3,000 Yen	10,000 Yen	
		3,000 Yen	
Primary School Division	1,500 Yen	1,500 Yen	

(Note 1) We will not provide lunch for the players. Please have your own lunch.

(Note 2) Please be responsible for all of your trash and take it with you.

(Note 3) On Saturday March 16th, please have your lunch before the check-in.

Method of Registration: Please fill out the Meijin-sen registration guide form on the Japan Othello Association website.

※If there are any empty spaces within the answers to the questions in the registration form, it is possible that you will not be registered to play for the tournament.

Method of Payment: Paypal (You will officially be registered after the payment has been confirmed.)

※**Entry Registration Period: Friday January 5th 2024~Sunday February 25th 2024.**
The entry-fee deposit is strictly required.

If a division reaches its maximum number of players, registration will be closed at that time.

※If you decide to cancel after payment has been made, we cannot return your entry deposit.
Thank you for your understanding.

※We will upload a list of the players' names on the JOA home page.

Check-in method on the day of the tournament:

We will implement the Japan Othello Association's Tournament Operation System, "GORO". Scan its QR code to complete your check-in.

Steps for check-in:

- ① Login to Japan Othello Association's Tournament Operation System, GORO.
- ② Open the details of the 44th Othello Meijin-sen Registration for your division.
- ③ Click on the "Reception" button.
- ④ Click "Accept" to give permission to GORO to gain access to your camera.
- ⑤ At the reception, read the QR code with your camera.
- ⑥ Your check-in will be complete once "Reception Complete." has been displayed on your device.

Please prepare an electronic device such as a smartphone or a tablet to read the QR code. Thank you for your cooperation.

※If you a problem reading the QR code, contact someone at the reception counter.

If you are a member of the Japan Othello Association, then we will ask you to show your JOA ID card at the reception for verification purposes, so please be sure to bring it. If you are participating in the tournament from overseas, please show a form of proof that you are a foreign player (we would highly recommend each overseas Othello Association to create a document that lists all the players' names participating in the tournament from that specific country/association. This way the JOA member fee will be applied to all foreign players.)

■ Tournament Rules:

Open Division	6 qualifying rounds + 2 final rounds/Max 2 games to determine final rankings 20 minutes per player (no additional time), no draws
Masters Division (age 40 & above) Students Division	4 qualifying rounds + 2 final rounds/2 games to determine final rankings 20 minutes per player (no additional time), no draws Depending on the number of players, it is possible to face the same opponent more than once.

Primary School Division	<p>4 qualifying rounds+2 final rounds/1 game to determine final rankings 10 minutes per player (15 minutes for the final rounds) (no additional time), no draws Depending on the number of players, it is possible to face the same opponent more than once.</p>
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Awards and Dan-Kyu Certification

Open Division		Masters (Age 40 and Above) Division		Students Division		Primary School Division	
Winner	7-Dan MegaHouse Prize Goro Hasegawa Prize	Winner	5-Dan Prize Money Goro Hasegawa Prize	Winner	5-Dan Prize Money Goro Hasegawa Prize	Winner	3-Dan Prize Money Goro Hasegawa Prize
Runner-Up	6-Dan/Prize Money	Runner-Up	4-Dan/Prize Money	Runner-up	4-Dan/Prize Money	Runner-Up	2-Dan/Prize
3rd Place	6-Dan/Prize Money	3rd Place	3-Dan/Prize Money	3rd Place	3-Dan/Prize Money	3rd Place	1-Dan/Prize
4th-8th Place	5-Dan/Prize Money	4th Place	2-Dan	4th Place	2-Dan	Rankings below 4th place will be rewarded a Kyu certification based on the number of wins and players	
6 Wins	4-Dan	5 wins	2-Dan	5 Wins	2-Dan		
5 Wins	3-Dan	4 Wins	1-Dan	4 Wins	1-Dan		
4 Wins	2-Dan	3 Wins	1-Kyu	3 Wins	1-Kyu		

Other:

1. The top female player in the Open Division will be awarded the Women's Meijin title. The following method will be applied:

(1) At the end of the 7th round, the top 2 female players in the ranking of the open division will play a final round and the winner will be declared the Women's Meijin.

(2) If a female player plays in the semifinals of the open division, then the final round for female players will not be held; the top female in the final rankings will be declared the Women's Meijin and the next highest female the Runner-up.

1. The 17th Ouza-sen tournament will be held with a capacity of 80 players.

The following players, including players that have already satisfied the entry requirement via the 49th All-Japan tournament, will be eligible to play in this year's Ouza-sen:

1. Women's Meijin, Runner-up Women's Meijin
2. The top 3 players from the Masters (age 40 and above) Division, Students Division, and the Primary School Division.
3. The top 21 finishers in the Open Division after excluding players that have already satisfied the Ouza-sen entry requirement via the 49th All-Japan tournament and those included in (1) and (2). Continuing to follow the rankings, additional entries will be made available to substitute for any qualified players who do not register for the Ouza-sen.

1. WOC2024 Team Japan Representative

1. The winner of the Open Division in this year's Meijin-sen will be qualified to represent Team Japan in this year's WOC (JOA members only).

2. The winner of a final match between the Women's Meijin and the 49th All-Japan Women's Division champion, will be qualified to represent Team Japan (JOA members only). This match is to be held alongside the 17th Ouza-sen finals unless one or both players withdraw from the Ouza-sen, in which case it will be held before the Ouza-sen.

3. If a player from overseas or non-JOA member wins a qualifying tournament, they may not represent Team Japan in the WOC2024. In this case, the WOC2024 Team Japan representative will be passed down to the next highest-ranked player (JOA members only).

4. Players that represent Team Japan for the WOC2024 will receive financial support from the Japan Othello Association.

5. If the WOC2024 is not held, then rights as Team Japan Representatives are void.

1. Dan/Kyu certification will require a fee except for the winner of each division.

Time Schedule: Changes may be made based on the number of players for each division.

Primary School Students Division	Reception: 12:30~13:00	Scheduled Finishing Time: 17:30
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Masters (age 40 and above) Division, Students Division	Reception: 11:00~11:30	Scheduled Finishing Time: 18:00
Open Division	Reception: 9:00~9:30	Scheduled Finishing Time: 18:30

Contact: Japan Othello Association Secretariat TEL: 03-5817-4768 E-mail: info@othello.gr.jp

※Contact on the day of the tournament: 080-1199-9312

Important: 《Entry Requirement》

◎Lunch will not be provided on either day, March 16th or 17th. Please finish lunch and return to the venue before the end of the lunch break.

- If you are planning to bring a beverage for hydration purposes, then please make sure to bring a beverage with a cap attached to it and your name written on it.
- Please write your name even if your drink is in a plastic bottle.
- If you find that your drink doesn't have a name during a game, please write it on the bottle within your time.
- After finishing your drink, please take your plastic bottle with you.
- There will be no trash cans placed at the venue or the entrance (please take your other trash with you as well).

◎Please be sure to follow these rules below.

- Forming a crowd and having conversations or private talks is strictly prohibited.
- We will take your temperature at the reception. If you have a fever over 37.5°C (99.5°F), feel fatigued or unwell, then you may not participate in the tournament.
- If you do not feel well on the day of the tournament, please refrain from participating in the tournament.

◎Please read the Privacy Policy and agree to the terms.

- The personal information entered in your registration will be used as part of the operation of the tournament.
- A list of registered players will appear on the Japan Othello Association homepage, and may later appear in the *Othello News*.
- This tournament may be promoted on various media such as social media and other online video-sharing services. There is a possibility that these platforms will use pictures and videos taken on the day of the tournament.
- Furthermore, media outlets may conduct interviews to put in magazines, on their home page, etc..
- Please browse the PRIVACY POLICY for more detailed information.

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