

Go Game / Weiqi Class

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Hi everyone! I'm Stephanie Tan, and I'm excited to be returning for my second year teaching at the ICCCI Chinese School. I've been playing Go for ten years, and I first learned right here at ICCCI under the former Go teacher. Since then, I've been fortunate to grow both as a player and as a contributor to the Go community.

Some of my most recent achievements include being a 3-time finalist and 2-time champion of the North American AGA Girls Cup (2022–2024), as well as winning the main division of the 2024 Chicago Open.

In addition to teaching and playing, I am quite active in the Go community. I serve as the publicity lead for the 2025 U.S. Go Congress, am an officer in the American Go Honor Society, and volunteer with the Evanston Go Club as a media coordinator. I have hands-on experience organizing tournaments in both outreach and technical capacities.

Semester Agenda

15 weekly, 50-minute classes

Classes will typically include a mix of lessons, gameplay, and review. Some sessions will focus entirely on playing. Each student will have opportunities to play 1-on-1 games with me and receive personalized feedback throughout the semester.

Topics we will cover:

(These will vary based on student level and progress; not all will be covered in one semester.)

- Basic Rules: Stone placement, liberties, capturing, territory, game etiquette
- Game Ending: Dead stones, endgame, counting, resignation
- Openings: Corner approaches, basic joseki
- Special Situations: Ko, seki
- Strategic Playstyles: Territory vs. influence, using thickness
- Judgment: timing of defense, aggression, invasion, overplay, reading
- Connections: Crosscuts, tiger's mouth, bamboo joint, elephant eye
- Fighting Techniques: Liberty races, nets, ladders, life & death, false eyes
- Move Types: Tenuki, sente, gote, value assessment

Classroom Expectations

Please act respectfully and responsibly! I hope every student can come to class looking to learn and participate.

I'm looking forward to a great semester with you all!