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**2ND MIAMI
OPEN**


BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP

Nov 18 - 24, 2025

ABT / TBT & BOOT CAMP

Added Prizes Valued At
\$10.000+

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 **LEGACY BOARDS
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Newport Beachside Hotel & Resort
Miami, USA



TOURNAMENT HOSTS

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Avi Cohen

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TOURNAMENT RULES / CONDITIONS

The organization reserves the right to change the program in any of its parts. Changes will be announced in advance and posted on the Notice Board. Trophies will be presented only during the awarding ceremony.

Tournament rules can be viewed at: <https://usbgf.org/tournament-rules/>

- All categories are responsible moves & dice on checkers to be rerolled
- 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 take precedence over all other forms of play
- Only cash payments are accepted
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse applications to play without giving any reasons, since the event is by invitation only
- 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 17:00 and 19:00
- Alcoholic drinks will not be served inside the event hall
- Smoking is not permitted in the event venue other than in designated areas
- All players are expected to be dressed appropriately
- No player will be allowed to play below their skill level
- Director and staff members may record, film and stream any match or player for any reason
- Unsportsmanlike, rude, cheating and/or unliked behavior may be grounds for immediate removal from the event with no refund given
- If you wish to sell goods or services at the event, please contact MiamiOpenBG@gmail.com
- To register: www.MiamiOpenBG.com/register
- Full details: www.MiamiOpenBG.com

CONTACT

2ND Miami Open
Backgammon Championship

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Website: www.MiamiOpenBG.com



Main event is proudly sponsored by Legacy Boards

Full details & reservation at www.MiamiOpenBG.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, November 18th, 2025

09:30 Registration begins
10:00 Boot Camp starts
13:00 Lunch Break
13:30 Boot Camp resumes
18:30 Social Backgammon / Beat the Pro

Wednesday, November 19th, 2025

09:30 Registration continues
11:00 Players Cup starts
11:00 All Side Events start
17:00 Dinner Break
19:00 Opening Speech
19:30 Play resumes in all events
19:30 Mega, Super, Limited JP's start
19:30 TBT Main Event starts
21:30 TBT Main Event Rebuys

Thursday, November 20th, 2025

11:00 Play resumes in all events
11:00 Mega, Super, Limited JP's Rebuys
17:00 Dinner Break
19:00 Play resumes in all events
19:00 Registration closes for ABT Main Event
20:00 Doubles starts
22:00 Doubles Rebuys
22:00 Calcutta Auction

Friday, November 21st, 2025

11:00 ABT Main Event starts
13:00 ABT Main Event Rebuys
15:00 ABT Undef. & 2nd Chance brackets start
17:00 Dinner Break
19:00 Play resumes in all events
22:00 Doubles resumes

Saturday, November 22nd, 2025

11:00 Play resumes in all events
17:00 Dinner Break
19:00 Play resumes in all events
19:00 U.S. Youth Championship starts
19:00 Women in BG Cup starts
22:00 Doubles resumes

Sunday, November 23rd, 2025

10:00 Play resumes in all events
11:00 ABT Last Chance starts
15:00 ABT Grand Finals
19:30 Awarding Ceremony in Event Hall
21:00 Gala Dinner After Party

Monday, November 24th, 2025

11:00 ABT After Tournament starts

Registration Fee:

ABT Main Event & Side Events \$90
Side Events only \$45

2nd Miami Open Backgammon Championship registration fee covers the ABT fee, hospitality, technology, awarding ceremony presentation, professional lectures at a discounted pre-register price and access to the event spaces.

USBGF membership is required to enter any ABT division! Please make sure you are up to date.

*Get ready for an
unforgettable experience!*

MAIN ABT TOURNAMENT

OPEN DIVISION

ENTRY: \$400 / 90%

Rebuys: \$250

Side Pool: \$200 / 95% / Carries Over

Open to all / Double Elimination with a progressive Second Chance
11 pts. match in the Undefeated / 9 pts. match in the Second Chance
5 pts. match in the Last Chance / Clocks mandatory at 2m + 12s settings

The winner of the Open Division will be awarded a custom Backgammon board made by **VITOR HOLLANDA**

ADVANCED DIVISION

ENTRY: \$200 / 85%

Rebuys: \$125

Side Pool: \$100 / 95% / Carries Over

Open to players not deemed of Open level & subject to eligibility approval / Double Elimination with progressive Second Chance
9 pts. match in the Undefeated / 7 pts. match in the Second Chance
5 pts. match in the Last Chance / Clocks preferred at 2m + 12s settings

The winner of the Advanced Division will be awarded a custom Backgammon board donated by www.BackgammonConnection.com

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

ENTRY: \$100 / 80%

Rebuys: \$60

Side Pool: \$50 / 95% / Carries Over

Open to players not deemed of Advanced level & subject to eligibility approval / Double Elimination with progressive Second Chance
7 pts. match in the Undefeated / 5 pts. match in the Second Chance
5 pts. match in the Last Chance / Clocks preferred at 2m + 12s settings

The winner of the Intermediate Division will be awarded a custom Backgammon board donated by www.BackgammonConnection.com

TBT DIVISION (NO CUBE)

ENTRY: \$200 / 80%

Rebuys: \$125

Side Pool: \$100 / 95% / Carries Over

Open to all / Single Elimination / 7 pts. match / Final 9 pts. match
Clocks optional at 2m + 12s settings

The winner of TBT Division will be awarded a custom Backgammon board donated by www.BackgammonConnection.com

Side pools in all events return 95% and carry over

SIDE EVENTS

MEGA JACKPOT

ENTRY: \$2,000 / 92%

Rebuys: \$1,250

Side Pool: \$500 / 95% / Carries Over

Open to all / Single Elimination / 13 pts. match

Clocks mandatory at 2m + 12s settings / Maximum 16 entrants

SUPER JACKPOT

ENTRY: \$500 / 90%

Rebuys: \$300

Side Pool: \$200 / 95% / Carries Over

Open to all / Single Elimination / 11 pts. match

Clocks mandatory at 2m + 12s settings / Maximum 32 entrants

LIMITED JACKPOT

ENTRY: \$250 / 84%

Rebuys: \$150

Side Pool: \$100 / 95% / Carries Over

Open to all / Single Elimination / 9 pts. match

Clocks mandatory at 2m + 12s settings / Maximum 32 entrants

PLAYERS CUP BACKGAMMON

ENTRY: \$150 / 100%

Registration: \$100

SP A: \$50 / 100% / SP B: \$100 / 100%

Open to all / Five round modified Swiss / 9-point match / Registration includes match recording, transcribing and submitting to the BMAB

Clocks mandatory at 2m + 12s settings

MIAMI BEACH DOUBLES

ENTRY: \$300 / 80%

Rebuys: \$300

Side Pool: \$100 / 95% / Carries Over

Open to all / Single Elimination / 7 pts. match / Fees are per team

Clocks mandatory at 3m + 15s settings

DMP CHALLENGE

ENTRY: \$10 / 80%

Rebuys: \$10

Open to all / Single Elimination / 1 pt. match

Clocks optional at 2m / 12s settings

WOMEN IN BACKGAMMON CUP

ENTRY: \$100 / 90%

Rebuys: \$60

Side Pool: \$50 / 95% / Carries Over

Open to all Women / Single Elimination / 7 pts. match

Clocks optional at 2m + 12s settings

SENIORS & JUNIORS

ENTRY: \$50 / 80%

Rebuys: \$50

Seniors - Over 55 / Juniors - Under 55

Open to all / Single Elimination / 7 pts. match

Clocks preferred at 2m + 12s settings

BOARD TOURNAMENT

ENTRY: \$50

Rebuys: \$50

Open to all / Single Elimination / 5 pts. match

Clocks optional at 2m + 12s settings

SPEEDGAMMON

ENTRY: \$50 / 80%

Rebuys: \$50

Open to all / Single Elimination / 5 pts. match

Clocks mandatory at 2m (match) + 10s for Speed

NOVICE

ENTRY: \$25

Rebuys: \$25

Open to players not deemed of Inter. level & subject to eligibility approval
Single Elimination / 3 pts. match / No clock

ABT AFTER TOURNAMENT

ENTRY: \$100 / 80%

Rebuys: \$60

Side Pool: \$50 / 95% / Carries Over

Open to all / Single Elimination / 7 pts. match

Clocks preferred at 2m + 12s settings

MINI JACKPOTS

\$200 / \$100 / \$50 / \$20

Open to all / Single Elimination / 8 entrants

Clocks optional at 2m + 12s settings

\$200 is a 7 pts. match with 90% return

All other jackpots are 5 pts. matches with 87.5% return

MIAMI YACHTGAMMON HIGH ROLLER

PRIVATE INVITATION ONLY - LIMITED SPOTS

BOARDING: 10AM / TUESDAY, NOV 25 / DEPARTING FROM THE MARINA

You're exclusively invited to a **high-stakes** backgammon experience abroad a luxurious **Baglietto 116'** yacht, cruising the iconic **Miami Beach & Hobie Beach** coastline. An **elite** day of competition, gourmet indulgence and world-class hospitality awaits!



Scenic Luxury - cruise in style with panoramic views of Miami's coastline.



Gourmet Dining - Indulge in a curated tasting menu by a private 5-star chef.



Premium Cocktails - enjoy bespoke drinks served by your personal bartender and waiter.



Backgammon Action - double elimination tournament, money games & chouettes.



Relax & Refocus - onboard massage therapy to keep you sharp.



Curated Vibes - Handpicked music to enhance your onboard experience.

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Buy in: \$10,000

Format: Single Elim. Main (13pts) + Progressive Consolation (9pts)

Prizes: Main winner - 50%

Main finalist - 20%

Consolation winner - 20%

Consolation finalist- 10%

Entry fee: 80% to the prize pool, 20% goes to premium event costs including yacht rental, fine dining by a gourmet chef, open bar, photographer, DJ, streaming & more

Rules: Responsible moves. Clocks required. No dice on checkers

Contact: Avi Cohen, Producer
Arda Findikoglu, TD

BOOTCAMP & TBT-TRADITIONAL BG TOUR

2nd Miami Open Championship will offer a Backgammon Boot Camp to master the cube and professional tournament play. By following this curriculum, Cube-Play Boot Camp will equip participants with advanced doubling cube strategies and the confidence to leverage this powerful tool to their advantage in every game.

Boot Camp Fee: \$250

Activities:

- Interactive Cube Scenarios
- Cube Practice Games
- Mock Tournament Play
- Match Play Quiz
- Advanced Cube Play
- Rules and Regulation
- Study Resources Strategy

BOOT CAMP DIRECTOR



DAVID DUDU PRESSER (G2)



Traditional Backgammon Tour
The first step is the Boot Camp, designed to equip traditional Tavla players with the skills to compete effectively in ABT events. The second step is the TBT no-cube main event that will take place just before the ABT starts.



THE U.S. YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

This event aims to provide youth with exciting prizes, scholarships from Grandmasters around the world & professional education materials.

These opportunities will equip them with the tools and skills needed to compete effectively in ABT tournaments and help grow our amazing community.

**Free Entry for all players under 18 Sponsored by the
Distenfeld Family**

Top 8 players of the event will be awarded
Backgammon boards and educational prizes!



BILL RILES & TARA MENDICINO

Bill Riles and Tara Mendicino, the King and Queen of Backgammon Streaming, are the premier team for live match coverage. Their cutting-edge streaming services offer 24/7 access, elevating the game's global visibility.

As American ambassadors, they've traveled the world, becoming a beloved duo in the backgammon community. They've invested heavily in technology and training, delivering world-class production and expert commentary.

Catch them live at the 2nd Miami Open Backgammon Championship, setting the gold standard once again.



Full details & reservation at www.MiamiOpenBG.com

AWARDING CEREMONY & GALA PARTY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd

19:30 - Awarding Ceremony with Arda Findikoğlu

For the second time in the U.S., enjoy a professional backgammon Awarding Ceremony with music, trophies, gifts, and celebration.

Winners will be invited on stage with warm announcements and applause—strengthening community and appreciation.

20:45 - Gala Dinner After Party

Departing from the lobby! Join us for a festive Greek-themed dinner party on the Intracoastal Waterway with authentic cuisine, drinks, music, belly dancers, and great company.

A night of fun and celebration you won't want to miss!



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BACKGAMMON STREAMING PARTNER

2nd Miami Open Backgammon Championship is thrilled to introduce its 2025 exclusive **Main Event streaming partner** - **Legacy Boards**, where art meets the timeless game of Backgammon and more.

Whether you're a passionate backgammon player or seeking a stunning addition to your home, Legacy Board's collection of hand-crafted custom backgammon boards, custom game tables, and multi-game tables will bring people together and impress even the most discerning of tastes.

Explore their unique creations and experience the perfect blend of craftsmanship, artistry and functionality.

www.legacyboardsnc.com



ABT Main Event matches will be streamed exclusively on the newest 2025 Legacy Board custom tables.

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HOTEL RESERVATION

Newport Beachside Hotel & Resort
16701 Collins Ave, Sunny Isles Beach, Florida, 33310, USA

The venue of the 2nd Miami Open Backgammon Championship is the Newport Beachside Hotel & Resort, centrally located between Miami and Fort Lauderdale, providing an excellent selection of spacious accommodations with gorgeous Sunny Isles Beach view.

Booking via link - www.MiamiOpenBG.com/hotel - Discounted rates will be honored for reservations made until November 3rd, for stays inside the period of November 17th - 25th, subject to availability. Reservations made after the deadline are at prevailing room rates. Cancellation policy is 72 hours to check-in time, 16:00 on arrival date.

SPECIAL ROOM RATES

BEACHFRONT LOCATION & IN PRIME SEASON

Newport Beachside Rooms are at amazing group rate of

\$170 plus \$30 resort fee / day

We recommend acting fast to book from only a handful of these beautiful rooms available!

18 miles from MIA Airport - \$35 Uber / 16 miles from FLL Airport - \$30 Uber



HOTEL RESORT FEE & AMENITIES

Newport Beachside Hotel & Resort prides itself on providing a home away from home for guests by offering an incredible array of services and amenities. Service begins the minute a room is booked and Hotel's team of hospitality professionals will attend to every detail throughout the stay.

\$30 resort fee includes:

- Beach & Pool Lounge Chairs
- Daily Outdoor Activities
- 24-Hours Access Fitness Center
- Wireless WIFI Connection & Local calls
- Daily In-room Bottle Water
- Pet Friendly Policy - Not Larger Than 40 lbs.
- Newly Renovated Pool and Coconuts Bar & Grill

The Pier - One of the Hotel's most unique amenities
Part of the Newport Beachside Hotel & Resort's preservation efforts included a joint collaboration with the City of Sunny Isles to restore the landmark fishing pier, located on the beach directly behind the hotel. Hours: 11:00 - 22:00

NEWPORT BEACHSIDE
HOTEL & RESORT



Contact us directly for an ocean view and special requests

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