

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Cell Phone _____

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Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

The pre-registration deadline is Tuesday, April 30, 2019 (postmark). Late payments will not be accepted and the sender's check will be voided. Payments after the deadline must be made on-site in cash.

Event	Entry	Reg Fee	Deposit
<input type="checkbox"/> Championship ABT Optional \$100 Side Pool	\$300	* \$25/\$40	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced ABT Optional \$50 Side Pool	\$150	* \$25/\$40	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate ABT No Optional Side Pool	\$50	* \$25/\$40	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> Novice ABT No Optional Side Pool	\$20	\$0	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> Masters Jackpot Optional \$200 Side Pool	\$500	\$0	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Jackpot Optional \$100 Side Pool	\$250	\$0	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Jackpot Optional \$50 Side Pool	\$150	\$0	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Tournament of Stars Optional \$100 Side Pool	\$200 Per Team	\$0	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> Cherry Blossom JP No Optional Side Pool	\$1000	\$0	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> BMAB-USA Event Multiple Side Pools	\$100	\$50	\$50
Total Enclosed	\$		

* USBGF members pay a \$25 registration fee. Non-members pay \$40.

Players residing outside the USA may pre-register without sending a deposit. ABT registration deadline and payment of all fees is 11:00 pm, May 10, 2019.

Register online at cherryblossombackgammon.com, offering credit card payment options, or you may pay in cash at the door.

Or mail your check along with this form and make check payable to:

Karen Davis
411 N. New River Drive, East, #10-05
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Any entry may be refused with no reason required. The tournament director and staff reserve the right to disallow an entrant to play below their level.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hyatt Regency Dulles

\$118 Plus Taxes Per Night Group Rate

Reserve Online at cherryblossombackgammon.com

The venue for the 2019 Cherry Blossom Championship is the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Washington Dulles Airport located at 2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard, Herndon, Virginia 20171.

Reservations must be made no later than **April 15th, 2019** to guarantee this special rate. This rate is valid from May 8-13, and if space available, from May 5-8 and May 13-15.

Reserve Your Room By Phone

Call 1.888.421.1442

To make your reservations by phone, call 1.888.421.1442 and mention "CHERRY BLOSSOM BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP" to take advantage of our discounted group rate.

Complimentary shuttle service to and from Dulles airport, and Reston Town Center on Friday and Saturday evening from 6-9 pm. Suggested activities include visiting the Udvar-Hazy Center Air and Space Museum, Shenandoah National Park, over 80 wineries and vineyards, and local championship golf course. Take a short Metro ride to DC and check out over 100 popular landmarks, museums, and national monuments.

Complimentary on-site parking and high-speed Wi-Fi in guest rooms and conference rooms. Enjoy amenities such as 24-hour StayFit® Gym, indoor pool and hot tub, plus a 10% discount on food and beverages to tournament attendees at the hotel's Elements Restaurant. This hotel has a smoke-free policy.

TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

All events are LEGAL MOVES and will be played in accordance with the U.S. Backgammon Federation Rules.

The director may clock any match in any event, either at the beginning of or during a match, in order to ensure a smooth flow of the bracket. Unless otherwise specified, all clock settings are 2 minutes per point reserve time, 12 second delay.

CLOCKS REQUIRED: A clock must be used.

CLOCKS PREFERRED: A clock must be used if either player requests it & provides their own clock.

CLOCKS IF AGREED: A clock may be used if both players agree.

All players must be prepared to start a match in the main event or any jackpot or side event up to 11:45 pm. Players behind schedule may be required to play the next morning earlier than the start time printed in this brochure.

Directors may require that selected matches be streamed.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

06:30 pm BMAB-USA Registration

07:00 pm BMAB-USA Tournament Begins

Thursday, May 9, 2019

10:30 am BMAB-USA Continues

12:00 pm Registration Begins for All Events

01:00 pm Cherry Blossom Jackpot Begins (max 16)

02:00 pm USBGF National Championship East Qualifiers Begin

03:00 pm Senior Senators / Young Pols Begins - Cont. Entry

07:00 pm George Washington Masters Jackpot Starts (max 32)

07:15 pm Abraham Lincoln Open Jackpot Starts (max 32)

07:30 pm Thomas Jefferson Limited Jackpot Starts (max 32)

08:00 pm Warm-Up Tournament (\$50 and \$20 entry)

Friday, May 10, 2019

09:30 am Registration Continues for All Events

10:00 am Announcements

10:30 am USBGF Tournament of Stars Selections

11:00 am USBGF Tournament of Stars Begins

02:00 pm George Washington Masters JP 2nd Start (max 32)

02:00 pm Abraham Lincoln Open Jackpot 2nd Start (max 32)

02:30 pm Thomas Jefferson Limited Jackpot 2nd Start (max 32)

05:00 pm Dinner Break

07:00 pm Play Resumes in All Events; Last Jackpot Entries

07:00 pm Nation's Capital Doubles Begins

11:00 pm **ABT Championship & Advanced Div. Registration Deadline & Payment of Fees (max of 64 entrants per division)**

Saturday, May 11, 2019

10:00 am ABT Intermediate & Novice Div. Registration Closes

10:30 am Announcements

11:00 am ABT Championship Division Begins

11:15 am ABT Advanced Division Begins

11:30 am ABT Intermediate & Novice Divisions Begin

05:00 pm Dinner Break — Optional Intern. & Novice Dinner

07:00 pm Play Resumes in All Events

07:30 pm Alfred Mamlet Newcomers Freeroll Begins

08:00 pm Last Entry for National Championship East Qualifiers

08:00 pm Last Entry for Continuous Entry Side Events

Sunday, May 12, 2019

09:00 am Teaching Match to be Announced

10:00 am Play Resumes in All Events

10:30 am Ntl. Champ. East Begins (direct entry & qual. winners)

11:00 am Mother's Day Trny (women not alive in other events)

12:00 pm Novice Jackpot Begins

12:30 pm 4-Player Knockouts

04:00 pm Championship, Advanced, Intern., & Novice Finals

04:30 pm Cherry Blossom, Masters, Open, & Limited JP Finals

05:00 pm USBGF National Championship East Final

MAIN TOURNAMENT

ABT Championship Division Entry: \$300

Return: 90% Optional Side Pool: \$100

Open to all. Double elimination format with progressive consolation. 11pts in Main, 9pts in Second Chance, & 7pts in Consolation. CLOCKS REQUIRED at 2m/12s. Max of 64 entrants.

ABT Advanced Division Entry: \$150

Return: 90% Optional Side Pool: \$50

Open to players not deemed of Championship level & subject to eligibility approval. Double elim format with progressive consolation. 9pts in Main, 7pts in Second Chance, & 5pts in Consolation. CLOCKS REQUIRED at 3m/15s. Max of 64 entrants.

ABT Intermediate Division Entry: \$50

Return: 90%

Open to players with commensurate skill level. Double elim format with progressive consolation. 7pts in Main, 5pts in Second Chance, & 3pts in Consolation. CLOCKS IF AGREED at 3m/15s. **Artgammon travel board awarded to the winner!**

ABT Novice Division Entry: \$20

Return: 90%

Open to players with commensurate skill level. One-day event. Complimentary USBGF membership for new entrants. **CHH board awarded to the winner! Registration fee is waived.**

USBGF EVENTS, FREEROLL, & BMAB

USBGF Tournament of Stars Entry: \$200

Return: 85% Team Side Pool: \$100

Doubles tournament pairing USBGF Founding Sponsors with Giants of Backgammon, & noteworthy players. Single elimination. 7pts. CLOCKS REQUIRED at 3m/15s. **\$165 added.**

USBGF National Championship East

Free initial qualifier entry Carry-Over Side Pool: \$100

Free initial qualifier entry for USBGF members (\$50 for non-members) & unlimited \$50 re-entries. Winners of 8-player single elim brackets receive \$100 and advance to playoff. \$250 direct entry option. CLOCKS PREFERRED at 2m/12s. **\$500 added. FTH board awarded to winner of East vs. West final. Only USBGF members are eligible for added money & board.**

Alfred Mamlet Newcomers Freeroll

Entry: Free

This tournament is offered to first-time ABT entrants. 3pt rounds. Single elimination. **\$200 added prize money.**

BMAB-USA Tournament Entry: \$100

Multiple optional side pools. 100% return. \$50 event fee. Starts Wed. at 7pm. Four 11pt rounds. CLOCKS REQUIRED at 2m/12s.

SIDE EVENTS

Cherry Blossom Jackpot

Entry: \$1000 Return: 95%

High stakes single elimination jackpot. Best 2-of-3 matches for 9 pts. No separate PR prize. CLOCKS REQUIRED at 2m/12s settings. Maximum of 16 entrants.

George Washington Masters Jackpot

Entry: \$500 Side Pool: \$200 Return: 90%

High equity single elim jackpot. 11pt rnds. CLOCKS REQUIRED at 2m/12s. Groups of four, redraw. Maximum of 32 entrants.

Abraham Lincoln Open Jackpot

Entry: \$250 Side Pool: \$100 Return: 90%

Open to all. 11pt rounds. Single elim. CLOCKS REQUIRED at 2m/12s. Groups of four, redraw. Maximum of 32 entrants.

Thomas Jefferson Limited Jackpot

Entry: \$150 Side Pool: \$50 Return: 90%

Open to all players not deemed of Open level & subject to eligibility approval. 9pt rounds. Single elim. CLOCKS REQUIRED at 2m/12s. Groups of four, redraw. Maximum of 32 entrants.

Nation's Capital 2-Player Team Doubles

Entry: \$200/Team Side Pool: \$100/Team Return: 85%

2-player team consulting doubles event. Open to players who are not active in Jackpots. 7pt rounds. Single elimination. CLOCKS REQUIRED at 3m/15s settings.

Senior Senators / Young Politicos

Entry: \$50 Return: 85%

Players aged 60 and over play the 'Senior Senators' bracket. Those aged less than 60 play the 'Young Politicos' bracket. No playoff between bracket winners. Single elim. 7pt rounds. CLOCKS REQUIRED at 2m/12s settings.

Mother's Day Event

Entry: \$50 Return: 85%

Single elimination. 5pt rounds. Open to all women players not active in other events. Flowers to the winner and finalist.

4-Player Knockouts

Entry: \$20/\$50/\$100 Return: 85%

Single elimination knockouts offered at \$20, \$50, and \$100 entry fee levels. 5pt rounds. Winner takes all.

INTERMEDIATE & NOVICE DINNER

Tickets: \$30 PP Seminar & Dinner with Grandmaster

Intermediate and Novice division entrants are invited to a seminar and dinner with a Grandmaster on Saturday, May 11 from 5-7pm. Others may join if space is available. Limited to 32.

ADDED MONEY & PRIZE DONATIONS

USBGF Prime Tournament

A total of \$665 in added money has been provided by the USBGF Prime Tournament Initiative, plus \$200 has been donated by Alfred Mamlet.

Gammon Stuff has donated an \$850 FTH board to the winner of the playoff between the USBGF Nat'l. Champ. East and West events. Gammon Guys has donated an Artgammon board to the winner of the Intermediate division.

Additional sponsors include Jason Lee, Bill Finneran, John Klein, and Karen Davis. Support the USBGF and join at usbfg.org/membership/join/.

TEACHING MATCH

Exhibition match between two Giants of Backgammon will include their commentary, rationale, and explanations of selected plays and strategies over the board.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS & STAFF

Director: Barry Silliman; **Organizer:** Karen Davis; **Asst. Director:** Ben Friesen; **BMAB-USA Director:** Jeb Horton; **Tournament of Stars & Jackpot Director:** Kent Goulding.

Novice Div. Director: Julius High; **Side Events:** Robin Horton; **Staff:** Paul Horton; **Streaming:** Andy Lindeberg; **Hospitality Director:** Lili Iravani.

Eligibility Advisory Committee: Barry Silliman, Carol Joy Cole, and Patrick Gibson; **Rules Committee:** Jeb Horton, Rich Munitz, and Frank Talbot.

CONTACT US

Contact Karen Davis for any questions or assistance.

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REMINDERS

Bring your own board & digital clock!

The registration deadline for ABT Championship & Advanced division payment of fees is 11:00 pm Friday, May 10, 2019. All fees paid on-site must be in cash.

VISIT US ONLINE

Visit www.cherryblossombackgammon.com

Dual live streams will be ongoing and offered to viewers at twitch.tv/usbfgstream and twitch.tv/usbfgstream2.