

2nd Backgammon Festival Aachen

It's more than a game, more than a sport.

WBGF World Doubles Championship

& Individual Categories

July 16 - 22, 2025

City Palace

Erholungs-Gesellschaft Aachen 1837

CURIOUS?
Guests
are very
welcome!

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Esteemed Partner

WBGF,
represented by
the president Bernhard Mayr



It's more than a game, more than a sport.

We cordially invite you to celebrate our mindsport gathering in the historical European City of Aachen.

We offer you:

- **The official WBGF World Doubles Championship**
- **Main individual category "Charlemagne Open" with 2 flights**
- **BMAB Event**
- **3 Amateurs Events, daily Rookies Tournaments**
- **Variety of side events (Speed, Pro/Am Doubles, Jackpots, Fun-Tournament)**
- **Lectures**
- **Seminars**
- **Player auction**
- **Gala Dinner**
- **Live streaming every day and more...**



Come and enjoy
the spirit of Aachen



Program

Daily
11:00 am
Speedgammon
& Jackpots

Wednesday, 16th July 15:00 – 17:00 Registration BMAB-Tournament
17:15 Start BMAB-Tournament
19:00 – 20:30 Dinner Break
20:30 BMAB-Tournament continues

Thursday, 17th July 11:00 BMAB-Tournament continues
11:00 – 16:30 Registration WBGF Doubles
16:30 Opening ceremony
17:00 Start WBGF Doubles
17:30 Start Amateur Event 1
19:00 – 20:30 Dinner Break
20:30 WBGF Doubles continues

Friday, 18th July 10:00 Lecture 1: AI & Backgammon (engl.)
11:00 WBGF Doubles continues
13:30 Amateur Event 1 continues
17:00 WBGF Doubles Playoffs
19:00 – 20:30 Dinner Break
20:30 WBGF Doubles Last 16
22:30 Start Fun-Tournament

Saturday, 19th July 10:00 Lecture 2: The Anki Method (engl.)
11:00 WBGF Doubles continues until final
11:00 Start Super/Limited Jackpot
13:30 Start Amateur Event 2
10:00 – 16:30 Registration Charlemagne Open
17:00 Start Charlemagne Open
19:00 – 20:30 Dinner Break
20:30 Charlemagne Open continues

Sunday, 20th July 10:00 Lecture 3: The Anki Method (deutsch)
11:00 Charlemagne Open continues
13:30 Amateur Event 2 continues
10:00 – 16:30 Registration Pro/Am Doubles
17:00 Start Pro/Am Doubles
19:00 – 20:30 Dinner Break
20:30 Pro/Am Doubles continues

Monday, 21th July 10:00 Lecture 4: Interactive Seminar
11:00 Start Charlemagne Open Knockout
11:00 Start Charlemagne Open Consolation
13:30 Start Amateur Event 3
19:00 **Gala Evening**

Tuesday, 22th July 10:00 Start Charlemagne Open Last Chance
11:00 Charlemagne Open Semifinals
11:00 Amateur Event 3 continues
13:00 Charlemagne Open Finals
13:00 Pro/Am Doubles Final
15:00 Surprise
17:00 Award ceremony

Daily
from 13:00
Rookie-
Tournaments

Category Fees & Prizes

Extra
Registration Fee
Gala Dinner
100€

| Category | Entry Fee | Registration Fee | Sidepool *1 |
|--------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------|
| WBGF World Doubles | 400 | 100 | 200 |
| Open Masters | 400 | 100 | 200 |
| Open Intermediates | 220 | 80 | 100 |
| Amateurs | 60 | 40 | -- |
| Rookies | -- | 25 *2 | -- |
| Super Jackpot | 440 | 60 | 200 |
| Limited Jackpot | 120 | 30 | 50 |
| Pro/Am Doubles | 240 | 60 | 100 |
| Speedgammon | 40 | 10 | -- |
| BMAB Event | 100 | 150 *3 | 100 *4 |
| Fun Tournament | 20 | -- | -- |

*1 optional, 90% payout

*2 free for players under 18 years

*3 recording and transcription included

*4 2 separate sidepools, for points and for best PR

100% of entry fees will be returned as money prize.

| Prizes | Share of Prize Pool (%) | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | QF |
| WBGF World Doubles | 52 | 24 | 16 | 8 | |
| Open (more than 80 players) | 34 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 3 |
| Consolation | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | |
| Last Chance | 4 | 2 | | | |
| Open (up to 80 players) | 38 | 16 | 8 | 8 | |
| Consolation | 16 | 8 | | | |
| Last Chance | 6 | | | | |
| Amateurs | 70 | 30 | | | |
| Rookies | *1 | | | | |
| Super Jackpot (32 players) | 52 | 24 | 12 | 12 | |
| Limited Jackpot (16 players) | 70 | 30 | | | |
| Pro/Am Doubles | 52 | 24 | 12 | 12 | |
| Speedgammon | 52 | 24 | 12 | 12 | |
| Fun Tournament | *2 | | | | |
| BMAB Event *1 | 55 | 30 | 15 | | |

*1 Non-cash prizes

*2 Prizes will be shared
between players with
equal points

Match Length

| Category | Stage | Match Length | Time Control |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| WBGF World Doubles Championship | Swiss + Playoffs | 7 | 21 min + 15 sec |
| | Knockout | 7 | 21 min + 15 sec |
| | Final | 9 | 27 min + 15 sec |
| Charlemagne Open Masters + Intermediates | Swiss + Playoffs | 7 | 14 min + 12 sec |
| | Main Knockout | 9 | 18 min + 12 sec |
| | Main Final | 11 | 22 min + 12 sec |
| | Consolation | 7 | 14 min + 12 sec |
| | Conso Final | 9 | 18 min + 12 sec |
| | Last Chance Speed | 5 | 2 min + 10 sec |
| Amateurs *1 | All rounds | 7 | 14 min + 12 sec |
| Rookies *2 | All rounds | 3 x 1 | |
| Super Jackpot | All rounds | 9 | 18 min + 12 sec |
| Limited Jackpot | All rounds | 9 | 18 min + 12 sec |
| Pro/Am Doubles | All rounds | 7 | 21 min + 15 sec |
| Speedgammon | All rounds | 5 | 2 min + 10 sec |
| BMAB Event | 6 rounds | 7 | 14 min + 12 sec |
| Fun Tournament | All rounds | Infos at the venue | |

*1 clock usage optional

*2 3 x double match point



Tournament Location



ERHOLUNGS-GESELLSCHAFT
AACHEN

City Palace
Erholungs-Gesellschaft
Aachen 1837

Reihstraße 13,
52062 Aachen



A historic city palace, magnificent rooms,
plenty of space for innovation and lots of backgammon.

The Erholungs-Gesellschaft Aachen 1837 welcomes you
to the second Backgammon Festival in its stately home in the heart of Aachen.



Hotel Recommendations

B&B Hotel Aachen-City

Großkölnstraße 57-63
52062 Aachen
Tel: +49 241 9437967-0



Motel One Aachen

Kapuzinergraben 6-10
52062 Aachen
Tel: +49 241 913896-0



Hotel ibis Aachen Marschiertor

Friedlandstraße 6-8
52064 Aachen
Tel: +49 241 47880



Mercure Hotel Aachen am Dom

Peterstraße 1
52062 Aachen
Tel: +49 241 18010



Parkhotel Quellenhof Aachen

Monheimsallee 52
52062 Aachen
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Gala Evening



**“We celebrate our sport,
we celebrate our community.”**

Let's spend a fantastic evening with friends and guests in a festive setting. **The cost contribution of €100** is mandatory for all participants of the Charlemagne Open or Pro/Am Doubles.

We present you a multi-course gala dinner, free drinks, live entertainment, special guests, and some surprises. The best way to meet your Backgammon friends apart from the board and to have fun together.

We look forward to seeing you.

The Gala Evening will take place in the historic event location **Ballsaal**.
Altes Kurhaus Aachen • Kurhausstr. 1 • 52062 Aachen

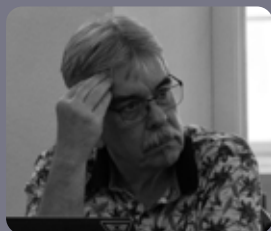


Lectures & Seminars

Our speakers cordially invite you to their presentations.

Whether basics for beginners, strategies for advanced players or new skills for professionals - there's something for everyone here.

A one-off participation fee of **50€** entitles you to take part in all seminars.



Lecture:
AI & Backgammon
www.bgblitz.com



Frank Berger



Lecture:
The Anki Method
www.xg2anki.de



Rainer Birkle



Interactive Seminar

www.dirk-schiemann.de

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**Check our website
for more information**

Important Notes

- Intermediate events are not open to players
 - * with an average PR under 6 on BMAB or WBIF
 - * experienced players with skills comparable to the above criteria**In cases of doubt, the Tournament Director decides**
- In the Pro/Am Doubles, one player of a team must be eligible for the Intermediate flight
- It is not allowed to enter a Doubles event as a single player.
- Should a player wish to leave the playing area during the tournament, he/she must inform the Tournament Director. Failure to do so may result in penalty points being assigned.
- The tournament will be played on professional tournament boards.
- All players are expected to be dressed appropriately.
- Detailed information is published on the website **www.hirnakrobat-backgammonevents.de**
 - * World Doubles Championship Regulations
 - * Charlemagne Open Tournament Format



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