

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Cell Phone _____
 E-mail _____
 Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

The pre-registration deadline is Tuesday, May 1, 2018 (postmark). Late payments will not be accepted and the sender's check will be voided. Payments after the deadline must be made on-site in cash.

Event	Entry	Reg Fee	Deposit
<input type="checkbox"/> Championship ABT Optional \$100 Side Pool	\$300	* \$20/\$40	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced ABT Optional \$50 Side Pool	\$150	* \$20/\$40	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Novice ABT No Optional Side Pool	\$20	* \$20/\$40	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> Masters Jackpot Optional \$200 Side Pool	\$500	\$0	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Jackpot Optional \$100 Side Pool	\$250	\$0	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Tournament of Stars Optional \$100 Side Pool	\$200 Per Team	\$0	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> Cherry Blossom JP \$500 & \$1000 Side Pools	\$1500	\$0	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> BMAB-USA Event Multiple Side Pools	\$100	\$50	\$50
Total Enclosed	\$		

* USBGF Members pay a \$20 registration fee. Non-members will be charged a \$40 registration fee.

Players who reside outside the USA may pre-register by mail or e-mail without sending a deposit. The deadline for registration and payment of all fees for Championship and Advanced divisions is 11:00 pm, Friday, May 11, 2018.

Mail your check along with this form and make payable to:

Karen Davis
 411 N. New River Drive, East, #10-05
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

NOTICE

Any entry may be refused with no reason required. The tournament director and staff reserve the right to disallow an entrant to play below their level.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hyatt Regency Dulles
 \$117 Plus Taxes Per Night Group Rate
 Reserve Online at usbfg.org/events/hotel

The venue for the 2018 Cherry Blossom Championship is the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Washington Dulles Airport located at 2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard, Herndon, Virginia 20171. **Reservations must be made no later than April 15th, 2018 to guarantee this special rate.** This rate is valid from May 9-14, and if space available, from May 6-9 and May 14-16.

Reserve Your Room By Phone
 Call 1.888.421.1442

To make your reservations by phone, call 1.888.421.1442 and mention "CHERRY BLOSSOM BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP" to take advantage of our discounted group rate.

Complimentary shuttle service to and from Dulles airport, and Reston Town Center on Friday and Saturday evening from 6-9 pm. Suggested activities include visiting the Udvar-Hazy Center Air and Space Museum, Shenandoah National Park, over 80 wineries and vineyards, and local championship golf course. Take a short Metro ride to DC and check out over 100 popular landmarks, museums, and national monuments.

Complimentary on-site parking and high-speed Wi-Fi in guest rooms and conference rooms. Enjoy amenities such as 24-hour StayFit® Gym, indoor pool and hot tub, plus a 10% discount on food and beverages to tournament attendees at the hotel's Elements Restaurant. This hotel has a smoke-free policy.

TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

All events are LEGAL MOVES and will be played in accordance with the U.S. Backgammon Federation Rules.

The director may clock any match in any event, either at the beginning of or during a match, in order to ensure a smooth flow of the bracket. Unless otherwise specified, all clock settings are 2 minutes per point reserve time, 12 second delay.

'Clock required' stipulates that a clock must be used. 'Clock preferred' stipulates that a clock may be used if either player requests it and provides their own clock. 'Clock optional' stipulates that a clock may be used if both players agree.

All players must be prepared to start a match in the main event or any jackpot or side event up to 11:45 pm. Players behind schedule may be required to play the next morning earlier than the start time printed in this brochure.

Directors may require that selected matches be streamed.



Exquisite Craftsmanship

Our boards are made by Fazil Terlemez, a German craftsman.

Disabled from polio when he was 3 years old, and limited to working from a sitting position in a wheel chair, Fazil has earned his livelihood for the past 20 years by making superb backgammon boards, dice cups and doubling cubes.



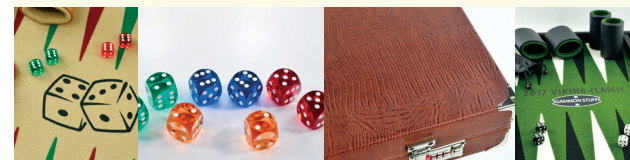
65+ unique board designs are in stock and ready to ship.

Every board in our store was handmade by Fazil in a simple workshop. Fazil's boards are built by his powerful hands, arms, and shoulders. Equally powerful is his commitment to perfection. For Fazil, no detail is too small to be overlooked. Everything about his designs speak of strength, durability, and beauty. His boards are a joy to play on.

Fazil's playing surface of choice is a felt made from dense Marino sheep wool. Merino wool is a quiet yet lively playing surface. Dice tumble easily across the soft board surface. Checkers will never lose their smooth glide action.

Our boards are built with 45mm (1.75") and 50mm (2") checkers. Their smooth surfaces perfectly compliment Fazil's Marino wool playing surfaces.

You can find us at gammonstuff.com or visit us on Facebook at facebook.com/gammonstuff



**CHERRY BLOSSOM
 BACKGAMMON
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 MAY 10-13, 2018
 HYATT REGENCY DULLES
 HERNDON, VIRGINIA**



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

06:30 pm BMAB-USA Registration

07:00 pm BMAB-USA Tournament Begins

Thursday, May 10, 2018

09:00 am BMAB-USA Continues

12:00 pm Registration Begins for All Events

01:00 pm Cherry Blossom Jackpot Begins (max 16)

02:00 pm Senior Senators / Young Pols Begins - Cont. Entry

02:00 pm USBGF National Championship East Qualifiers Begin

07:00 pm George Washington Masters JP 1st Start (max 32)

07:00 pm Abraham Lincoln Open Jackpot 1st Start (max 32)

07:30 pm Thomas Jefferson Limited Jackpot 1st Start (max 32)

08:00 pm Warm-Up Tournament

Friday, May 11, 2018

09:30 am Registration Continues for All Events

10:00 am Announcements

10:30 am USBGF Tournament of Stars Selections

11:00 am USBGF Tournament of Stars Begins

02:00 pm George Washington Masters JP 2nd Start (max 32)

02:00 pm Abraham Lincoln Open Jackpot 2nd Start (max 32)

02:30 pm Thomas Jefferson Limited Jackpot 2nd Start (max 32)

05:00 pm Dinner Break

07:00 pm Play Resumes in All Events

07:00 pm Hall of States / Embassy Row Team Challenge Begins

11:00 pm **ABT Championship & Advanced Div. Registration Deadline & Payment of Fees (max of 64 entrants per division)**

Saturday, May 12, 2018

10:30 am Announcements

11:00 am ABT Championship Division Begins

11:00 am Registration Closes for ABT Novice Division

11:15 am ABT Advanced Division Begins

11:30 am ABT Novice Division Begins

05:00 pm Dinner Break

07:00 pm Play Resumes in All Events

07:00 pm Last Entry for USBGF National Championship East

07:00 pm USBGF Tournament of Stars Continues

07:30 pm Alfred Mamlet Newcomers Freeroll Begins

Sunday, May 13, 2018

09:00 am Teaching Match to be Announced

10:00 am Play Resumes in All Events

10:30 am USBGF National Championship East Playoff Begins

11:00 am 2018 AP BluffGammon Invitational Begins (max 16)

11:00 am Mother's Day Event Begins (for women players)

11:00 am Novice Jackpot Begins

12:00 pm 4-Player Knockouts

03:00 pm Championship, Advanced, & Novice Division Finals

03:30 pm Masters, Open, & Limited Jackpot Finals

MAIN TOURNAMENT

ABT Championship Division Entry: \$300

Return: 90% Optional Side Pool: \$100

Open to all. Double elimination format with progressive consolation. 11pts in Main, 9pts in Second Chance, & 5pts in Consolation. Clocks are required at 2m/12s settings. Maximum of 64 entrants.

ABT Advanced Division Entry: \$150

Return: 90% Optional Side Pool: \$50

Open to all players not deemed of Championship level & subject to eligibility approval. Double elimination format with progressive consolation. 9pts in Main, 7pts in Second Chance, & 5pts in Consolation. Clocks are required at 2m/12s settings. Maximum of 64 entrants.

ABT Novice Division Entry: \$20

Return: 90%

Open to players with commensurate skill level. Double elimination format with progressive consolation. Optional Saturday evening buffet dinner (\$20) with invited Giant of Backgammon. Complimentary USBGF membership for new entrants. **Book prizes for all entrants & \$100 added money!**

USBGF EVENTS

USBGF Tournament of Stars Entry: \$200

Return: 85% Individual Side Pool: \$100

Doubles tournament pairing USBGF Founding Sponsors with Giants of Backgammon, & noteworthy players. Single elimination. 7pts. Clocks are required at 3m/15s settings. **\$200 added prize money.**

USBGF National Championship East

Entry: Free initial entry Carry-Over Side Pool: \$100

Free initial entry for USBGF members (\$50 for non-members) and unlimited \$50 re-entries. Winners of 8-player single elim knockout brackets receive \$100 and advance to playoff. Clocks preferred at 2m/12s settings. **\$200 added prize money and FTH board awarded to the winner. Only USBGF members are eligible to win added money and prize board for this event.**

NEWCOMERS FREEROLL & BMAB-USA

Alfred Mamlet Newcomers Freeroll

Entry: Free

This tournament is offered to first-time ABT entrants. 3pt rounds. Single elimination. **\$200 added prize money.**

BMAB-USA Tournament Entry: \$100

Multiple optional side pools. 100% return. \$50 event fee. Starts Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. Four 11pt rounds.

SIDE EVENTS

Cherry Blossom Jackpot

Entry: \$1500 Side Pools: \$500 & \$1000 Return: 95%

High stakes single elimination jackpot. Best 2-of-3 matches for 9 pts. No separate PR prize. Players electing to enter the \$1000 side pool must also have entered the \$500 side pool. Clocks are required at 2m/12s settings. Maximum of 16 entrants.

George Washington Masters Jackpot

Entry: \$500 Side Pool: \$200 Return: 95%

High equity single elim jackpot. 11pt rounds. Clocks required at 2m/12s settings. Maximum of 32 entrants. Two start times.

Abraham Lincoln Open Jackpot

Entry: \$250 Side Pool: \$100 Return: 95%

Open to all players. 11pt rounds. Single elim. Clocks required at 2m/12s settings. Maximum of 32 entrants. Two start times.

Thomas Jefferson Limited Jackpot

Entry: \$150 Side Pool: \$50 Return: 95%

Open to all players not deemed of Open level & subject to eligibility approval. 9pt rounds. Single elim. Clocks required at 2m/12s settings. Maximum of 32 entrants. Two start times.

Hall of States / Embassy Row Team Challenge

Entry: \$150 Per 3-Player Team Return: 85%

3-player individual team event requiring all team members be from the same state or country. 7pt rounds. Teams with 2 wins advance. Single elim. Clocks are required at 2m/12s settings.

Senior Senators / Young Politicos

Entry: \$50 Return: 85%

Players aged 60 and over play the 'Senior Senators' bracket. Those aged less than 60 play the 'Young Politicos' bracket. The two bracket winners are paired in a final deciding match. Single elim. 7pt rounds. Clocks are required at 2m/12s settings.

2018 AP BluffGammon Invitational

Entry: \$250 Return: 85%

Best 2-of-3 DMP matches. Single elim. Pays 50% to 1st & 25% each to 2nd and 3rd. See the tournament website for BluffGammon rules. Max of 16 entrants. **\$1000 added money!**

Mother's Day Event

Entry: \$50 Return: 85%

Single elimination. 5pt rounds. Open to all women players. Flowers to the winner and finalist.

4-Player Knockouts

Entry: \$20/\$50/\$100 Return: 85%

Single elimination knockouts offered at \$20, \$50, and \$100 entry fee levels. 5pt rounds. Winner takes all.

ADDED MONEY & PRIZE DONATIONS

USBGF Prime Tournament

A total of \$500 in added money has been provided by the USBGF Prime Tournament Initiative, plus \$1000 has been donated by Alan Pruce and \$200 by Alfred Mamlet.

Our principal sponsor Gammon Stuff has donated an \$800 FTH backgammon board to the winner of USBGF National Championship East. Additional event sponsors include Jason Lee, Bill Finneran, John Klein, and Karen Davis.

Support the USBGF and join at usbfg.org/membership/join/.

TEACHING MATCH

Exhibition match between two Giants of Backgammon will include their commentary, rationale, and explanations of selected plays and strategies over the board. Players of all skill levels are encouraged to attend

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS & STAFF

Director: Barry Silliman; **Organizer:** Karen Davis; **Promoter:** Ed O'Laughlin; **Jackpot Director:** Jeb Horton;

CB JP, TOS, & BluffGammon Director: Kent Goulding; **Novice Div. Director:** Julius High; **Side Events:** Robin Horton; **Staff:** Paul Horton; **Streaming Staff:** Andy Lindeberg; **Hospitality Director:** Linda Donaldson.

Eligibility Advisory Committee: Barry Silliman, Carol Joy Cole, and Patrick Gibson; **Rules Committee:** Jeb Horton, Jason Lee, and Rich Munitz.

CONTACT US

Contact Karen Davis for any questions or assistance.
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REMINDERS

Bring your own board & digital clock!

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VISIT US ONLINE

Visit www.cherryblossombackgammon.com

State-of-the-art dual live match streams will be ongoing and offered to viewers on Twitch at twitch.tv/usbfgfbroadcast and twitch.tv/usbfgfbroadcast2.