

SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 26th

- 11:00 am *Player's Cup BMAB Event Begins*
- 1:00 pm *Registration Begins for All Events, Silent Auction for Main Event Begins*
- 2:00 pm *Quickie/DMP, Cancelgammon, Knock-Outs & Warm Up Begin*
- 3:00 pm *Speedgammon, Tansey Challenge, & LW Interm. Challenge Begin*
- 6:30 pm *Warm Up Begins*
- 7:00 pm *Gateway Jackpot Begins*

Friday, September 27th

- 10:00 am *Gateway Jackpot Continues*
- 11:00 am *Side Events Continue*
- 12:00 pm *Masters Jackpot & Intermediate-Jackpot **Early Start***
- 7:00 pm *Doubles Begin*
- 7:15 pm *Masters Jackpot & Intermediate Jackpot **Late Start***
- 11:00 pm *Registration Closes for Main Event*

Saturday, September 28th

- 10:00 am *Welcome Announcements, Silent Auction Ends*
- 10:30 am *ABT Swiss Round 1*
- 12:00 pm *Novice Division Begins*
- 12:30 pm *ABT Swiss Round 2*
- 2:30 pm *ABT Swiss Round 3*
- 4:30 pm *Dinner Break*
- 7:00 pm *ABT Swiss Round 4*
- 9:00pm *ABT Swiss Round 5*

Sunday, September 29th

- 10:30 am *Side Events Continue*
- 10:30 am *ABT Swiss Round 6*
- 12:30 pm *ABT Swiss Round 7*
- 2:30 pm *ABT Swiss Round 8*
- 4:30 pm *ABT Swiss Round 9*
- 5:00 pm *After Tournament Begins*

HOTEL INFORMATION

The **ST. LOUIS GATEWAY OPEN** will be hosted at the **HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT WEST (3400 Rider Trail South, St. Louis, MO, 63045)**

Close to the airport and casinos, with **free shuttle service!** For shuttle service call hotel at (314) 291 - 6800

\$119/night, single or double occupancy
Includes parking & internet

TO OBTAIN EVENT DISCOUNT AND BOOK, PLEASE VISIT -
GatewayGammon.com/venue

REGISTRATION

Registration available in person or online:
GatewayGammon.com/Registration

Registration fee of \$60 for those staying at the hotel or local to St. Louis or \$80 otherwise.

HOSPITALITY

Come to St. Louis: Enjoy daily meals from local businesses and Fresh baked Grandma's cookies. Details at gatewaygammon.com/abt

LIVE STREAMING

The Saint Louis Gateway Open will feature a continuous live stream, hosted on the USBGF YouTube channel. Follow along all weekend at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@USBGF64>

SAINT LOUIS GATEWAY BACKGAMMON CLUB

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SAINT LOUIS GATEWAY OPEN

BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2024

at the

HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT WEST

3400 Rider Trail South, St. Louis, MO 63045

SPECIAL ROOM RATE \$119/NIGHT!

featuring

- ABT SWISS FORMAT MAIN EVENT
 - 3 JACKPOTS (\$100, \$500, \$1000)
 - PLAYER'S CUP: BMAB
 - NUMEROUS SIDE EVENTS
 - ONGOING KNOCKOUTS
- and
- NO RAKE ON SIDE POOLS!**

for more info and to register, please visit -

GATEWAYGAMMON.COM/ABT

or contact tournament directors

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ABT MAIN EVENT



Players in the Main Event are eligible to receive American Backgammon Tour (ABT) points. Membership in the U.S. Backgammon Federation is required to play in the Main Event. Renew or join at usbgf.org.

Open & Intermediate are modified Swiss format, triple elimination

Novice format TBD (depending on number of entrants, most likely a round robin)

division	entry fee	side pool(s)	length
open	\$300	\$300 & \$150	9 pts.
intermediate	\$150	\$50	9 pts.
novice	\$30	-	5 pts.

Players in the Open division may join one, both, or neither side pool. Intermediate side pool is optional.

Clocks are required in the open and intermediate divisions, set at 12sec offset/2min per point

**90% return on entry fee,
100% on side pools!**

Modified Swiss Format Details

Players will be eliminated when they lose their third match. Byes will be treated as wins. Players with two losses are still eligible to cash, but can no longer win the tournament. When the tournament starts, we will identify the maximum number of places that we are willing to pay. Payout structures will be announced after play has begun. If at the end of any round, the number of players with fewer than three losses is less than or equal to the maximum number of places we are willing to pay, we will transition to the "playoff rules".

More details at GatewayGammon.com/ABT

SIDE EVENTS

Player's Cup - BMAB

START TIME: Thursday 11am
details - playerscupbackgammon.com

Gateway Jackpot

START TIME: Thursday 7pm
ENTRY FEE: \$1000 (95% return)
SIDE POOL: \$300 *
LENGTH: 13 pts
CLOCK: 2m/12sec

Master's Jackpot

START TIME: Fri 12pm & Fri 7pm
ENTRY FEE: \$500
SIDE POOL: \$200 *
LENGTH: 11 pts
CLOCK: 2m/12sec

Intermediate Jackpot

START TIME: Fri 12pm & Fri 7pm
ENTRY FEE: \$150
SIDE POOL: \$50 *
LENGTH: 9 pts
CLOCK: 2m/12sec

Quickie/D.M.P

START TIME: Thursday 2pm
ENTRY FEE: \$20
LENGTH: 1 pts

SpeedGammon

START TIME: Thursday 3pm
ENTRY FEE: \$60
SIDE POOL: \$30 *
LENGTH: 7 pts
CLOCK: 2m total/10sec delay

CancelGammon

START TIME: Thursday 2pm
ENTRY FEE: \$30
SIDE POOL: \$10 *
LENGTH: 5 pts
CLOCK: 2m/12sec

SIDE EVENTS

Warm Up

START TIME: Thursday 3pm
ENTRY FEE: \$40
SIDE POOL: \$20 *
LENGTH: 7 pts
CLOCK: 2m/12sec

Doubles

START TIME: Friday 7pm
ENTRY FEE: \$300
SIDE POOL: \$100 *
LENGTH: 7 pts
CLOCK: 3m/15sec

After Tournament

START TIME: Sunday 5:30pm
ENTRY FEE: \$60
SIDE POOL: \$30 *
LENGTH: 5 pts

Tansey Open Challenge **

START TIME: Thursday 3pm
ENTRY FEE: \$60
SIDE POOL: \$30 *
LENGTH: 7 pts
CLOCK: 2m/12sec

LW Intermediate Challenge **

START TIME: Thursday 3pm
ENTRY FEE: \$30
SIDE POOL: \$10 *
LENGTH: 7 pts
CLOCK: 2m/12sec

STL Gateway Weekly

START TIME: Monday 10 am
ENTRY FEE: \$10
SIDE POOL: \$10 *
LENGTH: 7 pts, Double Elim.

100% RETURN ON ALL SIDEPOOLS

90% return on all entry fees

* - Side events that allow continuous entry with the side pool carrying over to the next entry

** - The Tansey Open Challenge and LW Intermediate Challenge are lower stakes, single elimination events where re-entry is allowed. All sidepools carry to the next re-entry.