

47. BACKGAMMON FINNISH OPEN <u>SATURDAY - SU</u>NDAY 21.-22.5.2022 HOTEL VALO HELSINKI

INTRODUCTION

 Backgammon Finnish Open is back! It's the 47th 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
- <u>Conference rooms</u>

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

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

• ~17.30

• 19

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
 - Tournament ends (estimation, not forced)
 - Doors close

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

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

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 $25 \in$
- We've arranged for a private bar on Saturday 12-17
- <u>Bistro ELO</u> 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!

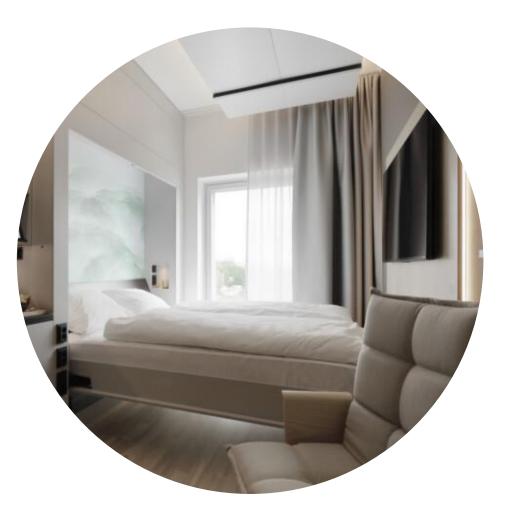


HOTEL ROOMS

- Hotel VALO offers discount for the rooms Friday-Sunday 20. 22.5.
- Cancellation without cost until the day of arrival 18.00!

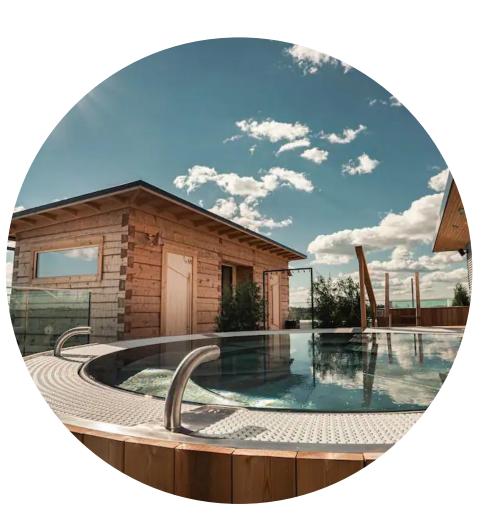
•	Smart	105€ / room /night	1-2 persons	
	*	Double bed		
•	Comf	ort 135€ / room / night	1-2 persons	
	*	Double bed and 120 cm additional bed		
	*	3 rd person +20€		
•	Delux	e 195€ / room / night	1-2 persons	
	*	Double had and 120 cm pull out couch had		

- Double bed and 120 cm pull out couch bed
- ♦ 3rd 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
- <u>https://valohotel.fi/en/rooms/</u>



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
- <u>https://valohotel.fi/en/wellness/</u>



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: <u>https://www.hsl.fi/en</u>



WHAT ELSE?

- Please announce your arrival to Business, Economy and Learn to fly 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) 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 Back
- Tournament director:
- Finnish Backgammon Association
- Simo Huovinen



