

# TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

The pre-registration deadline is Thursday, March 24, 2017 (postmark). Late payments will not be accepted and the sender's check will be voided. All payments after the deadline must be made onsite in cash.

| Event  | Entry             | Reg Fee     | Deposit |
|--|-------------------|-------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Championship ABT<br>Optional \$100 Side Pool    | \$300             | * \$20/\$40 | \$100   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced ABT<br>Optional \$50 Side Pool         | \$150             | * \$20/\$40 | \$50    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Novice ABT<br>No Optional Side Pool             | \$20              | * \$20/\$40 | \$0     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Masters Jackpot<br>Optional \$200 Side Pool     | \$500             | \$0         | \$100   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Jackpot<br>Optional \$100 Side Pool     | \$250             | \$0         | \$50    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tournament of Stars<br>Optional \$100 Side Pool | \$200<br>Per Team | \$0         | \$0     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cherry Blossom JP<br>No Optional Side Pool      | \$3000            | \$0         | \$500   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BMAB-USA Event<br>Multiple Side Pools           | \$100             | \$75        | \$50    |
| <b>Total Enclosed</b>  | <b>\$</b>         |             |         |

\* 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.

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

**Karen Davis**  
616 E Street, NW, #814  
Washington, D.C. 20004

## 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

**Marriott Washington Dulles Airport**  
**\$109 Plus Taxes Per Night Group Rate**  
**Reserve Online at [usbgf.org/events/hotel](http://usbgf.org/events/hotel)**

The venue for the 2017 Cherry Blossom Championship is the Marriott Hotel at Washington Dulles Airport located at 45020 Aviation Drive, Dulles, Virginia 20166. **Reservations must be made no later than Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 to guarantee this special rate.** This rate is valid from Wednesday, April 5 through Sunday, April 9, 2017.

**Reserve Your Room By Phone**  
**Call 1.800.228.9290**

To make your reservations by phone, call 1.800.228.9290 and be sure to mention "CHERRY BLOSSOM BACKGAMMON" to take advantage of our discounted group rate.

Complimentary shuttle service to Dulles airport, local entertainment, shopping, and dining (5 mile area). Tours to the U.S. Capitol, Smithsonian, Udvar-Hazy Center Air and Space Museum at Dulles, and the Cherry Blossom Festival Parade (April 8) arranged on request. Over 100 free museums and things to do: [washington.org/find-dclistings/museums](http://washington.org/find-dclistings/museums)

Hospitality desk to provide information and facilitate transportation.

Complimentary on-site parking. Free non-toll airport access road. High-speed Wi-Fi. Fitness center, indoor swimming pool. 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.

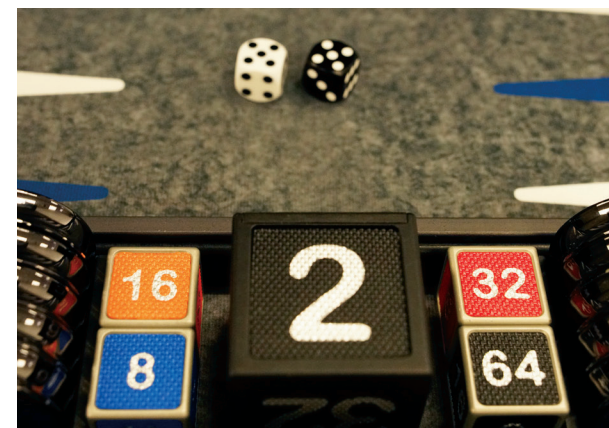
Directors may require that selected matches be streamed.



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, April 5, 2017

01:00 pm - 5:00 pm & 07:00 pm - 11:00 pm BLC Bootcamps

### Thursday, April 6, 2017

10:30 am BMAB-USA Registration Begins  
11:00 am BMAB-USA Tournament Begins  
11:00 am Registration Begins for All Events & Announcements  
12:00 pm Cherry Blossom Jackpot Begins  
02:00 pm Senior Senators / Young Pols Begins - Cont. Entry  
02:00 pm USBGF Blitz Begins - Continuous Entry  
07:00 pm BMAB-USA Tournament Ends  
07:00 pm George Washington Masters Jackpot First Start  
07:30 pm Abraham Lincoln Limited Jackpot First Start

### Friday, April 7, 2017

09:30 am Registration Continues for All Events  
09:45 am Announcements  
10:00 am Senior Senators / Young Pols Continues - Cont. Entry  
10:00 am USBGF Blitz Continues - Continuous Entry  
10:30 am USBGF Tournament of Stars Selections  
11:00 am USBGF Tournament of Stars Begins  
02:00 pm George Washington Masters Jackpot Second Start  
02:30 pm Abraham Lincoln Limited Jackpot Second Start  
05:00 pm Dinner Break  
07:00 pm Play Resumes in All Events  
07:00 pm Hall of States / Embassy Row Team Challenge Begins  
07:00 pm Senior Senators / Young Pols Continues - Cont. Entry  
07:00 pm USBGF Blitz Continues - Continuous Entry

### Saturday, April 8, 2017

10:30 am Registration Closes for ABT Main Events  
10:45 am Announcements  
11:00 am ABT Championship Division Begins  
11:15 am ABT Advanced Division Begins  
01:30 pm ABT Novice Division Begins  
05:00 pm Dinner Break  
07:00 pm Play Resumes in All Events  
07:00 pm USBGF Tournament of Stars Continues  
07:00 pm Senior Senators / Young Pols Continues - Cont. Entry  
07:00 pm USBGF Blitz Continues - Continuous Entry  
07:30 pm Alfred Mamlet Newcomers Freeroll Begins

### Sunday, April 9, 2017

09:00 am Teaching Match - Victor Ashkenazi vs. Marty Storer  
10:00 am Play Resumes in All Events  
10:00 am ABT Consolation Flight Begins in all Divisions  
12:00 pm Tavla Tournament Begins - Middle Eastern Rules  
01:00 pm \$50 & \$100 Jackpots Begin  
01:30 pm Championship, Advanced, & Novice Division Finals  
02:00 pm Masters & Limited Jackpot Finals  
06:00 pm Awards Presentation

## MAIN TOURNAMENT

**ABT Championship Division** Entry: \$300  
Return: 90% Optional Side Pool: \$100

Open to all. Double elimination format with fresh-draw consolation. 11pts in Main, 9pts in Second Chance, & 5pts in Consolation. Clocks are required at 2m/12s settings.  
**The winner of the Championship Division will be awarded a beautiful custom board provided by P-40 Backgammon.**

**ABT Advanced Division** Entry: \$200  
Return: 90% Optional Side Pool: \$50

Open to all players not deemed of Championship level & subject to eligibility approval. Double elimination format with fresh-draw consolation. 9pts in Main, 7pts in Second Chance, & 5pts in Consolation. Clocks are preferred at 2m/12s settings.  
**The winner of the Advanced Division will be awarded a starter board crafted by CHH.**

**ABT Novice Division** Entry: \$20  
Return: 90%

Open to players with commensurate skill level. Format to be determined. Special prizes for Novice entrants & \$100 added!

## 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 2.5m/15s settings.  
**\$250 added prize money.**

**USBGF Blitz** Entry: \$50  
Return: 85%

Open to both USBGF members and non-members. 5pt rounds. Single elimination. Winners of qualifying brackets of 8 receive \$200 and advance to the Blitz Playoff. Clocks are preferred at 2m/12s settings.  
**\$400 added prize money. Only USBGF members are eligible to win added money for this event.**

## NEWCOMERS FREEROLL

**Alfred Mamlet Newcomers Freeroll**  
Entry: Free

This tournament is offered to first-time ABT entrants. 5pt rounds. Single elimination. \$200 prize pool.

## BMAB-USA EVENT

**BMAB-USA Tournament** Entry: \$100  
Multiple optional side pools. 100% return. \$75 event fee. See tournament website for additional details.

## SIDE EVENTS

**Cherry Blossom Jackpot** Entry: \$3000 Return: 95%

High stakes single elimination jackpot. Best 2-of-3 matches for 9 pts. Clocks are required at 2m/12s settings. 15% of the prize pool will be awarded to the player with the best resulting PR after round one. The remaining prize pool will be split 55% to the tournament winner and 30% to the finalist.

**George Washington Masters Jackpot** Entry: \$500 Side Pool: \$200 Return: 95%

High equity single elimination jackpot. 11pt rounds. Clocks are required at 2m/12s settings. Choose from two start times.

**Abraham Lincoln Limited Jackpot** Entry: \$250 Side Pool: \$100 Return: 95%

Open to all players not deemed of Masters level & subject to eligibility approval. 9pt rounds. Single elimination. Clocks are required at 2m/12s settings. Choose from 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 preferred at 2m/12s settings.  
**\$250 added prize money.**

**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. Continuous entries and re-entries.

**Middle Eastern Tavla Tournament** Entry: \$25 Return: 85%

Played under Middle Eastern rules. See tournament website for complete details. Single elimination. 3pt rnds.

**Sunday Jackpots** Entry: \$100 & \$50 Return: 85%

Single elimination jackpots offered at both \$100 and \$50 entry fee levels. 7pt rnds.

## TEACHING MATCH

**Victor Ashkenazi vs. Marty Storer**

Backgammon Giants and BMAB Grand Masters Victor Ashkenazi and Marty Storer will hold an exhibition match which will include their commentary, rationale, and explanations of selected plays and strategies over the board. Players of all skill levels are encouraged to attend.

## ADDED MONEY & PRIZE DONATIONS

### USBGF Prime Tournament

A total of \$750 in added money has been provided by the USBGF Prime Tournament Initiative, plus \$250 has been graciously donated by Karen Davis.

P-40 Backgammon is our principal sponsor. Jason Lee has donated 6-month trial USBGF memberships and contributed classic backgammon books for all players registered in the Novice division!

Support the USBGF and join at [usbfgf.org/membership/join/](http://usbfgf.org/membership/join/).

## TOURNAMENT STAFF & SPONSORS

### Promoters, Directors, & Sponsors

**Promoter:** Ed O'Laughlin  
**Tournament Director:** Bill Riles  
**Director of Operations:** Karen Davis

**Tournament Staff:** Barry Silliman, Robin Horton, Jeb Horton, Jason Lee, and Larry Brown.

**Event Sponsors:** P-40 Backgammon, Alfred Mamlet, Jason Lee, Bill Finneran, John Klein, and Karen Davis.

**Eligibility Advisory Committee:** Barry Silliman, Carol Joy Cole, and Patrick Gibson.

**Rules Committee:** Jeb Horton, Barry Silliman, Jason Lee, and Marty Storer.

## CONTACT US

Contact Karen Davis for any questions or assistance.  
Cell Phone: 917.488.5364 E-Mail: [karen@usbfgf.org](mailto:karen@usbfgf.org)

## REMINDERS

### Bring your own board & digital clock!

Pre-registration deadline is Thursday, March 24th, 2017 (postmark). Walk-in entries will be accepted. All fees paid on-site must be in cash.

## VISIT US ONLINE

Visit [www.dcmetrobackgammon.com](http://www.dcmetrobackgammon.com)  
Visit us online for live match streaming directly from the event, bracket updates, tournament news, and photos.

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