

# 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€**



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
- Cultural excursion
- Gala dinner
- Live streaming every day and more...



## Guided tour through the historic city centre

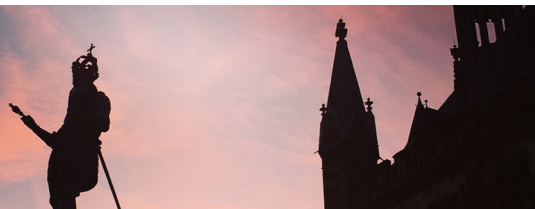
In a two-hour tour with a guide, you can get to know the historic city centre of Aachen and visit the over 1200-year-old Aachen Cathedral with the Chapel of Emperor Charlemagne, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1978. The tour is offered in German and English. The participation fee is 15€.

Tickets and more information on the Tournament Website:  
[www.backgammon-festival-aachen.de](http://www.backgammon-festival-aachen.de)

<b>Saturday, 10th August</b>	<b>12:30 – 18:30 13:00 19:00 20:00</b>	Registrations & Qualifiers Start of Mini Jackpots & Speedgammon Welcome Speech & Public Draw “Charlemagne Open” Start of Undeclared Bracket ( <i>Masters &amp; Intermediates</i> )
<b>Sunday, 11th August</b>	<b>13:00 19:00 20:30 22:30</b>	“Charlemagne Open” ( <i>Masters &amp; Intermediates</i> ) continues & Start of Second Chance Bracket Dinner break Gameplay resumes & Start of WDC 1st round WDC continues
<b>Monday, 12th August</b>	<b>13:00 19:00 20:30 22:30</b>	“Charlemagne Open” continues Dinner break Gameplay resumes & WDC continues WDC continues
<b>Tuesday, 13th August</b>	<b>13:00 19:00 20:30 22:30</b>	“Charlemagne Open” continues Dinner break Gameplay resumes & WDC continues WDC Playoffs
<b>Wednesday, 14th August</b>	<b>13:00 15:00 16:00 19:30</b>	“Charlemagne Open” continues & WDC Quarter Finals Start of Doubles Pro/Am WDC Semi Finals <b>Gala Dinner</b>
<b>Thursday, 15th August</b>	<b>12:30 13:00 15:00 19:00 20:30</b>	Start of Super Jackpot WDC Grand Finals & 3rd/4th Duel Start of “Charlemagne Open” Grand Finals Dinner break Gameplay resumes
<b>Friday, 16th August</b>	<b>12:00 16:00 21:00</b>	Start of Last Chance Bracket ( <i>Masters &amp; Intermediates</i> ), all categories resume 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	Entre 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 <sup>rd</sup>	9
Main 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	4,5 each
Main 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup>	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

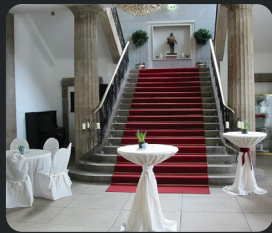
Charlemagne Open Intermediates (Total Added Value Share 1000€)	Prize Pool Distribution (%)
Main Winner	44
Main Finalist	20
Main 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10
Main 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	5 each
Undefeated Bracket Winner Bonus	5
Undefeated Bracket Finalist Bonus	2,5
Last Chance Winner	6
Last Chance Finalist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



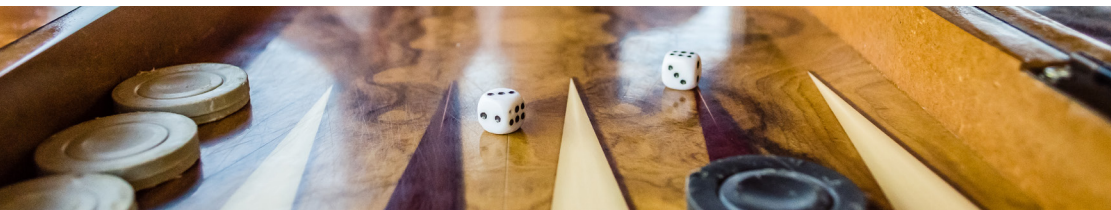
## Mercure Hotel Aachen am Dom

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.”**

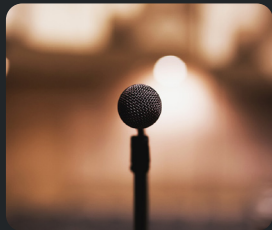
Let's spend a fantastic evening with friends and guests in a festive setting. The **mandatory** cost contribution of **100€** includes:

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

We look forward to seeing you.

The location for the Gala Dinner will be announced on the website and during the festival.

**Extra Registration Fee 100€ for Gala Dinner is part of the tournament.**



Ticket-Reservation: [www.backgammon-festival-aachen.de](http://www.backgammon-festival-aachen.de)

# Backgammon Workshops

Various grandmasters, including Torsten Lux, will be offering a backgammon workshop throughout the festival.

Seminars take place every day.

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.



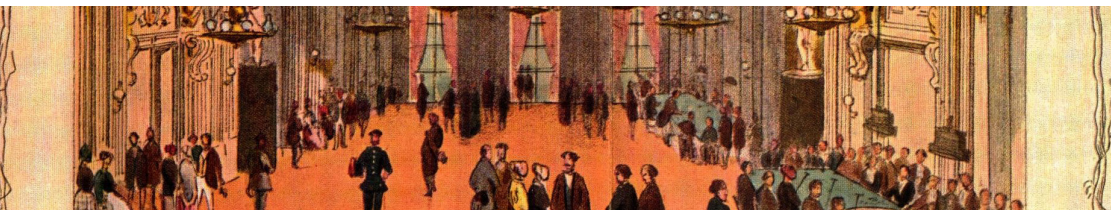
**“Train hard, fight easy.”**

Torsten Lux



Surprise Secret Grandmaster

Seminar-Pass: [www.backgammon-festival-aachen.de](http://www.backgammon-festival-aachen.de)



# Organisation

## Producer

Hirnakrobat Eventmanagement  
Jürgen Schettler + Marcus Reinhard

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## Tournament Director

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Marcus Reinhard



Arda Findikoglu



Jürgen Schettler

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## Esteemed Partner

WBGF,  
represented by  
the president Bernhard Mayr



Check our website  
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](http://www.wbfturkey.com/doc/Tournament_Rules_WBGF.pdf)



[www.wbfturkey.com/doc/2024\\_Doubles\\_Regulations.pdf](http://www.wbfturkey.com/doc/2024_Doubles_Regulations.pdf)



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