

1st Backgammon Festival Aachen

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

Individual Categories & WBGF World Doubles Championship

Added Prize Money 10.000€



CURIOUS?
Guests
are very
welcome!

10 – 16 August 2024

City Palace Aachen – Germany

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Programme

**“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 first official WBGF World Doubles Championship**
- **Main individual category “Charlemagne Open” with 2 flights**
- **Variety of side events (Speed, Pro/Am Doubles, Jackpots)**
- **Backgammon workshops**
- **Player auction**
- **Cultural excursion**
- **Gala Dinner**
- **Live streaming every day and more...**



Guided tour through the historic city centre

In a two-hour tour with a guide, you can get to know the historic city centre of Aachen and visit the over 1200-year-old Aachen Cathedral with the Chapel of Emperor Charlemagne, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1978. The tour is offered in German and English. The participation fee is 15€.

Tickets and more information on the Tournament Website:
www.backgammon-festival-aachen.de

Saturday, 10th August	12:30 – 18:30 13:00 19:00 20:00	Registrations & Qualifiers Start of Mini Jackpots & Speedgammon Welcome Speech & Public Draw “Charlemagne Open” Start of Undefeated Bracket (<i>Masters & Intermediates</i>)
Sunday, 11th August	13:00 19:00 20:30 22:30	“Charlemagne Open” (<i>Masters & Intermediates</i>) continues & Start of Second Chance Bracket Dinner break Gameplay resumes & Start of WDC 1st round WDC continues
Monday, 12th August	13:00 19:00 20:30 22:30	“Charlemagne Open” continues Dinner break Gameplay resumes & WDC continues WDC continues
Tuesday, 13th August	13:00 19:00 20:30 22:30	“Charlemagne Open” continues Dinner break Gameplay resumes & WDC continues WDC Playoffs
Wednesday, 14th August	13:00 15:00 16:00 19:30	“Charlemagne Open” continues & WDC Quarter Finals Start of Doubles Pro/Am WDC Semi Finals Gala Dinner
Thursday, 15th August	12:30 13:00 19:00 20:30	Start of Super Jackpot WDC Grand Finals & 3rd/4th Duel Dinner break Gameplay resumes
Friday, 16th August	12:00 16:00 21:00	Start of Last Chance Bracket (<i>Masters & Intermediates</i>), all categories resume, “Charlemagne Open” Grand Finals, Super Jackpot Finals Closing of Mini Jackpots Awarding Ceremony

**Organizers reserve the right to change the programme in any of its parts.
Changes will be announced in advance and posted on the notice board.**

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Category Fees

Extra
Registration Fee
Gala Dinner
100€

Category	Entry Fees (€)	Registration Fees (€)
WBGF World Doubles Championship	400	100
Charlemagne Open Masters	400	100
Charlemagne Open Intermediates	200	50
Super Jackpots	460	40
Speed Gammon	40	10
Pro/Am Doubles	160	40

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

Optional carry over side pools with 95% payback will be offered for each category.

Match Lengths

Category	Match Length	
WBGF World Doubles Championship	Preliminary Swiss Stage	7 pts
	Elimination Stage	7 pts
	Grand Final	9 pts
Charlemagne Open Masters	Undefeated	13 pts (Final 15 pts)
	2nd Chance	9 pts (Final 11 pts)
	Grand Final	17 pts
	Last Chance	5 pts (Final 7 pts)
Charlemagne Open Intermediates	Undefeated	11 pts (Final 13 pts)
	2nd Chance	7 pts (Final 9 pts)
	Grand Final	15 pts
	Last Chance	5 pts (Final 7 pts)
Super Jackpots	11 pts (including Final)	
Speed Gammon	5 pts (including Final)	
Pro/Am Doubles	7 pts (including Final)	

Prizes

WBGF World Doubles Championship (Total Added Value Share 4500€)	Prize Pool Distribution (%)
Doubles Winner Team	60
Doubles Finalist Team	25
Doubles 3rd Team	15

Charlemagne Open Masters (Total Added Value Share 4500€)	Prize Pool Distribution (%)
Main Winner	40
Main Finalist	18
Main 3 rd	9
Main 4 th & 5 th	4,5 each
Main 6 th , 7 th , 8 th , 9 th	2 each
Undefeated Bracket Winner Bonus	4
Undefeated Bracket Finalist Bonus	2
Undefeated Bracket Semi Finalist Bonus	1 each
Last Chance Winner	5,5
Last Chance Finalist	2,5

Charlemagne Open Intermediates (Total Added Value Share 1000€)	Prize Pool Distribution (%)
Main Winner	44
Main Finalist	20
Main 3 rd	10
Main 4 th & 5 th	5 each
Undefeated Bracket Winner Bonus	5
Undefeated Bracket Finalist Bonus	2,5
Last Chance Winner	6
Last Chance Finalist	2,5

Tournament Location



Stadt-Palais Aachen

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 Backgammon-Festival in its stately home in the heart of Aachen.

Hotel Recommendations

B&B Hotel Aachen-City

Großkölstraße 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
Tel: +49 241 9132-0



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Gala Dinner

**“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. This includes:

- **Welcome drink**
- **Multi-course Gala Dinner**
- **Beer, wine, soft drinks, coffee and tea**
- **Live entertainment programme**
- **Special Guests**

We look forward to seeing you.

The Gala Dinner will take place in the historic event location **Fireplace**.

Theaterstraße 17
52062 Aachen



Ticket-Reservation: www.backgammon-festival-aachen.de

Backgammon Workshops

Grandmasters Michihito Kageyama and Torsten Lux will be offering seminars and backgammon workshops every day during the festival.

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.



“Let's get ready to roll the dice.”

Michihito Kageyama



“Train hard, fight easy.”

Torsten Lux

Seminar-Pass: www.backgammon-festival-aachen.de



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for more information

Important Notes

- The Tournament Director reserves the right to require the use of clocks in any round of any category.
- The draw is manual (not computerized), public and random.
- Tournament matches takes precedence over all other forms of play.
- Only cash payments are accepted at the venue.
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse applications to play without any reasons.
- 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 daily break for dinner is between 19:00 – 20:30.
- The tournament will be played on professional tournament boards.
- All players are expected to be dressed appropriately.
- Detailed information about WBGF international rules and World Doubles Championship regulations can be found by scanning this QR code or on the following links:



www.wbfturkey.com/doc/Tournament_Rules_WBGF.pdf



www.wbfturkey.com/doc/2024_Doubles_Regulations.pdf



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