



48. BACKGAMMON FINNISH OPEN

SATURDAY – SUNDAY 13.-14.5.2023 - HOTEL VALO HELSINKI

+ WARM-UP TOURNAMENT 12.5.

INTRODUCTION

- Backgammon Finnish Open is here again! It's the 48th edition in the series and we are excited to organize the tournament in the same place as last year: 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 double elimination until quarter-finals, thereafter single elimination, with last chance. Those new to the scene can test their skills in *Learn to fly*- for free! Warm-up tournament on Friday, speedgammon, dmp-tournament and four player jackpots of varying sizes are also available.
- Last year we had 43 players from 4 countries and hope to top those figures this year! So why not spend a lovely weekend in vernal Helsinki playing backgammon and enjoying yourself!



DATE & VENUE

- Friday 12.5. Warm-up tournament
- Sat. – Sun. 13. - 14.5. Main tournament
- [Hotel VALO Helsinki](#)
- Mannerheimintie 109, Helsinki
- ~150 m² playing area
- Karpalo + Hilla & Pursu
- [Conference rooms](#)

CLASSES AND FEES

Business class

- **300€** (225€ main + 25€ last chance + 50€ registration)
- *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€** (70€ main + 10€ last chance + 40€ registration)
- *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!**
- Side pool: 10€
- Tournament on Saturday

FORMAT AND MATCH LENGTH (17-32 PLAYERS)

Business class

- **Double elimination until quarter-finals, thereafter single elimination**
- **Drawboss "munkebjerg cup"- settings**

- Undeclared bracket 11 pts.
- Fighters bracket 7 pts.

- Quarter-finals 11 pts.
- Semi-finals 13 pts.
- Final 15 pts.
- Clock: 2min/point + 12 sec.

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

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Learn to fly

- Either **round robin** or **double elimination**, decided according to attendance
- Match length will be decided according to attendance, most likely 5 pts. or 7 pts.
- No clocks

FORMAT AND MATCH LENGTH

(IF LESS THAN
17 PLAYERS IN
A CLASS)

- Business and Economy will be played with double elimination format using Drawboss "world championship"-cup settings, if there are less than 17 players in a class.
- It means that 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 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. 40% 2. 30% 3. 20%
 - Undefeated finalist: 10%

SIDE TOURNAMENTS

	Warm-up (on Friday)	Speedgammon (re-buy) max. 32 players	DMP (re-buy) max. 32 players	Last chance (on Sunday)	4 player jackpots, throughout the weekend!
Format	Single elimination	Single elimination (registration closes Saturday 21.00)	Single elimination (registration closes Saturday 21.00)	Single elimination	Single elimination
Fee	40€	20€	10€	Included in Business and Economy	10€ / 20€ / 50€ / 100€
Side pool	20€	10€	10€	Bus. 20€, Eco. 10€	-
Match length	5 or 7 pts., aiming for max. ~5h duration	5 pts.	1 p.	5 pts.	5 pts. (10/20/50€) 7 pts. (100€)
Clock setting	Optional 2 min/point + 12 sec.	2 min + 10 sec.	Optional 2 min + 12 sec.	10 min + 12 sec.	Optional 2 min/point + 12 sec.

SCHEDULE (17-32 PLAYERS)

Friday 12.5.

- 18.30 – 19 Registration warm-up tournament
- 19 – 24ish Warm-up tournament

Saturday 13.5.

- 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 available
- 21 Re-buy tournaments - registration closes
- 21.30 Quarter-finals
- 24 Doors close

Sunday 14.5.

- 10 Doors open – semi-finals
- 10.30 – 12 Registration last chance side pools
- 12 **Last chance starts!**
- 13 Finals!
- Prize giving ceremony after the finals
- 17 Tournament ends (estimation, not forced)

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Business & Economy	Warm-up	Learn to fly	Last chance	Speed-gammon	DMP	Jackpots	Sidepools
1. 40% 2. 24% 3./4. both 12% The 4 undefeated players after double elimination will each receive 3% of the pool Trophies to the finalists	1. 70% 2. 30%	1. BG board by Philos 2. Bill Robertie: 501 Essential backgammon problems 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%	1. 100%	1. 100% If two or more players are eliminated in the same round, the pool will be split.

EAT & DRINK

- The registration fee includes **25€** dinner buffet on Saturday 16-18!
 - ❖ 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 Friday and Saturday 17-23 (kitchen 22)
- [Lounge & Bar SUO](#) is open on Friday and Saturday 17-01
- 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 12. - 14.5.
- Cancellation without cost until the day of arrival 18.00!
- **Smart** **105€ / room / night** 1-2 persons
 - ❖ Double bed
- **Comfort** **135€ / room / night** 1-3 adults
 - ❖ Double bed and 120 cm additional bed
 - ❖ 3rd person +20€
- **Deluxe** **195€ / room / night** 1-3 adults
 - ❖ Double bed and 120 cm pull out couch bed
 - ❖ 3rd person + 20€
- Breakfast is included in the price!
- We have not pre-booked the rooms, so make sure to book yours in time! Use the discount code “**GAMMON**” while making the reservation.
- Check-in 16.00, check-out 12.00
- <https://valohotel.fi/en/rooms/>



WELLNESS-AREA

- Access to the wellness-area is included in Comfort and Deluxe room types. It 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, 15-23
- <https://valohotel.fi/en/wellness/>



ARRIVAL TO THE 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 Warm-up, 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!
- membership of Suomen Backgammon ry. is required for Finnish players.
- [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 directors: Simo Huovinen & Antti Virtanen

