



# 47. BACKGAMMON FINNISH OPEN

SATURDAY - SUNDAY 21.-22.5.2022 HOTEL VALO HELSINKI

# INTRODUCTION

- Backgammon Finnish Open is back! It's the 47<sup>th</sup> tournament in the series and we are excited to organize the tournament in a new, fresh and stylish location: hotel VALO Helsinki! The hotel has a restaurant serving "cosy and cool Nordic tastes", a wellness area with a gym, saunas and swimming pools, and last but definitely not least: a modern, comfortable, private playing area!
- Players may participate in *Business* or *Economy class*, where the format is progressive consolation. Those new to the scene can test their skills in *Learn to fly-* for free! *Last chance-* tournament and four player jackpots of varying sizes are also available.
- So why not spend a lovely weekend in vernal Helsinki playing backgammon and enjoying yourself! By the way, ice hockey world championship tournament will be played in Tampere and Helsinki 13. - 29.5., only 2 kilometers from the hotel!



# DATE & VENUE

- Saturday - Sunday 21. - 22.5.2022
- [Hotel VALO Helsinki](#)
- Mannerheimintie 109
- ~150 m2 playing area
- Karpalo + Hilla & Pursu
- [Conference rooms](#)

# FLIGHTS AND FEES

## Business class

- **300€** (250€ + 50€ registration fee)
- **25€** buffet dinner included!
- 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.

## Economy class

- **120€** (85€ + 35€ registration fee)
- **25€** buffet dinner included!
- 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.

## Learn to fly

- **For free!**
- Tournament on Saturday
- Side pool 20€



# ALSO AVAILABLE

## Last Chance on Sunday

- Single elimination
- 5 pt. matches
- Fee 30€
- Side pool 20€

## 4 player Jackpots

- Single elimination
- 5 pt. matches
- Fees 10€, 20€, 50€, 100€
- No rake!

# FORMAT AND MATCH LENGTH

## Business class

- **Progressive consolation**
- Undefeated bracket: 11pts.
- Semi-finals 13pts.
- Final 15pts.
  
- Consolation bracket: 7pts.
- Consolation final 9pts.

## Economy class

- **Progressive consolation**
- Undefeated bracket: 11pts.
- Semi-finals 13pts.
- Final 15 pts.
  
- Consolation bracket: 7pts.
- Consolation final 9 pts.

## Learn to fly

- Either **round robin** or **double elimination**
- Format and match length will be decided according to attendance

# GAME CLOCKS

<b>Business class</b>	<b>Economy class</b>	<b>Learn to fly</b>	<b>Last Chance</b>	<b>Jackpots</b>
Clock obligation (mandatory clock)  2 minutes/point + 12 seconds delay	Clock obligation (mandatory clock)  2 minutes/point + 12 seconds delay	Clock option (clock only if both players agree)	Clock obligation (mandatory clock)  2 minutes/point + 12 seconds delay	Clock option (clock only if both players agree)

# SCHEDULE

## **Saturday 21.5.2022**

- 10 - 11.30 Registration - Business, Economy & Learn to fly
- 11.30 - 12 Draw and opening speech - games begin!
- 16 - 18 Dinner buffet
- 24 Doors close

Learn to fly will be played on Saturday!

4 player jackpots throughout the weekend!

## **Sunday 22.5.2022**

- 11 Doors open, Undefeated semi-finals
- 11 - 12.30 Registration - Last Chance
- 12.30 Last Chance begins
- 14.30 Business and Economy finals
- ~17.30 Tournament ends (estimation, not forced)
- 19 Doors close



# PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Business class and Economy class	Learn to fly	Last Chance	Jackpots	Side pools
<p>The pot will be divided: 70% to main 30% to consolation</p> <p>Main winner: <math>70\% \times 65\% = \sim 45\%</math> Main finalist: <math>70\% \times 35\% = \sim 25\%</math></p> <p>Consolation winner: <math>30\% \times 65\% = \sim 20\%</math> Consolation finalist: <math>30\% \times 35\% = \sim 10\%</math></p> <p>Side pool order of precedence: main 1,2, consolation 1,2,3...</p>	<p>Winner is awarded Marc Olsen's backgammon book: <i>"From basics to badass"</i>!</p>	<p>1. 70% 2. 30%</p>	<p>1. 100%</p>	<p>1. 100%</p>

# EAT & DRINK

- The registration fee includes **25€** dinner buffet on Saturday 16-18!
  - ❖ Roasted salmon and fennel sauce with rich and varied salad bar (special diets are taken into account)
- “Learn to fly” and guests can join in dinner buffet for 25€
- We’ve arranged for a private bar on Saturday 12-17
- [Bistro ELO](#) is open on Saturday 17-23 (kitchen 22)
- [Lounge & Bar SUO](#) is open on Saturday 17-24
- On Sunday ELO closes after breakfast (8-11) and SUO is closed...
- ...But there are other restaurants nearby!



# HOTEL ROOMS

- Hotel VALO offers discount for the rooms Friday-Sunday 20. - 22.5.
- Cancellation without cost until the day of arrival 18.00!
- **Smart**                      **105€ / room / night**                      1-2 persons
  - ❖ Double bed
- **Comfort**                      **135€ / room / night**                      1-2 persons
  - ❖ Double bed and 120 cm additional bed
  - ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> person +20€
- **Deluxe**                      **195€ / room / night**                      1-2 persons
  - ❖ Double bed and 120 cm pull out couch bed
  - ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> person + 20€
- Breakfast and use of wellness-area is included in the price!
- We have not pre-booked the rooms, so make sure to book yours in time!  
Use the code "**GAMMON**" while making the reservation.
- Check-in 16.00, check-out 12.00
- <https://valohotel.fi/en/rooms/>



# WELLNESS-AREA

- The wellness-area has a gym, variety of swimming pools (ice pool on the rooftop terrace!), saunas and a bar for the relaxation of the guests!
- *Opening hours (for hotel guests only):*
- Monday-Friday                      8-11,        15-23
- Saturday-Sunday                      8-12.30, 15-23
- <https://valohotel.fi/en/wellness/>



# ARRIVAL TO HOTEL

- The hotel is 17 km away from the Helsinki-Vantaa airport
- 7 km from Viking Line and Silja Line ferry terminals
- 5 km from main railway station and 4 km from Pasila railway station, the two main railway stations in Helsinki
- 2,5 km from Ilmala local railway station
- 350 m from the closest tram stop
- 200 m from the closest bus stop
- There aren't any metro stations nearby, so bus, tram, local train and taxi are the best transport options
- Journey planner, tickets and timetables:  
<https://www.hsl.fi/en>





# WHAT ELSE?

- Please announce your arrival to Business, Economy and Learn to fly 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) if you have one!
- [European Backgammon association rules](#) apply.
- The tournament organizer holds the right to adjustments regarding the tournament.
- Welcome to Finland!
- Tournament organizer: Finnish Backgammon Association
- Tournament director: Simo Huovinen  
Antti Virtanen (in reserve)

