



The Iwamoto North America
Foundation for Go

2026 INAF Lifetime Achievement Award: Request for Nomination

The Iwamoto North American Foundation for Go (INAF) is seeking nominations for the INAF Lifetime Achievement Award that honors individuals who, over their lifetime, have made significant contributions to the advancement of the culture and sport of Go in North America.

Timeline

- Submission/nomination deadline: March 31, 2026
- Judging underway: April - May, 2026
- Winner notified and announced: June 5, 2026

Prizes

The INAF Lifetime Achievement Award winner receives:

- Travel subsidy to an event where the award ceremony is held
- Recognition during that event
- A plaque

Selection Process

Once the submission/nomination is closed, the selection committee will review the dossier that includes the nomination letter(s), a list of the candidate's achievements, and a list of one to three additional references that the committee may contact. The committee will pay special attention to the breadth, the depth, as well as the length of the nominee's service.

For the first few years, the selection committee will consist of the board members of INAF (<https://www.inaf-go.org/structure/>). In the future, it is expected that some of the prior winners will be invited to serve on the committee.

Nominations should be sent to hajin.lee@usgo.org.