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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 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
- 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

Full details & Reservation at : www.MiamiOpenBG.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, November 17th, 2026

10:00 Boot Camp starts
13:00 Lunch Break
13:30 Boot Camp resumes
19:00 Social Backgammon / Beat the Pro
19:00 Start of: Novice Tournament

Wednesday, November 18th, 2026

09:30 Registration continues
11:00 Start of: Players Cup Backgammon R1
12:30 Players Cup Backgammon R2
14:00 Players Cup Backgammon R3
15:30 Players Cup Backgammon R4
17:00 Dinner break
18:00 Players Cup Backgammon R5
19:00 Opening Speech
19:30 Start of Jackpots / 1st Start Time
19:30 Start of: TBT (No Cube) Main Event
20:30 TBT (No Cube) Main Event Rebuys

Thursday, November 19th, 2026

10:00 Start of Jackpots / 2nd Start Time
11:00 TBT (No Cube) Main Event Resumes
11:00 Play resumes in all events
14:00 Start of Jackpots / 3rd Start Time
18:00 Start of: Miami Beach Doubles R1
20:00 Miami Beach Doubles Rebuys Closes
20:00 Miami Beach Doubles R2 & Rebuy R1
22:00 Miami Beach Doubles R3 & Rebuy R2
22:00 Miami Beach Doubles Rebuys R3

Friday, November 20th, 2026

09:00 Alternate Start Time - Miami Beach Doubles Rebuys R3
10:00 Calcutta Auction
11:00 ABT Main Event starts - ABT Open, ABT Advanced, ABT Intermediates
12:00 ABT Main Event Rebuys - ABT Open, ABT Advanced, ABT Intermediates
17:00 Dinner break - Must complete Rebuy matches before taking dinner
19:00 ABT Undeclared Bracket starts - ABT Open, ABT Advanced, ABT Intermediates
19:00 ABT 2nd Chance starts - ABT Open, ABT Advanced, ABT Intermediates

21:00 ABT Main Event R2
22:30 Miami Beach Doubles R4

Saturday, November 21st, 2026

11:00 ABT Main Event R3
13:00 ABT Main Event R4
15:00 ABT Main Event R5
17:00 Dinner break
19:00 ABT Main Event R6
21:00 ABT Main Event R7
22:30 Miami Beach Doubles R5

Sunday, November 22nd, 2026

10:00 ABT Second Chance Semi-Finals
11:00 Play resumes in all events
12:00 Start of: TBT (No Cube) Challenge
12:00 Start of: Women's World of Backgammon Cup
12:00 Start of: U.S. Youth Championship
12:00 ABT Second Chance Finals
15:00 Grand Finals in all ABT Divisions
16:00 Jackpot Finals
19:00 Awarding Ceremony in Event Hall
21:00 Gala Dinner After Party in Ops Taverna

Monday, November 23rd, 2026

11:00 Start of: ABT After Tourney
12:00 FREE Board Event

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

Registration Fee:

ABT Main Event & Side Events **\$110**
Side Events only **\$60**

3rd 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.

Get ready for an unforgettable experience!

MAIN ABT TOURNAMENT

OPEN DIVISION

Rebuys: **\$250**

ENTRY: \$440 / \$70

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

Open to all / Double Elimination with a progressive Second Chance and a progressive Last Chance / 11-point matches in the Main / 9-point matches in the Second Chance / 5-point matches in the Last Chance / Clocks mandatory at 2m + 12s settings
The winner of the Open Division will be awarded a custom Backgammon board donated by www.BackgammonConnection.com

ADVANCED DIVISION

Rebuys: **\$125**

ENTRY: \$250 / \$60

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

Open to players not deemed of Open level & subject to eligibility approval / Double Elimination with a progressive Second Chance and a progressive Last Chance / 9-point matches in the Main / 7-point matches in the Second Chance / 5-point matches in the Last Chance / Clocks mandatory at 2m + 12s settings

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Rebuys: **\$70**

ENTRY: \$140 / \$50

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

Open to players not deemed of Advanced level & subject to eligibility approval / Double Elimination with a progressive Second Chance and a progressive Last Chance / 7-point matches in the Main / 5-point matches in the Second Chance / 5-point matches in the Last Chance / Clocks preferred at 2m + 12s settings

TBT DIVISION (NO CUBE)

Rebuys: **\$200**

ENTRY: \$200 / \$40

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

Open to all / Single Elimination / 7-point matches / Final 9-point match / Clocks optional at 2m + 12s settings

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



Side pools in all events return 95% and Carries over

SIDE EVENTS

MEGA JACKPOTT

Rebuys: **\$2000**

ENTRY: \$2000 / \$200

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

Open to all / Single Elimination / 13-point matches / Clocks mandatory at 2m + 12s settings / Maximum 16 entrants

MASTERS JACKPOTT

Rebuys: **\$500**

ENTRY: \$500 / \$50

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

Open to all / Single Elimination / 11-point matches / Clocks mandatory at 2m + 12s settings / Maximum 64 entrants

LIMITED JACKPOTT

Rebuys: **\$250**

ENTRY: \$250 / \$50

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

Open to all / Single Elimination / 9-point matches / Clocks mandatory at 2m + 12s settings / Maximum 64 entrants

PLAYERS CUP BACKGAMMON ENTRY

Registration: **\$120**

ENTRY: \$150 / 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

Rebuys: **\$300**

ENTRY: \$300 / \$60

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

Open to all / Single Elimination / 7-point matches / Fees are per team / Clocks mandatory at 3m + 15s settings / Maximum 64 entrants

TBT (NO CUBE) CHALLENGE

Rebuys: **\$100**

ENTRY: \$100 / \$30

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

Open to all / 4 Match Swiss Format / 5-point matches / Clocks optional at 2m + 12s settings

WOMEN IN BACKGAMMON CUP

Rebuys: **\$100**

ENTRY: \$100 / \$30

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

Open to all Women / Single Elimination / 7-point matches / Clocks mandatory at 2m + 12s settings / \$250 Added Money

SENIORS & JUNIORS

Rebuys: **\$50**

ENTRY: \$50 / \$10

Seniors - **Over 55** / Juniors - Under 55

Open to all / Single Elimination / 7-point matches / Clocks mandatory at 2m + 12s settings

BOARD TOURNAMENT

Rebuys: **\$50 / \$80 / \$130**

ENTRY: \$50 / \$80 / \$130

Board A / Board B / Board C

Open to all / Single Elimination / 5-point matches / Clocks mandatory at 2m + 12s settings

SPEEDGAMMON & SUPERSPEED

Registration: **\$50**

ENTRY: \$50 / \$10

Open to all / Single Elimination / 5-point matches / Speed Clocks mandatory at 2m (match) + 10s settings / Super Speed Clocks mandatory at 30s (match) + 7s settings

NOVICE

Rebuys: **\$25**

ENTRY: \$25

Event is sponsored by P-40

Open to players not deemed of Inter. level & subject to eligibility approval Single Elimination / Single Elimination / 3-point matches / No clock

ABT AFTER TOURNAMENT

Rebuys: **\$100**

ENTRY: \$100 / \$20

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

Open to all / Single Elimination / 7-point matches / Speed Clocks mandatory at 2m (match) + 10s settings / Super Speed Clocks mandatory at 30s (match) + 7s settings

MINI JACKPOTS

ENTRY: \$200 / \$100 / \$50 / \$20

Open to all / Single Elimination / 8 Player Brackets / Clocks mandatory at 2m + 12s settings / \$200 is a 9-point matches with 90% return / \$100 are a 7-point matches with 87.5% return / \$50 are a 5-point matches with 87.5% return / \$20 are a 5-point matches with 80% return

DMP CHALLENGE

Rebuys: **\$20**

ENTRY: \$20 / \$4

Open to all / Single Elimination / 1-point match / Clocks mandatory at 2m + 12s settings

Some Event winners will be awarded a Backgammon

board donated by www.BackgammonConnection.com

BOOTCAMP & TBT-TRADITIONAL BG TOUR

The 3rd Miami Open Championship will offer a One-Day Backgammon Boot Camp designed to elevate your tournament play and strategic thinking. Through Frank Frigo's proven curriculum, participants will strengthen their decision-making, checker play, cube awareness, and tournament mindset, gaining practical tools to improve their results and confidence at the board.

Boot Camp Fee: \$250

Activities:

- Preparing Yourself to Succeed
- Key Concepts That Guide Proper Checker Play
- Cube Awareness & Assessment
- Adjusting for Score - The Non-Mathematician's Guide
- Practical vs. Theoretical Strategy
- Bringing the Concepts Together
- A Measurable Path Toward Improvement
- Quiz, Graduation Certificates & Prizes

BOOT CAMP DIRECTOR



FRANK FRIGO (G3)
2 TIME WORLD CHAMPION



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.



Full details & reservation at www.MiamiOpenBG.com

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

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Top 4 players of the event will be awarded Backgammon boards and educational prizes!



PROFESSIONAL LIVE STREAMING TEAM

The Miami Open Backgammon Championship is proud to feature a dedicated local streaming team committed to delivering a world-class viewing experience. Using professional cameras, advanced production technology, and expert commentary, the team will broadcast featured matches live throughout the tournament. With professional commentary, live analysis, player interviews, and high-quality production, fans around the world can experience the excitement of the Miami Open in real time while enjoying one of the premier streaming productions in backgammon.



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AWARDING CEREMONY & GALLA PARTY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

19:00- Awarding Ceremony with Arde Findikeğlu

For the third 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.

21:00- 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!



The Gala Dinner After Party is a night you won't want to miss



BACKGAMMON STREAMING PARTNER

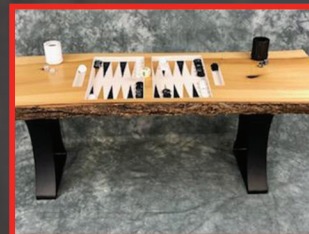
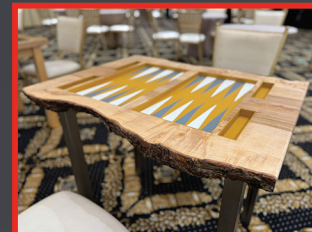
The 3rd Miami Open Backgammon Championship is thrilled to introduce its 2026 **Main Event streaming partner**

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 handcrafted 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 on the newest 2025-2026 Legacy Board custom tables.

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HOTEL RESERVATION

Hilton Aventura Miami

2885 NE 191st Street, Aventura, Florida 33180, USA

The official host hotel of the 3rd Miami Open Backgammon Championship is the Hilton Aventura Miami, a modern luxury hotel ideally located between Miami and Fort Lauderdale. Featuring spacious accommodations, premium amenities, expanded tournament facilities, and a private playing area, the Hilton offers the perfect setting for players and guests from around the world.

Book your room at <https://miamiopenbg.com/hotel-1/> to receive the exclusive Miami Open discounted rate and FREE entry to the Board Tournament on Monday, November 23. Discounted rates will be honored for reservations made by November 3rd for stays between November 16–24, subject to availability. Reservations made after the deadline will be subject to prevailing hotel rates.

SPECIAL ROOMRATES

BEACHFRONT LOCATION & IN PRIME SEASON

Hilton Aventura Miami Rooms are at amazing group rate of

\$195 / Night plus tax

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

18 miles from MIA Airport - \$35 Uber / 12 miles from FLL Airport - \$25 Uber



Contact us directly for a Deluxe King Room and special requests

HILTON AMENITIES & THE AVENTURA EXPERIENCE

The Hilton Aventura Miami combines modern luxury, exceptional service, and a prime South Florida location, making it the perfect home for the Miami Open Backgammon Championship.

One of the hotel's highlights is its stunning rooftop pool and lounge, where guests can relax between tournament rounds while enjoying panoramic skyline views and the Florida sunshine.

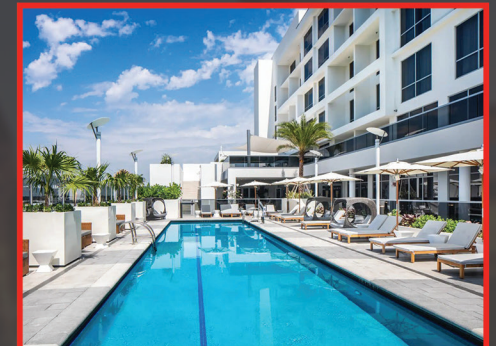
Hotel Amenities:

- Rooftop Pool & Lounge
- 24-Hour Fitness Center
- Complimentary High-Speed Wi-Fi
- On-Site Restaurant & Bar
- Starbucks® Coffee
- Spacious Guest Rooms & Suites
- Valet & Self-Parking

Just minutes away, Aventura Mall offers over 300 stores, luxury boutiques, world-class dining, cafés, and entertainment, giving players the perfect place to shop, dine, and unwind after a day of competition.

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