

Prospective member of the European Go Instructors Network

Section 1: Personal Information

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- **Teaching Format:** Club, recursive 1 month beginners modules (1 and 2).

Section 2: Go Instruction Activity

- **Number of Active Students (U18 Only):** 33 students during 2023

Justin Jurji, Vlad Branda, Bea Brindescu, Patrick Dumitrescu, Ana Khidir, Razvan Khidir, Alexia Varzaru, Sara Bunescu, Sebastian Iliuta, Carla Cotet, Darius Florin, Antonio Colcer, Matilda Neanu, Adela Neanu, Rares Irhasiu, Weida Chen, Handa Chen and 16 kindergarten children.

Short History of Your Activity:

- **Starting Year:** I started formal teaching activity as employee in 2019, but till then, as organizer of the Timisoara Go Club meetings I was there to great new persons interested in learning how to play the game. I organized first introductory Go classes in 2001.
- **Highlights:**
 - 2001, first attempt for organized Go classes at the Timisoara Club.
 - 2003, first promo activity of Go in rural area, in Stanciova.

- 2005, started to assist mr. Viorel Arsinoaia in teaching smaller children (6 to 8 years) at after-school club "Tema" in Timisoara.
 - 2017, started to assist mr. Zamfir Moldovan in teaching primary school children in rural area, in Giroc community.
 - 2019, developed a teaching method for introducing kindergarten kids to Go (5-6 years old), in rural community Duestii Noi.
 - 2022, developed method for beginners Module 1 for children and young adults (introduction and 9x9).
 - 2023, developed method for beginners Module 2 for children and young adults (making the transition to 19x19).
- **Calendar of Organized Events in 2023:**
 - 3 Module 1 classes and 1 Module 2 classes (Kizuna Club, Timisoara)
 - 4-5 March 2023 Vio Cup Memorial (KGS, online)
 - 6-7 May 2023 Europa Conexus (OGS, Online)
 - 18-19 November 2023 CN Echipe (Timisoara, Romania)
 - 18-19 November 2023 Cupa Kizuna - beginners, under 15 kyu (Timisoara, Romania)
 - 2023 first edition of "Nea Titi" memorial club tournament
 - 3 promotion attendances at public festivals
- **List upcoming or recent events you have organized or plan to organize.**
 - January-February 2024 – Module 2 beginners classes.
 - 10-11 February 2024 – Cupa "Viorel Arsinoaia".
 - February 2024 – event promoting Go in the local Asian community.
 - summer 2024 – Cupa "Walter Schmidt".
 - autumn 2024 – county teams tournament.
 - all year round 2024 – club tournament "Nea Titi".
 - several Module 1 beginners classes and one more Module 2.

Teaching Structure:

- **Lesson Duration:** 3 hours consisting in 1,5 hours of lesson and exercises (with one recess at half time), 0,5 hours of assisted playing, followed by 1 extra hour of playing in club mode (assisted by me and other colleagues). For kindergarten it is 2 hours semi free space where I mix Go with other two board games – Quarto and Quoridor, and with Lego of course.
- **Lesson Frequency:** weekly, in modules of 4 lessons. Several modules per year. I have 2 beginners modules: one for absolute newcomers and another for beginners. The kindergarten lessons are also weekly.
- **Number of Age Groups:**
 +10 (classes for children and young adults)
 5-6 years of age (at kindergarten), mixed with Quarto and Quoridor.
- **Participation at Other Events** (List your participation in events from the EGF or National Association calendar): none in 2023
- **Notable Results from Students** (Provide details of your students' achievements, such as podium finishes at EGF or NA official events, top placements in international championships, etc.): none in 2023
- **Plans for the Future** (Describe your future plans and goals as a Go instructor): 1. To continue perfecting and adapting by teaching the methods of the two beginners modules that organize now. 2. To continue teaching the kindergarten module. 3 To organize at least two local beginners tournaments for introducing the new students to the competition world of Go. 4. To improve strength as player and as teacher.

Section 3: Support and Challenges

- **How Can NA or EGF Help Improve Local Activity** (Share your ideas on how the National Association or European Go Federation can support and enhance local Go activities): 1. Offering access to cheap 9x9 sets to give the beginner students. 2. Ranked 9x9 tournaments in EGD.
- **Challenges Encountered** (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): 1. No ready to offer 9x9 and 19x19 games, while many parents would want to buy them as present for the kids. 2. My low rank. 3. Weekly frequency is too low for kids.
- **Additional Topics** (If you have any additional information or topics you'd like to discuss, please share them here): video training materials for beginners in Romanian language.

Section 4: Additional Information and Links

- **Additional Information** (Please provide any additional information or comments you believe are relevant): not at this moment.
- **Media Links** (If available, please provide links to pictures, videos, websites, or social networks related to your Go instruction activities.): attached pictures from 2023 classes.

Sincerely,

Cris Bratu, 31.12.2023

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