



US Tak Association

2024 USTA Members' Tournament Information Sheet

Welcome to the 2024 Members' Tournament, organized by the [US Tak Association](#).

This tournament is open to all US Tak Association members. You don't need to be a US resident to be a USTA member. Become a member [here](#).

[Sign up here](#). Registration is open from April 22nd, 2024 to May 5th, 2024. The tournament begins Monday, May 6th, 2024, and will end June 10th at the latest.

Games will be scheduled through the [Tak Talk Discord](#) in the #tournaments channel. Pairings and standings will be pinned there as well.

Tournament Structure:

The tournament structure will be the [Nohat variant Swiss System](#). Rounds and matches will depend on the number of players as follows:

| Players | Matches | | | | |
|-------------|--|------|------|------|------|
| | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Rd 4 | Rd 5 |
| 11 or fewer | <i>Round Robin (everyone plays everyone)</i> | | | | |
| 12-24 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | - |
| 25-56 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 57 or more | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |

There will be 1 week for each round.

Prizes:

Top 2 finishers (excluding those already qualified) will qualify for the 2024 Tak Championship.

15 randomly selected participants who complete all of their games will receive USTA coins.¹

The overall tournament winner will receive wood and resin capstones handmade by Bill Leighton (aka rabbitboy84), along with a USTA coin.

Second and 3rd place finishers will receive a copy of the *Tak Puzzle Compendium* by Noah Fields (aka nqeron).

The top two finishers who have not previously won a tak set will receive retired tournament sets that have served us well at many conventions.

The top finisher rated under 1900 will receive a copy of *Mastering Tak: Level II* by Bill Leighton.²

The top finisher rated under 1600 will receive a copy of *Mastering Tak: Level I* by Bill Leighton.³



¹ Games won by forfeit count as completed. Games lost by forfeit do not.

² By [Tournament Rating](#) at start of tournament. Any player with a provisional rating is eligible for this prize. Unrated players are eligible for this prize.

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Rules:

[Standard Rules](#) are used except where modified below:

- Games are to be played on playtak.com with a 6×6 board and 2 komi
- Time control is 15 minutes + 10 seconds per move for all games.
- Each match consists of 2 games, where the players alternate starting colors.
- Ties for a prize will be broken by double round robin blitz among all tied players. This will be iterated as needed.

[USTA Tournament Default Policies](#) apply.

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| 6x6 | Random |
| Opponent | Game type |
| | Tournament |
| Time (minutes per player) | Increment (seconds) |
| 15 | 10 |
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| Komi | |
| 2.0 | |
| Extra Time Trigger Move | Extra Time Amount |
| Select | Select |
| Stones | Capstones |
| 30 | 1 |

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