



# 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 48<sup>th</sup> 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 m<sup>2</sup> 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**
- Undefeated 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!
<b>Format</b>	Single elimination	Single elimination (registration closes Saturday 21.00)	Single elimination (registration closes Saturday 21.00)	Single elimination	Single elimination
<b>Fee</b>	40€	20€	10€	Included in Business and Economy	10€ / 20€ / 50€ / 100€
<b>Side pool</b>	20€	10€	10€	Bus. 20€, Eco. 10€	-
<b>Match length</b>	5 or 7 pts., aiming for max. ~5h duration	5 pts.	1 p.	5 pts.	5 pts. (10/20/50€) 7 pts. (100€)

# 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%  Trophy to the winner	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!
  - ❖ Asian chicken, roasted vegetables with a rich salad bar (special diets are taken into account, so please inform us if you have one)
- “Learn to fly” players can join in dinner buffet for 25€
- [Bistro ELO](#) is open on Friday and Saturday 17-23 (kitchen 22)
- [Lounge & Bar SUO](#) is open on Friday 17-01 and Saturday 12-01
- On Sunday ELO closes after breakfast (8-11) and SUO is closed...
- But we have arranged a 20€ brunch buffet on Sunday 12-15:
  - ❖ Potato-vegetable omelette, sausage, meatball, falafel, sriracha mayonnaise, croissant, pesto, cheese, lettuce, tomato, smoothie, fresh fruits, pastries and cookies!
  - ❖ I must inform the hotel about the turnout to the two buffets at latest 8.5. so please announce your arrival and tell if you wish to take part in the Sunday buffet!



# 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
  - ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> person +20€
- **Deluxe** **195€ / room / night** 1-3 adults
  - ❖ Double bed and 120 cm pull out couch bed
  - ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (and if you wish to take part in the Sunday buffet) 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!
- membership of Suomen Backgammon ry. is required of Finnish players.
- [World \(ex-European\) 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

