

# 2026 US Shogi Championship Tournament

New York City | April 18-19, 2026



# Tournament Overview & Registration

## When & Where

**Dates:** April 18 & 19, 2026 (Saturday & Sunday)

**Pre-Tournament Practice:** April 17 (Friday), 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Pre-Tournament Venue:** Whole Foods Tribeca Dining Hall  
270 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10007

**Tournament Venue:** Moonzscope SOHO  
137 Grand Street, 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10013

## Registration Fees

- **Adults:** \$200
- **Students:** \$150
- **Children (12 & under):** \$100 (\$20 for Children's Tournament)

Bento Lunches included for both days

**Registration Deadline:** April 12, 2026 (11:59 PM EST)

Payment accepted at venue via cash, check, credit, or debit card.

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-shogi-championship-2026-tickets-1982401817200>

Scan the QR code above to register now!



## Special Guest Professionals from Japan

We are honored to welcome three exceptional shogi professionals who will be joining us from Japan. These distinguished guests will provide instruction, participate in exhibition matches, and commentate the championship game, offering participants a rare opportunity to learn from and play against world-class talent.



**Akio Ishikawa**

*Professional 7-Dan*



**Chihiro Idoh**

*Women's Professional 2-Dan*



**Kazuhiro Nishikawa**

Professional 6-Dan

# Complete Tournament Schedule

## Day 0 - Friday, April 17

### Pre-Tournament Practice Meetup (Optional)

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM at Whole Foods Tribeca Dining Hall. Play practice games, challenge guest professionals in instructional matches, and meet fellow participants. Light refreshments provided.

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## Day 2 - Sunday, April 19

### Championship Rounds & Finals

- 8:30 AM - A/B Championship Rounds 2-4 (Swiss style)
- 9:00 AM - Children's Tournament
- 12:00 PM - Lunch break
- 1:00 PM - Semi-finals (Class A & B)
- 2:00 PM - Finals, third place matches, and exhibition game
- 5:00 PM - Award ceremony and closing ceremony
- 5:30 PM - Photo session
- 6:00 PM - Tournament concludes

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## Day 1 - Saturday, April 18

### Preliminaries & Team Tournament

- 8:15 AM - Registration & check-in
- 8:45 AM - Opening ceremony
- 9:00 AM - A/B classification preliminaries (3 rounds, Swiss style)
- 12:00 PM - Lunch break
- 1:00 PM - A/B Championship Round 1
- 2:00 PM - Team tournament (6 rounds, round robin)
- 6:00 PM - Day 1 concludes
- 7:00 PM - Welcome Party at Peking Duck House

📄 **Welcome Party Details:** Banquet Dinner at Peking Duck House in Chinatown.

Adults \$80, Children \$40. Optional but highly encouraged!

# Tournament Format & Rules

## FORMAT

### A/B Championship Individual Tournament (Swiss style)

- 10 minutes of thinking time per player
- After 10 minutes, 40-second "byo-yomi" per move
- (For finals and 3rd place matches: 20 minutes thinking time)
- Three-round Swiss-style preliminary tournament
- Top half advances to Class A, lower half to Class B
- Main tournament: four additional rounds per Class
- Top four ranked players in each Class compete in knockout tournament for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place

### Team Tournament (Round robin)

- Round-robin format with teams based on regions represented
- 10-minute Kire-Make format

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Who moves first ("sente") decided by furigoma
- Whoever moves second ("gote") can choose clock position (left or right)
- Illegal moves or exceeding time limit results in loss
- If game cannot be completed within allotted time, it will be paused and a professional will decide winner based on position evaluation
- Same hand must be used to move pieces and operate clock; repeated violations may result in loss
- Unforeseen circumstances resolved at discretion of a professional

# Eligibility Requirements

- Individuals who have been residing in the United States for one year or more as of the date of the event, or those who have a permanent residence in the U.S.
- Individuals holding a permanent visa, citizenship, or an equivalent status that allows them to reside in the U.S.
- Individuals who have been granted special eligibility by the tournament organizer (ex: former participants that no longer reside in the U.S. etc.)