



January 2025 Beginner Tak Tournament Information Sheet

Welcome to the Beginner Tournament; an entry-level tournament for Tak, organized by the US Tak Association (ustak.org)

You do NOT need to be a member of the US Tak Association to participate.

You do NOT need to be a resident of the US to participate.

Registration is 100% FREE! [Sign Up Here](#)

Registration Begins January, 3rd 2025 and ends January 17th, 2024

Tournament begins January 18th, 2024 and ends February 16th, 2024

"Beginner" can be a bit vague, so we are defining this as someone that cannot beat (or who loses over 50% of the time to) IntuitionBot on <https://www.playtak.com>. If you have never played online, or never played that bot, you are still welcome to compete, just be sure to familiarize yourself with the site before your first match. If you think you might be too good, just sign up anyway and we'll let you know if we need to bump you up to the Intermediate Tournaments.

Games will be scheduled through the [Tak Talk Discord](#) in the Tournaments channel. Your matches and running points accumulation will be pinned there as well.

Don't know how to play Tak at all? Check out this excellent, 2 minute [How To Play Video](#) to brush up on the rules.

Tournament Structure:

The tournament starts with Round Robin groups, meaning you will play 1 match (2 games) against each other person in your group in an effort to accumulate points. There are 4 total points available in each match: 2 for each game win, 1 for a draw, and 0 for a loss. The player in each group with the most points after the Round Robin stage will move on to a single elimination finals bracket.

Participation Prizes:

Just for completing all your matches, you will be entered into a drawing for participation prizes:

- High-level game review (2 available) - a high-level player will evaluate your game and provide constructive feedback. [Example](#)
- Paperback version of [Mastering Tak](#) (2 available).

Merit Prizes:

1st Place - First pick of the following:

- [Wolf and Hawk metal capstones](#) from Worldbuilder's Market.
- Beginner Travel Tak Set

2nd Place - Remaining prize from above.

Rules:

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

- Games are to be played on playtak.com on a size 6 board with the Game Type set to Tournament and time controls set at 15 minutes with a 10-second increment(15+10).
- Each match consists of 2 games, where the players alternate starting colors.
- Please coordinate your matches on Discord in the #tournaments channel.
 - Threads will be created to help organize Round Robin groups.
- To keep to schedule, players must complete 2 matches per week unless directed otherwise by the Tournament Director.
- Tiebreaks for Round Robin stage will go in the following order:
 - Head-to-head results
 - Sonneborn-Berger
 - If for some reason there remains a tie after these, 2-game Blitz matches of 3 +5 time controls on size 6 board, with alternating starting colors will be played until a winner is decided.
- Tiebreaks for the Single Elimination stage will be Blitz matches as outlined above until a winner is decided.

USTA [Tournament Default Policies](#) apply.

Example Game Settings:

Board Size

6x6

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My Color

Random

▼

Opponent

Game type

Tournament

▼

Time (minutes per player)

15

▼

Increment (seconds)

10

▼

> [Advanced Options](#)

Create

Cancel

Remove Seeks