

Backgammon Finnish Open 2020

Invitation was modified 5.2.2020:

- *warm-up tournament / education session added to Friday*
- *super jackpot added*

1.6.2020

- *new date! → 31.10-1.11.2020*

7.9.2020

- *warm-up tournament / education session cancelled!*

26.10.

- *conference room changed: Karl Lindahl → Siltasaari (same lobby!)*
- *passage to the tournament area changed! Check the new address*
- *closing time for Saturday changed: 02 → 23*
- *hotel Scandic Paasi is closed during the tournament*

Backgammon Finnish Open is back! Due to the worldwide spread of corona virus, the tournament was cancelled in May. We hope the situation is better in autumn and decided to postpone the tournament to be played later in the year. 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. Super jackpot and four player jackpots of varying sizes are also available.

So why not spend a lovely weekend in autumnal Helsinki playing tons of backgammon and enjoying atmospheric restaurant Juttutupa with live rock/blues music, good food and beer!

When and where?

Saturday-Sunday 31.10.-1.11.2020

Congress & Meeting centre Paasitorni, conference room Siltasaari

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

Säästöpankinranta 6A, Helsinki (This is the address of restaurant Juttutupa)

Due to the corona situation the other events in the congress center have been apparently cancelled. There are no staff available in the actual congress center during the weekend, hence passage to the tournament area goes through restaurant Juttutupa! They are side by side.

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.
Super jackpot	Single elimination	11 pts.
Four player jackpots	Single elimination	5 pts.

Clocks are recommended, but both players have to agree to use 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.

23 Super jackpot after dinner break
Doors close

Sunday 1.11.2020

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

Four 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%
Super jackpot	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. 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>

However the hotel is closed during the tournament.... But there are many available hotels in the area and in the city center.

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

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

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Tournament director: Simo Huovinen
Antti Virtanen (in reserve)