



BACKGAMMON MASTERS AWARDING BODY (USA)

BMAB (USA) St. Louis Ranking Tournament

Thursday, October 19th, 2023

Dear Backgammon Player,

You are invited to participate in a **Backgammon Masters Awarding Body (USA)** Ranking Tournament which will be held at the **Holiday Inn Airport West, 3400 Rider Trail South, St. Louis, MO 63045**. This special event takes place on the first day of the St. Louis Gateway Open Backgammon Tournament

The format of the tournament is as follows. **First 4 rounds are random pairings, the last round is Swiss pairing 9 point matches.** All matches will be played with game clocks, which will be set at 18 minutes of bank time and a 12 second delay for each match. Moreover, all matches played will be recorded and subsequently transcribed into match files which will then be analyzed by the current version of eXtremeGammon (XG) using BMAB settings. Each participant will receive the files of their matches.

The tournament will have the following tentative schedule:

- 10:30 am – Registration
- 11:00 am – Announcements and Door Prizes
- 11:15 am – Rounds 1 to 4
- End around 5:30 PM
- Friday 10:00 am – Round 5

Round 5 will be Swiss paring. In addition, participants can take a quiz when they are free from playing. The quiz will be free to take and winner will receive a refund on transcription services.

Tournament cost is **\$100 entry fee into a prize pool (100% return) , \$50 registration, and \$25 match transcription fee.**

Space may be limited so reserve as soon as possible.



The prize will be distributed as follows but may be adjusted depending on the number of participants: \$100 will go to the player determined by XG gammon to have been the “unluckiest”. Of the remaining prize pool:

- 50% Tournament Winner
- 25% Tournament Runner-Up
- 12.5% 3rd 4th Place

There will also be four side pools:

- Side pool A (100% return) \$50 entry
- Side pool B (100% return) \$100 entry
- PR Side pool C (**110% return**) \$100 entry

To enter side pool B, side pool A must also be entered. All can enter PR side pool C.

For each side pool, the winner and runner-up take 67% and 33% of the pool money.

However, if fewer than 4 players enter one (or more) side-pool, the winner will take all.

The criteria for determining the tournament winners (and winner of side-pools A and B) will be based solely on the number of match wins. PR is only taken into account for the PR side pools. Where ties occur, the prize money will be shared equally.

With regard to the PR side pool, any score within 1% of the lowest PR shall be deemed to share first place (and first place only).

The PR prize will be awarded to the two players -- or one player if fewer than 4 players are in the PR side pool -- with the lowest aggregate PR, determined from the completed XG player profiles, which weighs the PR from each match against the number of decisions made. The PR prize cannot be awarded until all the matches are transcribed and then analyzed. It is expected that there will be a one week period between completion of tournament and the award of PR prize. Although there will be an effort for the full results to be completed by Sunday

All match files from the tournament will become public domain material and the complete results of the tournament will subsequently be reported and submitted to the



Backgammon Masters Awarding Body (BMAB). Video files will be posted to organizers YouTube accounts.

If you accept the invitation it is imperative that you commence and complete the tournament, as a late cancellation will have a negative impact of the whole format for all participants.

We hope all participants will enjoy the challenge of the tournament and its original format.

Sincerely Yours,

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