



49. BACKGAMMON FINNISH OPEN

SATURDAY – SUNDAY 4.-5.5.2024 - HOTEL MESTARI, HELSINKI
+DOUBLES CONSULTATION FRIDAY 3.5.

INTRODUCTION

- Backgammon Finnish Open is back! It's the 49th edition in the series and we are excited to organize the tournament in a new and classy 4-star venue: hotel Mestari, meaning “master”, fitting name!
- The house of master builders was built in 1932 and has a rich cultural history. Hotel Mestari is the newest link in the chain since 2021. The hotel is located right in the heart of Helsinki few steps away from the buzz of the capital. It has excellent reviews for its location and overall quality.
- After warming up with doubles consultation on Friday, players may participate in Business or Economy class where the format is Munkebjerg cup: double elimination until 8 players left, thereafter single elimination. Those new to the scene can test their skills in Learn to fly!
- On Sunday last chance- tournaments in Business, Economy and Learn to fly for everyone who didn't cash in the main tournament.
- Satellites to Business and Economy on Friday, speedgammon, dmp-tournament and four player jackpots on offer too.
- For the last couple of years we have averaged 40 players in the tournament. Competing with the top Finnish players we have had some very fine players, mostly from other Nordic countries.
- Welcome to Finland to roll some dice!



VENUE & DATE

- ***Hotel Mestari***
- Fredrikinkatu 51, Helsinki
- **Friday 3.5. Doubles consultation**
- Conference rooms Vasara – Mitta, 1. floor
- **Saturday - Sunday 4.-5.5. Main tournament**
- Conference rooms Höylä – Viila, -1. floor

CLASSES AND FEES (CASH ONLY)

Business class

- **350€**
 - 240€ main
 - 30€ last chance
 - 50€ two buffet meals
 - 30€ registration fee
- Side pools:
 - **A. 200€ B. 100€ C. 50€**
- Players may choose 1 or 2 side pools. If two, only A+B or B+C.
- Last chance side pool 20€

Economy class

- **150€**
 - 70€ main
 - 15€ last chance
 - 50€ two buffet meals
 - 15€ registration fee
- Side pools:
 - **A. 60€ B. 30€ C. 20€**
- Players may choose 1 or 2 side pools. If two, only A+B or B+C.
- Last chance side pool 10€

Learn to fly

- **30€ / 40€**
 - 20€ main
 - 10€ last chance
 - (10€ registration fee)
- No registration fee if player takes two buffet meals for 50€
- Side pool 10€
- Last chance side pool 5€

FORMAT AND MATCH LENGTH (17-32 PLAYERS IN A CLASS)

Business class

- **Double elimination until quarter-finals, thereafter single elimination**
- Drawboss "Munkebjerg cup" settings
- Clock 2 min / point + 12 sec. delay

- Undefeated bracket 11 pts.
- Fighters bracket 9 pts.

- Quarter-finals 11 pts.
- Semi-finals 13 pts.
- Final 15 pts.

- Players who are eliminated after 2 rounds are given a bye in last chance, if possible.

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Learn to fly

- **Double elimination or round robin, according to attendance**
- Clock option (only if both players agree) 3 min / point + 15 sec. delay
- Match length will be decided according to the format, most likely 5 or 7 points.
- Main tournament played on Saturday, final of main and last chance for everybody else is played on Sunday.

- Players with the lowest ranking in main tournament are given a bye in last chance, if possible.

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IN A CLASS)

- Business and Economy class will be played as a double elimination format if less than 17 players in a class.
(Drawboss Munkebjerg cup requires at least 17 players)
- There will be only one grand final. The undefeated finalist will be rewarded 10% of the prize pool as a bonus.
- Undefeated bracket 11 pts.
- Fighters bracket 9 pts. fighters final 11 pts.
- Final 15 pts. (starts at 13.00 on Sunday)
- Clock: 2 min / point + 12 sec.
- Players who are eliminated after 2 rounds are given a bye in last chance, if possible.
- Prize distribution:
 - 1. 45% 2. 30% 3. 15%
 - Undefeated finalist: 10%

SIDE TOURNAMENTS

	Doubles consultation = 2 player teams (on Friday)	Satellites 4 players Business / Economy (On Friday)	Speedgammon (re-buy), for players who are already out of main, max. 32 players	DMP (re-buy), for players who are already out of main, max. 32 players	4 player jackpots, throughout the weekend
Format	Single elimination	Single elimination	Single elimination, re-buy option after elimination	Single elimination, re-buy option after elimination	Single elimination
Fee	100€ per team 90€ + 10€ registration	Business 90€ Economy 40€	20€	10€	10€ / 20€ / 50€ / 100€
Side pool	50€	-	10€	5€	-
Match length	7 pts.	7 pts.	5 pts.	1 p.	5 pts. (10€ / 20€ / 50€) 7 pts. (100€)
Clock setting	Obligation 3 min / point + 15 sec.	Obligation 2 min / point + 12 sec.	Obligation 2 min + 10 sec.	Optional 2 min + 12 sec.	Optional 2 min / point + 12 sec.

SCHEDULE

Friday 3.5.

- 17 – 18 Registration Doubles consultation
- 18 **Doubles consultation starts!**
4 player satellites & jackpots
- 24 Doors close

Saturday 4.5.

- 10 – 11.30 Registration Business, Economy & Learn to fly
- 11.30 – 12 Draw and opening speech
- 12 **Business, Economy & Learn to fly starts!**
- 16 – 18 Dinner buffet
- 22 Quarter-finals Business and Economy
- 24 Doors close

Sunday 5.5.

- 10 Doors open
Semi-finals of Business and Economy
- 10.30 – 12 Registration last chance side pools
- 12 **Last chance starts in Business, Economy and Learn to fly!**
- 12.15 – 15 Lunch buffet
- 13 Finals Business, Economy & Learn to fly!
Prize giving ceremony after the finals
- 16.30 Tournament ends (estimation, not forced)

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Doubles consultation	Satellites	Business & Economy	Learn to fly	Last chance	Speed-gammon	DMP	Jackpots	Side pools
1. 70% 2. 30% Trophies to the winners	1. Entry to Business or Economy class	1. 45% 2. 25% 3./4. 15% Trophies to the finalists	1. 70% & Marc Olsen: From basics to badass 2. 30% Trophies to the finalists	1. 70% 2. 30% Trophy to the winner	1. 50% 2. 25% 3. 12,5% 4. 12,5% Trophy to the winner	1. 50% 2. 25% 3. 12,5% 4. 12,5% Trophy to the winner	1. 100%	1. 100% If several players are eliminated in the same round, the pool will be split.

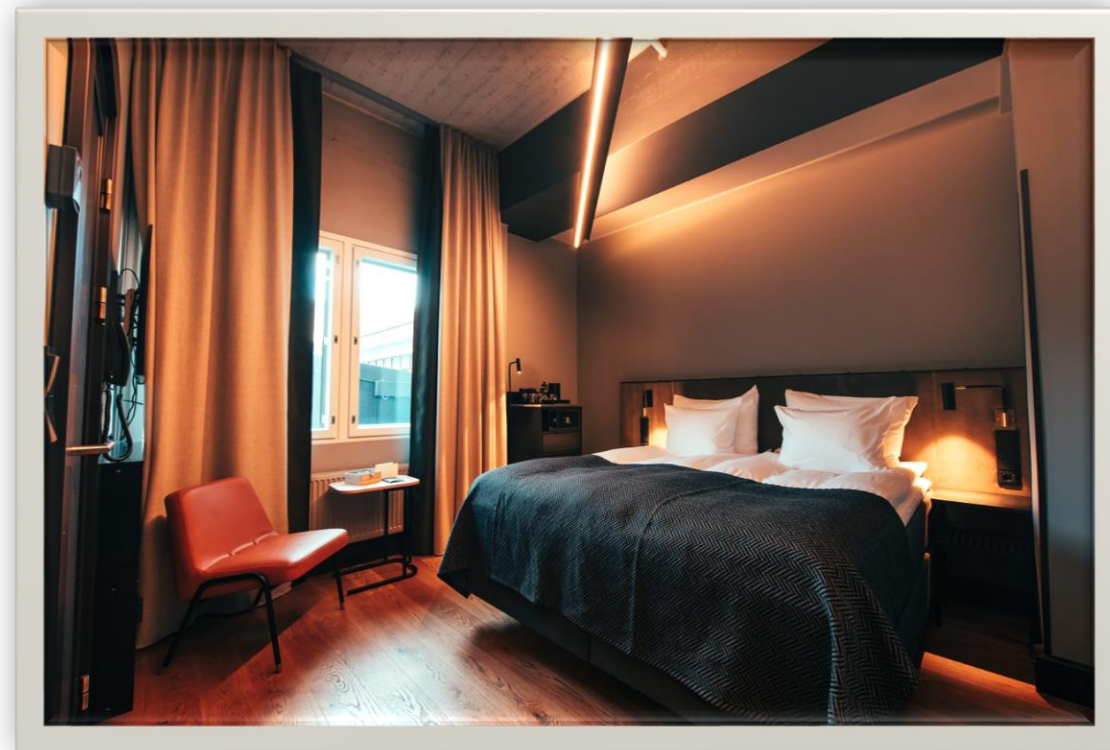
EAT & DRINK

- Business and Economy class includes 2 x buffet meal served by [Latin Bistro & Bar Maestro 51](#)
- Special diets are taken into account if informed beforehand.
 - ❖ **30€ Saturday dinner - street food buffet:** hot dogs, chorizo, patatas bravas, panko breaded giant crab tails, sesame mayonnaise, naan bread, hummus, tzatziki, coleslaw + pecan pie, coffee and tea
 - ❖ **20€ Sunday lunch:** chicken salad, shrimp salad, bread assortment + churros, coffee and tea
- Learn to fly- players are strongly recommended to join in.
- Social guests can join too, if they are announced in advance.
- Food is served next to the playing room, reserved only to us so no need to wait à la carte. The schedule likes it too. On Sunday the restaurant is closed anyway! Furthermore the organizer has guaranteed to pay a certain amount of meals in advance, so please help us meet our quota.
- We have arranged for a private bar just outside the playing room on Saturday 16-24.
- We must inform the hotel about the turnout to the two meals and special diets already 19.4. so **please announce your arrival.**
- Maestro 51 is open on Friday and Saturday 15 – 01, à la carte closes at 23 (last orders 22). Sunday closed.
- Lobby bar Maisu Bread & Sparks is open every day and serves drinks and snacks.



HOTEL ROOMS

- Hotel Mestari offers discount for 3 nights Friday-Monday 3. - 6.5.
- Cancellation without cost until 18.00 on the day of arrival.
- How to get the discount, credit card required:
 1. Go to [hotel Mestari](#), click “book a room”
 2. “add code” “group attendee” **040524BAC**
- **Standard – King bed** **120€ / room / night** **1 person**
- **Standard – King bed** **130€ / room / night** **2 persons**
- **Standard – 2 Twin beds** **120€ / room / night** **1 person**
- **Standard – 2 Twin beds** **130€ / room / night** **2 persons**
- Breakfast and use of hotel gym is included in the price.
- We have not pre-booked the rooms.
- Check-in 15.00, check-out 12.00



ARRIVAL TO THE HOTEL

- The hotel is located:
- 21 km from Helsinki-Vantaa airport
- 2,25 km from Katajanokka terminal (Viking line)
- 1,9 km from Olympia terminal (Tallink & Silja line)
- 0,7 km from main railway station
- 0,65 km from closest metro station
- 0,25 km from Helsinki bus station
- Journey planner, tickets and timetables: <https://www.hsl.fi/en>



WHAT ELSE?

- **Please announce your arrival** to Doubles, Business, Economy or Learn to fly (Learn to fly and social guests if you wish to take part in the meals) and special diets to e-mail address: suomenbackgammon@gmail.com.
- The announcement is important regarding the food orders and ensuring food to everyone, and it makes the work of the organizer easier.
- **Please bring your own board (and clock) if you have one!**
- membership of Suomen Backgammon ry. is required of Finnish players.
- [WBGF tournament rules](#) apply.
- Legal moves apply.
- The tournament organizer holds the right to adjustments regarding the tournament.
- Welcome to Finland!
- Tournament organizer: Finnish Backgammon Association
- Tournament director: Simo Huovinen

