

AGA Policy on Eligibility for International Representatives

Preamble

This policy covers invitations to the AGA to select by competition or other competitive criteria, American professionals and strong players to compete at international tournaments, either as a representative of the USA or of the North American region as a whole, and for which the tournament host, sponsor, or the AGA pays for the players' travel and/or accommodations. It is not intended to inhibit less formal international exchanges.

Players who are selected as representatives to international events should bear in mind that they represent both their country and the AGA and should therefore conduct themselves appropriately.

Definition

The term "the past twelve months" means the twelve months immediately prior to the start of the selection process.

Application

This policy applies to:

- all players seeking selection by the AGA in its capacity as a national go association;
- all players seeking selection by virtue of U. S. citizenship or residency when the AGA administers the selection of a representative on behalf of a larger geographical region (e.g., North America);
- other players seeking selection may be subject to alternate agreements between the AGA and their national go associations;
- for professionals, point four below applies beginning 1 January 2010; and
- for amateurs, point four below applies immediately, with the exception of the 2009 World Youth Goe Championship, as waived by the AGA Board at its meeting on November 2, 2008.

Eligibility criteria

U.S. go players who wish to represent the USA or the North American region in international competition must:

1. hold U.S. citizenship or permanent residency ("Green Card") status;
2. have been physically resident in the United States for at least six of the past twelve months;
3. have held continuous AGA membership (full, youth, life, sustaining or sponsor) in good standing for the past twelve months;
4. have completed at least ten AGA-rated face-to-face tournament games, excluding losses by forfeit, over the past twelve months, and
5. meet all eligibility requirements set by the tournament sponsors and/or foreign hosts.

This document replaces the “AGA Procedures for Selecting Representatives for International Tournaments” document that was approved by the AGA Board on Nov. 25, 2007.