

# TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

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Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Event	Entry	Reg Fee	Deposit
<input type="checkbox"/> Super Star Package* ABT Side Pool Included	\$1800	** \$25/\$40	\$300
<input type="checkbox"/> Stellar Star Package* ABT Side Pool Included	\$1050	** \$25/\$40	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> Championship ABT Optional \$150 Side Pool	\$275	** \$25/\$40	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced ABT Optional \$50 Side Pool	\$125	** \$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"/> C Blossom Classic No Optional Side Pool	\$1200	\$0	\$200
<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	\$100	\$0	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Tournament of Stars Optional \$100 Side Pool	\$200 Per Team	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Enclosed</b>	<b>\$</b>		

Pre-registration by check or credit card deadline is Monday April 20, 2020. Payments after the deadline must be made on-site in cash.

\* Pre-registration for Star Packages with deposit by Monday April 20, 2020 is required. Players residing outside the USA may pre-register without a deposit.

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

ABT Championship & Advanced Division registration deadline and payment of all fees is 11:00 pm, May 1, 2020. Intermediate & Novice deadline is 9:30 am, May 2, 2020. Register at [cherryblossombackgammon.com](http://cherryblossombackgammon.com), offering credit card payment options, or you may pay in cash at the door. Alternatively, you may mail a check along with this form and make the 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

**\$121 Plus Taxes Per Night Group Rate**

Reserve Online at [cherryblossombackgammon.com](http://cherryblossombackgammon.com)

The venue for the 2020 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 6th, 2020 to guarantee this special rate. This rate is valid from April 29 to May 3, and if space available, from April 27-28 and May 4.

## Reserve Your Room By Phone

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To make your reservations by phone, call 1.877.803.7534 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 for guests and high-speed Wi-Fi in guest and conference rooms. Enjoy amenities such as a 24-hour 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.

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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**\$10,000**  
ADDED MONEY & PRIZES



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, April 29, 2020

03:00 pm Registration for Cherry Blossom Classic  
04:00 pm – 11:00 pm Cherry Blossom Classic Rnd 1 & Rnd 2

### Thursday, April 30, 2020

10:00 am Cherry Blossom Classic Round 3  
12:00 pm 8-Player Jackpots – \$200/\$100/\$50/\$20  
02:00 pm Cherry Blossom Classic Semi-Finals  
07:00 pm Tournament of Stars Doubles Round 1  
07:00 pm Warm-Up Tournament – \$50/\$20 Entry (max 16)  
08:30 pm Tournament of Stars Doubles Round 2  
10:00 pm Tournament of Stars Doubles Round 3

### Friday, May 1, 2020

All Day 8-Player Jackpots – \$200/\$100/\$50/\$20  
10:00 am Tournament of Stars Doubles Semi-Finals  
12:00 pm Masters/Open/Limited Jackpot Early Start Round 1  
02:00 pm Masters/Open/Limited Jackpot Early Start Round 2  
04:00 pm Masters/Open/Limited Jackpot Early Start Round 3  
07:00 pm Nation's Capital Doubles Round 1  
07:00 pm Masters/Open/Limited Jackpot Late Start Round 1  
08:30 pm Masters/Open/Limited Jackpot Late Start Round 2  
08:30 pm Nation's Capital Doubles Round 2  
10:00 pm Masters/Open/Limited Jackpot Late Start Round 3  
10:00 pm Nation's Capital Doubles Round 3

### Saturday, May 2, 2020

All Day 8-Player Jackpots – \$200/\$100/\$50/\$20  
10:00 am Main Event Starts – Round 1  
12:30 pm Main Event Round 2  
01:00 pm Newcomers Freeroll Jackpot Posted  
03:00 pm Main Event Round 3  
04:00 pm NC Doubles, Masters, Open, & Limited JP Semi-Finals  
DINNER BREAK AFTER FINISHING MATCHES – RESUME AT 8PM  
08:00 pm Main Event Resumes Round 4; Last Chance Starts  
09:00 pm 8-Player Women's Jackpots – \$50/\$20  
10:00 pm Main Event Round 5

### Sunday, May 3, 2020

All Day 8-Player Jackpots – \$200/\$100/\$50/\$20  
10:00 am 2020 USBGF National Championship – \$5,000 Added  
All Day Event – 1 Free Entry, \$50 Continuous Re-Entry  
10:00 am Main Event Continues  
10:00 am Cherry Blossom Classic Final  
11:00 am Masters, Open, & Limited Jackpot Finals  
12:00 pm Tournament of Stars Doubles Final  
01:00 pm Main Event Undeclared Final  
02:30 pm Main Event Consolation Final  
02:45 pm National Championship Entries Close  
03:30 pm Nation's Capital Doubles Final  
04:00 pm Main Event Last Chance Final  
07:00 pm USBGF National Championship Final

## MAIN TOURNAMENT

**ABT Championship Division** Entry: \$275  
Return: 90% Optional Side Pool: \$150

Open to all. Single elimination, progressive Consolation, & progressive Last Chance. 11pts in Main, 9pts in Consolation, & 7pts in Last Chance. CLOCKS REQUIRED at 2m/12s.

**ABT Advanced Division** Entry: \$125  
Return: 80% Optional Side Pool: \$50

Open to players not deemed of Championship level & subject to eligibility approval. Single elim, progressive Consolation, & progressive Last Chance. 9pts in Main, 7pts in Consolation, & 5pts in Last Chance. CLOCKS REQUIRED at 2m/15s.

**ABT Intermediate Division** Entry: \$50  
Return: 70%

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

**ABT Novice Division** Entry: \$20  
Return: 50%

Open to players with commensurate skill level. 3pt matches. Complimentary USBGF membership for new entrants. **CHH board awarded to the winner! Registration fee is waived.**

## USBGF EVENTS & FREEROLL JACKPOT

**USBGF Tournament of Stars** Entry: \$200  
Return: 80% Team Side Pool: \$100

Entry fee is \$200 per team. Consulting doubles tournament pairing USBGF Founding Sponsors with Giants of Backgammon & noteworthy players. Single elimination. 7pts. CLOCKS REQUIRED at 3m/15s. **\$650 added prize money. Only USBGF members are eligible to win added money.**

**2020 USBGF National Championship**  
Free initial entry Carry-Over Side Pool: \$100

### \$5,000 ADDED PRIZE MONEY

Free initial entry for USBGF members (\$50 for non-members) and unlimited \$50 re-entries. 80% return. Single elimination. CLOCKS PREFERRED at 2m/12s. **A beautiful custom FTH board will be awarded to the winner. Only USBGF members are eligible for the added prize money & backgammon board.**

**Alfred Mamlet Newcomers Freeroll Jackpot**  
Entry: Free

This free-entry tournament is offered to first-time Cherry Blossom Backgammon Championship attendees. 5pt rounds. Single elimination. **\$200 added prize money.**

## CHERRY BLOSSOM STAR PACKAGES

**Super Star Package**  
Fee: \$1800 \$500 Added

Fee includes entry into the Cherry Blossom Classic, ABT Championship Division and side pool, and Tournament of Stars—plus recorded & transcribed matches, reserved playing space, and international arrival transfer from Dulles airport to the hotel. Pre-registration by 4/20/20 required. **\$500 added.**

**Stellar Star Package**  
Fee: \$1050 \$500 Added

Fee includes entry into the George Washington Masters Jackpot, ABT Championship Division and side pool, and Tournament of Stars—plus reserved playing space, and international arrival transfer from Dulles airport to the hotel. Pre-registration by 4/20/20 required. **\$500 added.**

## SIDE EVENTS

**Cherry Blossom Classic**  
Entry: \$1200 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 32 entrants. **\$1,500 added prize money.**

**George Washington Masters Jackpot**  
Entry: \$500 Side Pool: \$200 Return: 92.5%

High equity single elim jackpot. 11pt rnds. CLOCKS REQUIRED at 2m/12s. Two start times. Maximum of 32 entrants.

**Abraham Lincoln Open Jackpot**  
Entry: \$250 Side Pool: \$100 Return: 85%

Open to all. 11pt rounds. Single elim. CLOCKS REQUIRED at 2m/12s. Two start times. Maximum of 32 entrants.

**Thomas Jefferson Limited Jackpot**  
Entry: \$100 Side Pool: \$50 Return: 80%

Open to all players not deemed of Open level & subject to eligibility approval. 9pt rounds. Single elim. CLOCKS REQUIRED at 2m/15s. Two start times. Maximum of 32 entrants.

**Nation's Capital 2-Player Team Doubles**  
Entry: \$200/Team Side Pool: \$100 Return: 80%

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.

**8-Player Jackpots & Women's Jackpots**  
Entry: \$200/\$100/\$50/\$20 Return: Varies

Return of 95/90/80/80% in \$200/\$100/\$50/\$20 respectively. Women's jackpots at \$50/\$20. 5/5/7 pts. Single elimination jackpots must finish the same day they start. Winner take all.

## ADDED MONEY & PRIZE DONATIONS

### USBGF Prime Tournament

A total of \$10,000 in added money includes \$5,000 for the National Championship event for USBGF members; \$650 for the Tournament of Stars from the USBGF for USBGF members; \$1500 for the Cherry Blossom Classic; \$500 for the Super Star Package; \$500 for the Stellar Star Package; \$950 FTH backgammon board for the USBGF National Championship winner donated by Gammon Stuff; \$650 Artgammon board for the Intermediate winner donated by Gammon Guys; \$55 CHH board for the Novice winner; \$200 for the Alfred Mamlet Newcomers Freeroll Jackpot.

Additional donors include Jason Lee, Bill Finneran, John Klein, and Karen Davis. Support the USBGF and join at [usbfg.org/membership/join/](http://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

**Co-Directors:** Ben Friesen & Barry Silliman  
**Organizer:** Karen Davis

**Tournament of Stars & CB Classic Director:** Kent Goulding  
**Jackpot Director:** Robin Horton

**Streaming & Recording:** Andy Lindeberg & Paul Horton

**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!**

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## VISIT US ONLINE

Visit [www.cherryblossombackgammon.com](http://www.cherryblossombackgammon.com)

Dual live streams will be ongoing and offered to viewers on the USBGF's YouTube channel.