We help the Othello to bring people together

**What is Japan Othello association?**

We are spreading fun of Othello, which is born in Japan, through organizing many kinds of tourneys and promotion events. That’s all what we want and what we do. Othello is easy to learn so that people can communicate each other via playing it. Also we are trying to support people who are interested in the Othello and spread the Othello all over the world

**What we do:**

* organizing and supporting othello events
* help players grow up
* giving certification (Dan and Kyu grades)
* appointment of the Othello teacher and having Othello classes
* media support
* social action work
* spreading Othello as game also for elderly people
* supporting world Othello championships
* supporting and cooperating with 14 local teams in Japan
* publishing the Othello news

**What we’ve done recently:**

* having Othello class
* organizing local tourneys
* organizing national championship
* organizing world Othello championship
* organizing grand-prix for elementary school children
* joining the volunteer works with Othello
* management of world champion
* sending elite players to WOC

**What is Othello?**

“A minute to learn, a lifetime to master”

Othello was born in Japan.

Soon after the WW2 ends, Mr.Hasegawa (the very first president of Japan Othello Association) invented the game which can be settled in 10minutes break time. That was the prototype of Othello and be commercialized in 1973

**Difference between Othello and Riversi**

Othello consists of black and white discs with the green board.

The rule is applied to Reversi as well, but only Othello has the world championship.

That’s what Othello is.

**The brain is activated by playing and even only by looking Othello at.**

When we play Othello, the pre frontal cortex in the brain is activated strongly, also the angular gyrus which helps people imagine unseen things are activated.

In the beginning part of the game, premotor cortex started being active.

In the last part of the game and also in the review part, since conversation occurs between players a lot, speech area started being activated. With this result, the possibility that Othello works as brain training is admitted.

**Let’s join Japan Othello Federation!**

Children of elementary age are free

membership privileges:

* qualification for limited tourneys such as Zennihon and Ouza-sen.
* get Othello news 3 times a year
* qualification for “Dan” “Kyui” grades
* playing as a Meijin in Othello events
* qualification for world Othello championship
* rank in the world ranking
* buy Othello boards with special price
* free to visit the limited web-page

**JOA is in all over Japan**

There are 14 local groups in Japan and each group arrange tourneys and classes.

Hokkaido, Toukai, North-Kanto, Tohoku, Chubu, Ibaraki, Niigata, Tokyo, Kinki, Hokuriku, center part of Shikoku, East part of Kanto, Hyogo, Kyusyu, Kanagawa