

Dear prospective member of the European Go Instructors Network,

Thank you for your interest in joining the European Go Instructors Network. To help us understand your qualifications and aspirations as a Go instructor, please complete the following application form. Your responses will be instrumental in building a strong and supportive community of Go instructors in Europe.

Section 1: Personal Information

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Full Name: [Your full name]
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. Istanbul
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Teaching Format: [Club or School]
. Club (Both face to face and online) and previously much more in schools. At first mostly at schools but now students are registered in our school and we are giving lessons in our own organization.

Section 2: Go Instruction Activity

. Teaching. Organizing tournaments. Attending tournaments. Promotional activities. Media appearances. Creating content. Prudicing Go equipments and writing articles.
Number of Active Students (U18 Only):
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. 108 (One hundred and eight)
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Short History of Your Activity:
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. 2009: Mehmet Emin Barsbey, the founder of Istanbul Go School, introduced Go to kids.
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. February 2011: Istanbul Go School was founded by Mehmet Emin Barsbey, who then transitioned to this as a full-time job.

- Please check our presentation file.

- Highlights: [Key achievements and milestones]

Calendar of Organized Events:

- January 6, 2024: Kids' tournament will have 13x13 and 19x19 sections. We plan to host more than 150 students in total.
- May 2024: Traditional (6th) Japanese Embassy Istanbul Kids Go Tournament at the Japanese Garden. We plan to host more than 100 students in total.
- We are also planning to participate in national tournaments. As a team, we attend at least 3 national tournaments every year, and our students participate in more tournaments individually.

<https://www.gookulu.com/3-kis-go-turnuvasi/>

Teaching Structure:

- 60-90 minutes
- Once a week but additional lessons before some events.
- Kids, High School Students and Adults are main age groups.

Participation at Other

Events:

- Please check our additional file.
- Some of the tournaments we attended
- 2019 European Go Championship, Belgium
- 42. Belgrade Open Go Tournament
- 2023 European Youth Go Championship
- 12., 13., 15., 16., 19., 20., 21., 22. Uluslararası İstanbul Go Tournament
- 26., 27., 28. Alpar Kılınç'ı Anma Go Tournament
- 2., 3., 4., 5. İTÜ Team Go Tournament
- 2., 3., 4., 5., 6., 7. İTÜ Go Tournament
- Ufuk Emre Yıldırım @ 42. Belgrad Açık Go Turnuvası >>>

Notable Results from Students:

- Our student Ufuk Emre Yıldırım became the third in the U20 category at the European Youth Go Championship 2023.

- Ufuk Emre Yıldırım, an 8-year student of the Istanbul Go School, achieved the 3rd place in the U20 (under 20) category at the 2023 European Youth Go Championship and Please check our additional file.

Plans for the Future:

- . Introductory Level Rule and Problem Books for Beginners.
- . Regularly Organizing International Go Tournaments and Camps in Turkey.
- . Collaboration with Eastern Go Institutions/Masters and European Strong Players for Education.
- . Developing an International Certification System for Our Training Programs.
- . Organizing an Annual Traditional Tournament for Our Top 8 Students.
- . Continuation of the Illustrated Storybook 'Go Go İgo' for Children.
- . Enhancing Our YouTube Channel and Online Problem Library.
- . Establishing a Permanent Alumni Network.
- . Formation of a High-Level Team Competing in Europe with Sponsorship.
- . Producing a Documentary in Turkish and English about Go and Istanbul Go School.
- . Children's Go Art Competition.

Section 3: Support and Challenges

How Can NA or EGF Help Improve Local Activity:

- . If our students can receive a certificate from the European Go Federation or an institution of Far Eastern origin, it could be a motivational factor for the continuity of our students.
- . It would be great for our students to meet strong European and Far Eastern players either online or in person. Although our budget is limited in this regard, we would like to do our best.
- . Simple questions aimed at beginners would be useful as a resource with a nice interface.
- . And if there is support beyond sending an invitation letter regarding visas, we could participate in events in Europe with a large team once or at least twice a year.
- Share your ideas on how the National Association or European Go Federation can support and enhance local Go activities.

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Challenges Encountered:

. Due to the difficulties in obtaining a visa, we are unable to attend many events in Europe.

- Detail any challenges you have faced in your role as a Go instructor, such as lack of location, playing materials, human resources, or financial resources.

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Additional Topics:

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- If you have any additional information or topics you'd like to discuss, please share them here.

Section 4: Additional Information and Links

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Additional Information:

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Media Links:

- www.gookulu.com
- www.instagram.com/gookulu
- www.youtube.com/gookulu
- www.facebook.com/gookulu
- If available, please provide links to pictures, videos, websites, or social networks related to your Go instruction activities.
 - 2. Tüzyev Winter Go
Tournament: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2L6ZyWwj_QA&list=PLgcKhUvV1Gx9htngs7gR3ub-8bbJeV6Ki&index=5
 - 2. Go Fest and
Tournament: <https://www.facebook.com/gookulu/posts/pfbid02qRSujfEWmta3JjJ1HmpU3gYN2NzqBfZevp1tm7PMUHunvPMvwE8gyu4kmDvCi31kl>
 - 6. Açı Schools Go Tournament: https://youtu.be/DnZsnyOsZ7k?si=tVf7MivmyyB7_GHB
Japanese Consulate Kids Go Tournament: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BlmkcxmkIBQ>
Our Center: <https://youtu.be/sVxCiJzGRmU?si=W-d8NUS3TdbV-k76>
 - 2019 EGC Belgium, Our
Team: <https://www.facebook.com/gookulu/videos/484422332116951/>

By submitting this application, you acknowledge that your information will be used for membership evaluation within the European Go Instructors Network. Membership is granted upon successful submission of this form and providing a yearly activity report is mandatory.

Thank you for your commitment to promoting Go among U18 youth in Europe and for your interest in joining our network. We look forward to welcoming you into our community of dedicated Go instructors.

Sincerely,

[Your Name] [Date]

Please submit your completed application form to [catalin@eurogofed.org].