

## Backgammon Finnish Open 2019

Backgammon Finnish Open 2019 will be held in sunny Helsinki in May! Players may participate in Business- class or Economy- class. The format is progressive consolation. The playing venue is by the sea in hotel Scandic Paasi in Hakaniemi. The tournament will be played exceptionally during a single day, so the match length will be adjusted so that the tournament lasts approximately 12 hours. The restaurant services are available at the adjacent restaurant Juttutupa, one of the oldest restaurants in Helsinki.

### **Date:**

Saturday 11.5.2019

### **Location:**

Hotel Scandic Paasi, conference room Siltasaari (Paasivuorenkatu 5 A, Helsinki)

### **Flights and fees:**

Business class: 500€ (450€ + 50€ registration fee)\*  
*members of SBGry:* 490€ (450€ + 40€ registration fee)\*

Optional sidepool: 200€

Economy class: 150€ (110€ + 40€ registration fee)\*  
*members of SBGry:* 140€ (110€ + 30€ registration fee)\*

Optional sidepool: 50€

\* Registration fee includes 20€ food/drink voucher to restaurant Juttutupa, which is located right next to the playing area! <http://www.juttutupa.fi/>

4 player jackpots: 20€ & 50€ (inc. 1/8 registration fee)

Only cash accepted.

**Format and match length:**

Business class progressive consolation, match length according to attendance

Economy class progressive consolation, match length according to attendance

*If there are less than 8 players in a class, the format is double elimination.*

4 player jackpots: knock-out, matches to 5 points

**Prize distribution:**

Business class and	1.	45% (main winner)
Economy class:	2.	30% (main finalist)
	3.	15% (consolation winner)
	4.	10% (consolation finalist)

If there are 8-12 players per class, distribution: 50% / 30% / 20%.

If there are less than 8 players in a class, distribution: 70% / 30%. (*format is double elimination*)

Optional side pools: 1. 100%

Jackpots: 1. 100%

**Clocks:**

Business class clock preference (both players still have to agree to use the clock)

Economy class clock preference (both players still have to agree to use the clock)

4 player jackpots: clock option (both players have to agree to use the clock)

The tournament director has the right to force a clock to any match, if the schedule demands it.  
(2 min/point + 12 sec. delay)

### **Schedule:**

Saturday 11.5.2019 (hotel Scandic Paasi, conference room Siltasaari, Paasivuorenkatu 5 A, Helsinki)

<https://www.paasitorni.fi/tilat/siltasaari-sali/>

The conference room is 160 m2 and has served as a silent movie theater in the 1920s and as a pool hall for over 50 years.

12 - 12.45	Registration for Business class and Economy class
12.45 - 13	draw and welcoming speech
13	Games begin!
	Dinner break at half way
02	Doors close

\*4 player jackpots are continuous throughout the day!

The schedule is indicative and is subject to change.

### **Accommodation and arriving:**

Hotel Scandic Paasi (Paasivuorenkatu 5 B) is the most convenient place to stay, but there are other hotels nearby and Hakaniemi is close to the city center and can be accessed by metro, busses and tram numbers 3,6, and 9.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Please announce your arrival to Business and Economy class to e-mail address [suomenbackgammon@gmail.com](mailto:suomenbackgammon@gmail.com).

The registration is not binding but it makes the work of the organizer easier.

Please bring your own board (and clock)!

European Backgammon federation rules apply:

<http://eubgf.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Tournament-Rules-EUBGF-Feb16.pdf>

The jury will be announced in the welcoming speech.

If you have questions or comments about the tournament, please contact:

[suomenbackgammon@gmail.com](mailto:suomenbackgammon@gmail.com).

The organizer holds the right to changes in the details of the tournament.

Tournament organizer: Finnish backgammon association

Tournament director: Simo Huovinen