

41st CHICAGO OPEN

BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT

Memorial Day Weekend

May 24–29, 2023

Hyatt Place Chicago O'Hare

6810 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, IL 60018

Tournament Conditions

- ▶ The Chicago Open is by invitation only.
- ▶ The Director reserves the right to refuse an entrant without giving any reason.
- ▶ All fees paid onsite must be in cash.
- ▶ Eligibility for all events is subject to approval.
- ▶ All events at the Chicago Open will be played in accord with the USBGF Tournament Rules with the following options:
 - Legal Moves
 - Dice on Checker
- ▶ The WBGF World Club Championship, ABT Open Championship, ABT Intermediate Division, Markowitz Masters, Faster Master, Open Jackpot, Intermediate Jackpot, Doubles, and SpeedGammon will be **"Clocks Required"** events. All other events will be **"Clocks Preferred."** The director may place a clock on any match that is unduly holding up the tournament.
- ▶ Baffle Boxes may be used by either player upon request but may not be forced upon one's opponent.
- ▶ Recording of any/all matches is permissible by either player upon request.
- ▶ The number of places paid in any event is dependent upon the number of entrants and may be adjusted at the Director's discretion.

Please bring your own board and digital clock



2022 Champion
Dmitry Obukhov

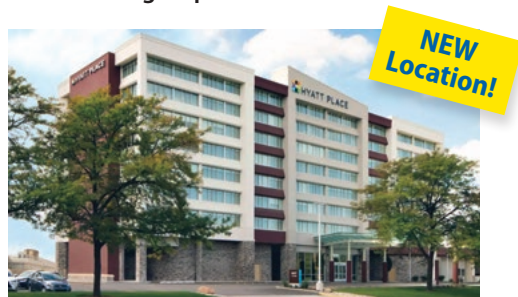
Hotel Reservations

The Hyatt Place Chicago O'Hare is offering a special rate of **\$129** per night for single or double occupancy. This rate includes a hot breakfast buffet for 2 guests per night and free parking for all attendees during the day. Overnight parking will be discounted to \$10 per night. You may call one of the numbers below or book online by going to www.ChicagoOpenBG.com and clicking the Hotel Button in the top right corner of the website. Be sure to mention the Chicago Open Backgammon Tournament when making your reservations.

Call for Reservations

888-591-1234 (Central Reservations)
or 224-569-1800 (Hotel Direct)

All reservations must be made by May 9, 2023 to guarantee the group rate.



Hotel Information

The Hyatt Place Chicago O'Hare has 200 rooms including 7-spacious suites. Amenities include complimentary WIFI, mini refrigerators, an indoor heater pool, fitness center, business center, and free parking for all tournament attendees during the day. Overnight parking is available for \$10 per night.



Chicago Open Director Rory Pascar with 2022 Doubles
Champions Leslie Lockett and Tak Morioka

QUESTIONS? Contact Rory Pascar at (617) 699-9100
or Rory@ChicagoOpenBG.com

Main Tournament Details

The Open Championship will be a "MoreSwiss" format. 9-point matches. \$400 entry fee, 90% return, \$100 side pool. Visit ChicagoOpenBG.com/main/#format for full tournament details.

The Intermediate Division will be the "MoreSwiss" format. 9-point matches. \$150 entry fee, 85% return, \$50 side pool. Visit ChicagoOpenBG.com/main/#format for full tournament details.

The Novice Division will be determined by the number of entrants but will most likely start as a round robin and finish with a playoff. 100% return.

Unlucky Dice Last Chance – All players in the Open and Intermediate who lose 4 matches Saturday (end of round 5) will get a "Free Roll" into this single elimination event to be played on Sunday. All matches are 5 points. Anytime an Intermediate player faces an Open Player they will start with a 1-0 lead. 1st Place will receive a custom board from our sponsor **FM Gammon**. 2nd Place receives \$300.

Tournament Ruling Committee:

Frank Talbot, Arda Findikoğlu, Neil Kazaross,
Bill Riles, and Jeb Horton

Tournament Eligibility Committee:

Benjamin Friesen, Dmitriy Obukhov, and
Arda Findikoğlu

In partnership with Backgammon Galaxy and APBG, matches will be streamed all weekend!
Please use the following links to view these live streams.

<https://youtube.com/backgammongalaxy>
<https://youtube.com/aplive>

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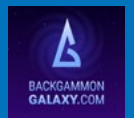


Test & Lecture

Friday Night - The Backgammon Proficiency Test

Sunday Night - Giant #2 Michihito "Michy" Kageyama will offer a comprehensive review of the test

Hyatt Place Chicago O'Hare
Rosemont, Illinois



Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023

- 9:00 AM** Registration Opens for the WBGF World Club Championship
- 10:30 AM** Registration Closes WBGF World Club Championship
- 11:00 AM** WBGF World Club Championship/BMAB Group Stage Round 1
- 1:00 PM** WBGF World Club Championship/BMAB Group Stage Round 2
- 3:00 PM** WBGF World Club Championship/BMAB Group Stage Round 3
- 5:00 PM** Dinner Break
- 7:00 PM** WBGF World Club Championship/BMAB Group Stage Round 4
- 9:00 PM** WBGF World Club Championship Playoff Round 1

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023

- 10:00 AM** WBGF World Club Championship Playoff Round 2
- 10:30 AM** Registration Opens for All Events
- 12:00 PM** WBGF World Club Championship Playoff Round 3 (if necessary)
- 12:00 PM** Markowitz Masters Qualifier #1 Begins
- 12:00 PM** Faster Master Start Time #1
- 12:15 PM** Limited Jackpot Start Time #1
- 12:15 PM** Intermediate Jackpot Start Time #1
- 1:00 PM** 1-Point Quickie Begins
- 1:00 PM** 5-Point Blitzes Begin
- 1:30 PM** Juniors vs Seniors Begins
- 1:30 PM** SpeedGammon Begins
- 3:00 PM** Markowitz Masters Qualifier #2 Begins
- 3:00 PM** Faster Master Start Time #2
- 3:15 PM** Limited Jackpot Start Time #2
- 3:15 PM** Intermediate Jackpot Start Time #2
- 7:00 PM** Markowitz Masters Start Time #1
- 7:00 PM** Faster Master Start Time #3
- 7:15 PM** Limited Jackpot Start Time #3
- 7:15 PM** Intermediate Jackpot Start Time #3
- 8:30 PM** Taki Board Tournament Begins
- 10:30 PM** No More Matches Begin

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023

- 10:00 AM** Registration Continues
- 11:00 AM** Doubles Tournament Begins (first 3 rounds will be played)
- 11:00 AM** Markowitz Masters Start Time #2
- 11:15 AM** Limited Jackpot Start Time #4
- 11:15 AM** Intermediate Jackpot Start Time #4

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023 (cont.)

- 5:00 PM** Dinner Break
- 7:00 PM** **The Backgammon Proficiency Test - Lecture Sunday Night**
- 8:00 PM** Round 3 of All Jackpots Begin
- 8:00 PM** All Side Events Continue
- 10:30 PM** No More Matches Begin
- 11:30 PM** Registration Closes for ABT Open and Intermediate Divisions - ALL FEES DUE

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023

- 9:30 AM** Welcome Announcements & Calcutta Auction
CHICAGO OPEN ABT MAIN TOURNAMENT BEGINS
- 11:00 AM** Round 1 for ABT Open and Intermediate Divisions
- 12:00 PM** Novice Division Begins
- 1:15 PM** Round 2 for ABT Open and Intermediate Divisions
- 3:30 PM** Round 3 for ABT Open and Intermediate Divisions
- 5:30 PM** Dinner Break - Optional Banquet
- 7:30 PM** Round 4 for ABT Open and Intermediate Divisions
- 9:30 PM** Round 5 for ABT Open and Intermediate Divisions
- 9:30 PM** All Side Events Continue
- 11:00 PM** No Matches More Begin

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

- 10:00 AM** Round 6 for ABT Open and Intermediate Divisions
- 10:00 AM** All Side Events Continue
- 10:30 AM** The "Unlucky Dice" Last Chance Begins
- 12:00 PM** Play Continues Novice Division
- 12:00 PM** Round 7 for ABT Open and Intermediate Divisions
- 2:00 PM** Round 8 for ABT Open and Intermediate Divisions
- 4:00 PM** Round 9 for ABT Open and Intermediate Divisions
- 6:00 PM** Dinner Break
- 8:00 PM** **Lecture by Giant #2 Michihito "Michy" Kageyama**
- 9:00 PM** Round 10 for ABT Open and Intermediate Divisions
- 9:00 PM** All Side Events Continue
- 11:00 PM** No More Matches Begin

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

- 10:00 AM** All Side Events Continue
- 10:00 AM** Round 11 for ABT Open and Intermediate Divisions
- 12:00 PM** Round 12 for ABT Open and Intermediate Divisions (if necessary)
- 2:00 PM** Markowitz Masters Final Begins
- 3:00 PM** After Tourney Begins

Side Event Details

Markowitz Masters

\$600 entry fee, 90% return, \$200 side pool, 11-point matches. There will be two optional \$300 qualifiers at 12:00 pm & 3:00 pm on Thursday. This is a "Clocks Required" event (2 min / 12 sec).

Faster Master

\$400 entry fee, 90% return, \$200 side pool, 11-point matches. This is a "Clocks Required" event (1 min/10 sec).

Limited Jackpot

\$300 entry fee, 85% return, \$100 side pool, 9-point matches, Top World Class players are not eligible. This is a "Clocks Required" event (2 min/12 sec).

Intermediate Jackpot

\$150 entry fee, 85% return, \$50 side pool, 9-point matches. Open/Championship level players are not eligible. This is a "Clocks Required" event (2 min/15 sec).

Doubles Tournament

\$300 entry fee, 80% return, \$100 side pool, 7-point matches. This is a "Clocks Required" event (3 min/15 sec).

Taki Board Tournament

\$150 entry fee, 87.5% return, 7-point matches, 1st place wins Taki Board and 2nd place wins \$400 (based on 16 players). Continuous entries all weekend until field of 16 is complete.

SpeedGammon

\$100 entry fee, 85% return, \$50 side pool, 7-point matches. This is a "Clocks Required" event (2 min total/10 sec).

Juniors (under 60) vs Seniors (60+) Tournament

\$60 entry fee, 80% return, \$30 side pool, 7-point matches. There will be 2 brackets. The winner of the Juniors will face the winner of the Seniors for \$500 in added money and a seat in the 2024 USBGF National Championship.

The Blitz

\$30 entry fee, 83.3% return, 5-point matches. 4-player knock-outs. Winner gets paid \$100

1-Point Quickie

\$20 entry fee, 80% return, 1-point matches

The After Tourney Tourney

\$60 entry fee, 80% return, \$30 side pool, 5-point matches.

95% Return in All Side Pools



REGISTER ONLINE
on the
Chicago Open website:
www.ChicagoOpenBG.com

WBGF World Club Championship (BMAB)

Format

The Captain of each Team will designate their players as #1, #2, & #3 at Registration. In the Group Stage all Clubs will play 4-rounds of 9-point matches. Clubs will go head-to-head with a different opponent in each round. A Team wins a Round when they win at least 2 out of 3 matches. The total number of teams entering the event will determine the number of teams advancing to the Playoff/Knockout Stage. Clubs will play 11-Point matches in the Playoff/Knockout Stage. All matches will be played with clocks set to the standard 2-minute per point bank with a 12-second delay. All matches will be recorded and transcribed to electronic match files then analyzed by the current version of eXtremeGammon using BMAB settings. Only matches in the Group Stage will count towards the BMAB competition.

Entry Fee

\$600 Total for Each 3-Player Team to Include:
\$300 Team Entry Fee
\$40 per player BMAB Entry Fee
\$40 per player Registration Fee
\$20 per player Transcription Fee (players may recoup \$10 per match that is transcribed by Friday at Midnight)

Side Pools

Team Side Pool A \$300
Team Side Pool B \$600
Individual Side Pool \$100
Individual PR Side Pool \$100, 110% return)

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

- 9:00 AM** Registration Opens
- 10:30 AM** Registration Closes
- 11:00 AM** Group Stage Rounds 1-3
- 5:00 PM** Dinner Break
- 7:00 PM** Group Stage Rounds 4
- 9:00 PM** Playoff/Knockout Round 1

Thursday, May 25, 2023

- 10:00 AM** Playoff/Knockout Round 2
- 12:00 PM** Playoff/Knockout Round 3 (if necessary)