

# ***Backgammon Finnish Open 2020***

Backgammon Finnish Open is back! Playing venue is located in congress & meeting centre Paasitorni in Hakaniemi Helsinki, in the same building where the tournament was arranged last year. Paasitorni, also known as the Helsinki Workers' House is an exceptional place of historic architecture and diverse cultural history. Superb restaurant and bar Juttutupa is located right next to the playing venue. It is one of oldest still operating restaurants in Helsinki: history in this location dates back to the year 1908.

The tournament format is double elimination + last chance. Players may participate in Business or Economy class. 4 player jackpots of varying sizes are also available.

So why not spend a lovely weekend in sunny (last year it rained, although I promised sunshine, sorry about that. This year though the weather will be great!) Helsinki playing tons of backgammon and enjoying atmospheric restaurant Juttutupa with live rock/blues music, good food and beer!

## **When and where?**

Saturday-Sunday 16.-17.5.2020

Congress & Meeting centre Paasitorni, conference room Karl Lindahl

<https://www.paasitorni.fi/en/spaces/karl-lindahl/>

Paasivuorenkatu 5 A, Helsinki

## **How and for how long?**

Business and Economy class	Double elimination	11 / 7 pts. (ultimately match length will be decided according to the attendance)
Last chance	Single elimination	5 pts.
4 player jackpots	Single elimination	5 pts.

Clocks are recommended, but both players have to agree to using a clock.

If so, 2 min/point + 12 seconds delay. However the tournament director has the right to set a clock to any match, if the schedule demands it.

## How much?

<u>Business class</u>	400€	(340€ main pot, 20€ last chance, 40€ registration fee → includes 20€ food/drink voucher to restaurant Juttutupa)
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Optional side pools	A - 200€
	B - 100€
	C - 50€
	Players may choose 0, 1 or 2 side pools. If two, only A+B or B+C.

<u>Economy class</u>	120€	(70€ main pot, 20€ last chance, 30€ registration fee → includes 20€ food/drink voucher to restaurant Juttutupa)
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Optional side pools	A - 80€
	B - 40€
	C - 20€
	Players may choose 0, 1 or 2 side pools. If two, only A+B or B+C.

<u>Last chance</u>	Included in Business and Economy class, 20€ to others
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Optional side pool	20€
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<u>4 player jackpots</u>	10€ / 20€ / 50€, no registration fee!
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Cash only!

## What time?

### Saturday 16.5.2020

11 - 11.45	Registration for Business and Economy class
11.45 - 12	Draw and opening speech
12	Games begin!
	Dinner break at a convenient time
02	Doors close

### Sunday 17.5.2020

11	Doors open, Business and Economy continues
11 – 11.30	Registration for last chance side pool
11.30	Last chance begins!
~18	Tournament ends (this is an educated guess, not forced)

4 player jackpots are continuous throughout the weekend.

## How much to how many?

Business and Economy class	1. 45%
	2. 30%
	3. 15%
	4. 10%
Last chance	1. 70%
	2. 30%
Side pools	1. 100%
4 player jackpots	1. 100%

## What else?

Please announce your arrival to Business or Economy class to e-mail address:

[suomenbackgammon@gmail.com](mailto:suomenbackgammon@gmail.com). The announcement is not binding but it makes the work of the organizer easier.

Please bring your own board (and clock).

European backgammon association tournament rules apply: <http://eubgf.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Tournament-Rules-EUBGF-Feb16.pdf>

The playing venue and restaurant Juttutupa are located in the same building as hotel Scandic Paasi. <https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/finland/helsinki/scandic-paasi>

Therefore it is the most convenient place to stay.

The tournament organizer holds the right to adjustments regarding the tournament.

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

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

Tournament organizer:	Suomen Backgammon ry. (Finnish Backgammon association)
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Tournament director:	Simo Huovinen
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