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# USBGF Spring Fling ABT Online!

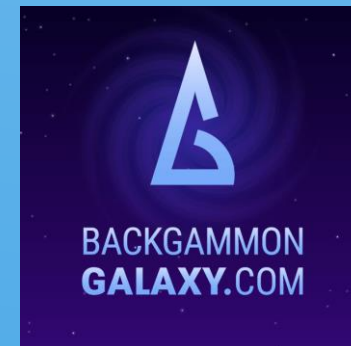
## June 15 – 20

- Co-Directors: Rory Pascar & Ben Friesen
- One Match Per Day Monday - Thursday
- Rounds 5 – 7 Scheduled Friday Night
- Rounds 8 – 10 Scheduled Saturday Afternoon
- Match Length: 15-points Open / 11-points Advanced
- Entry: **100% return** \$100 Open / \$50 Advanced
- Side Pool w/ \$5 Fee included: \$100 Open / \$50 Advanced
- Registration fee: \$20



# REGISTRATION

1. Create user account at [BackgammonGalaxy.com](https://BackgammonGalaxy.com) and validate your account by clicking the link in the email they send you.
2. Download and Create account in **WhatsApp** on your iPhone or Android.
3. Send message through **WhatsApp** to Rory Pascar @ 617-699-9100 with your intent to play. Include your **phone number, first and last name, Galaxy Nickname, and e-mail address.**
4. Send payment by **11:00 PM CDT Sunday June 14th**: \$120 for Open or \$70 for Advanced. **Remember to add Side Pool Entry Fee if you participate** \$100 Open / \$50 Advanced.  
Venmo @RoryPascar, PayPal paypal.me/RoryPascar, or send via Zelle to [Rory@ChicagoOpenBG.com](mailto:Rory@ChicagoOpenBG.com).
5. **USBGF Membership Required**: If you are **not a member** please click the link and join the USBGF.  
<http://usbgf.org/membership/join> If you have any difficulties please email [Benjamin.A.Friesen@gmail.com](mailto:Benjamin.A.Friesen@gmail.com)

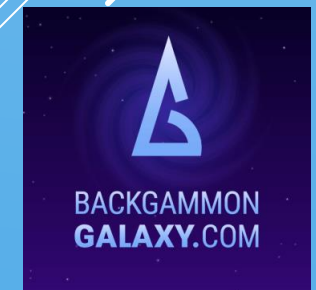


# TOURNAMENT FORMAT

## Triple Elimination MoreSwiss Tournament

- **The Winner is defined** as the **last person** remaining **with fewer than 2 losses**. MoreSwiss rounds continue until there is only 1-person remaining with 0 or 1 loss.
- Once you lose your second match you can no longer win the tournament, but you can still cash.
- A maximum of 15% of the field will cash (if we have a 64 player field a maximum of 9 players will cash)
- **BackgammonGalaxy.com** is the default backgammon server. Players may also play on **GammonSpace** or **Heros** but only by **mutual agreement**.
- Match Length: 15-points for Open / 11-points for Advanced
- All matches **must** be played with **“Normal” online clock settings** (1 minute per point & 10 second delay)

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# TOURNAMENT FORMAT (CONT'D)

- ▶ You must remain in **audio contact** via a **WhatsApp call** for the **duration of your match**.
  - ▶ Please be **respectful of your opponent** and refrain from playing loud music and have minimal background noise during match play.
- ▶ **Monday – Thursday**, Rounds 1 - 4 start at **5:00 PM CDT** each day.
  - ▶ **Alternate Start Time Only by Mutual Agreement.**  
You must start play at **5:00 PM CDT** unless you contact your opponent prior. Only by mutual agreement is an alternate start time allowed. Matches **must be completed by 8:00 AM each day** giving you 23 hours to complete your match.
- ▶ **Friday**: Rounds 5 – 7 start at 5:00 PM CDT, 7:00 PM CDT, & 9:00 PM CDT respectively.
- ▶ **Saturday**: Rounds 8 – 10 start at 12:00 PM CDT, 2:00 PM CDT, & 4:00 PM CDT respectively.

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# TOURNAMENT FLOW

- **By 9:00 AM CDT** each day Monday – Thursday the pairings will be posted on **MoreSwiss.com**.
- **No log-in is necessary**, just select **“Pairings”** from the menu bar (top left).
  - Select **“USBGF Spring Fling ABT Online!”** **Open** or **Advanced Division** from the drop-down list.
  - Press the **“Get Latest Pairing”** button.
  - Parings are read from left to right.
  - Locate your name and your opponent’s name from the pairings list.
  - **Note: Galaxy Nicknames** will be listed after each player’s last name in quotations.
- Players on the left side of each pairing **call their opponent on WhatsApp** and then create the match in Galaxy.
- Players on the right side of each pairing will **find their opponent on Galaxy** and join the table.

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# TOURNAMENT FLOW (CONT'D)

## Starting a Match

- Only contact your opponent in advance of the **5:00 PM CDT** scheduled start time if you would like to play your match at an alternate time or play on an alternate server.
- Remember any changes to the start time or game server are by **mutual agreement only**.
  - **“Normal” online clock settings** must still be followed (1 minute per point & 10 second delay)
- **At 5:00 PM CDT** the player on the left side of the bracket should **call their opponent using WhatsApp**.
  - Each day you will be added to a **Group Chat on WhatsApp** that will include your opponent and the Tournament Director
  - **The Group Chat** name will correspond to the **match number** on **MoreSwiss.com**
- Both players should then proceed to **Galaxy** to begin the match.

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# TOURNAMENT FLOW (CONT'D)

- **Winners** will report their victory by **downloading the match file and emailing** it to
  - Open Division: [Rory@ChicagoOpenBG.com](mailto:Rory@ChicagoOpenBG.com)
  - Advanced Division: [Benjamin.A.Friesen@gmail.com](mailto:Benjamin.A.Friesen@gmail.com)
  - After the winner reports the win via email, they will receive a confirmation email stating the win has been recorded on [MoreSwiss.com](https://www.moreswiss.com).
- **Winners must** return to [MoreSwiss.com](https://www.moreswiss.com) and click “**Standings**” from the menu bar.
  - Select “**USBGF Spring Fling ABT Online!**” **Open or Advanced Division** and click “**Get Results**”.
  - **Winners must validate** the win was recorded properly. Send a reply email **IMMEDIATELY** if the win was **not recorded properly**. If accurate, no need to respond.

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# DISCONNECTION

- ▶ Should you receive a **disconnection notice in Galaxy**, both **players must take a screenshot** of the current position with score and clock.
- ▶ The **player that disconnects** should **copy the URL** of the **Galaxy** match, **close the Galaxy** web browser, **open** another browser, and **paste the URL** into the web address bar to **rejoin the match**.
- ▶ If you are unable to reconnect please call your Tournament Director immediately
  - ▶ **Open Division: Rory Pascar 617-699-9100**
  - ▶ **Advanced Division: Ben Friesen 810-348-1695**
- ▶ Failure to do so may result in a forfeit loss in that round.
- ▶ All disconnections will be handled on a case by case basis. We will be as flexible as possible however all decisions will take into consideration the entirety of the tournament.

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# TARDY POLICY

- ▶ If you are the player on the right side of the pairings and your opponent does not call you in **WhatsApp** by **5:05 PM CDT**, you should call them.
- ▶ If your opponent does not answer your **WhatsApp** call by **5:10 PM CDT**, please message your Tournament Director **immediately on WhatsApp**
- ▶ In case of late arrivals
  - ▶ The **first penalty point** will be issued 15 minutes after the official start time has passed
  - ▶ **Additional penalty points** will be issued every 5 minutes thereafter.
  - ▶ Once a person receives 8 penalty points (OPEN) or 6 penalty points (ADVANCED) the **match is forfeited**.

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# DAILY KNOCKOUTS

- ▶ **When:**
  - ▶ Monday – Friday Starting at 12:00 PM CDT
  - ▶ Saturday Starting at 11:00 AM CDT
- ▶ **Format:** 8-Player Single Elimination Bracket
  - ▶ Continuous Play Until Knockout Is Complete
- ▶ **Match Length:** All Matches Are **9-Points**
- ▶ **Register** on **WhatsApp** Each Day at Least 30 Minutes Prior to Starting Time
  - ▶ Send a private message to **Rory Pascar 617-699-9100**
    - ▶ Include: Day of Knockout, Name, Galaxy ID, and Email
    - ▶ State Either **\$50 Advanced** or **\$100 Open**
  - ▶ Then send payment: Venmo @RoryPascar, PayPal paypal.me/RoryPascar, or send via Zelle to Rory@ChicagoOpenBG.com.
- ▶ **90% Return** – Pays 2 Places 2/3 for 1<sup>st</sup> and 1/3 for 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ▶ You must be on **WhatsApp** and all matches are played on **Galaxy**

