

# Backgammon Turku Open 2018

The fees in backgammon tournaments are often several hundred euros and it is clear that this excludes some players. That is why we decided to arrange a tournament that has a affordable fee and lots of backgammon to play! The format is triple elimination, which means that a player is out only after three losses. So every player gets to play at least three matches of tournament backgammon and most players will naturally play much more! There are also 4-player jackpots and on Sunday a Last Chance tournament for players that are out of the main tournament. The playing venue is in the elegant conference room of hotel Scandic Julia. The hotel is located in the heart of Turku, the oldest city and the only medieval city in Finland. There is only a few minutes walk to the central market square and to the Aura river.

Come to Turku in the fall to play the best game in the world!

## **Date:**

Saturday - Sunday 13.-14.10.2018

## **Location**

Hotel Scandic Julia

Eerikinkatu 4, Turku

<https://www.scandichotels.fi/hotellit/suomi/turku/scandic-julia>

Conference room Seipel 1+2 or Julin 2 (this will be confirmed later)

<https://www.scandichotels.fi/hotellit/suomi/turku/scandic-julia/kokoukset-ja-juhlatilat>

## **Flights and fees**

Champion:	80€ (50€ + 30€ registration fee) *
	120€ optional side pool
Last Chance:	30€
Jackpots:	10€ / 30€ / 50€ (inc. 0%-10% registration fee)

\* Members of the Finnish Backgammon association will receive a drink ticket upon registration!

Only cash accepted.

### **Format and match lengths:**

Champion: Triple elimination  
Match lengths will be decided according to the number of announced arrivals  
The schedule is made to 7 point matches

Clock option (both players have to agree)

We will use a tournament software FTBGSYSTEM, that has a web-based management application <https://www.ftbgssystem.com/about.php>, in which results can be viewed in the web.

Last Chance: Single elimination, matches to 5 points

4 player Jackpots: Single elimination, matches to 7 points

The tournament organizer holds the right to set a clock to any match, if the schedule demands it.

### **Schedule:**

Saturday 13.10.2018

12 - 12.45	registration for Champion-flight
12.45 - 13	draw and opening speech
13	1. round
14.30	2. round
16	3. round
	dinner break
18.30	4. round
20	5. round

21.30                    6. round  
klo 24                    doors close

Sunday 14.10.2018

12                        doors open  
12 - 12.30              registration for Last Chance (for those out of the main tournament)  
12.30                    Last Chance begins  
                              7. round  
14                        8. round  
16                        9. round  
                              prize giving ceremony  
18                        doors close, tournament ends

NOTE! The matches in the last rounds might not be played at all or they might be played with shorter matches.

4-player jackpots are running throughout the tournament!

The schedule is indicative and the organizer holds the right to changes. Triple elimination is a tricky format for making schedule, since the number of rounds is difficult to predict precisely. Also in the FTBGSYSTEM *all* the matches of a round have to be concluded before draw for the next round can be done.

**Prize distribution:**

Champion:	1.	50%
	2.	30%
	3.	20%
Optional sidepool:	1.	100%
Last Chance:	1.	70%
	2.	30%
Jackpots:	1.	100%

**Misc:**

Please announce your arrival to [suomenbackgammon@gmail.com](mailto:suomenbackgammon@gmail.com).

The registration is not binding, but the number of rounds and match length will be decided according to the number of players that have announced their arrival.

European Backgammon federation rules apply:

<http://eubgf.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Tournament-Rules-EUBGF-Feb16.pdf>

Tournament jury will be announced in the opening speech.

Please bring your own board (and clock)!

Hotel Scandic Julia is 1,5 kilometers from the central railway station, 0,7 kilometers from the bus station and 3,7 kilometers from the harbor. The hotel is located near the market square, so the local busses are the most convenient way to travel (bus number 1 from the harbor to the market square).

If you have questions or comments about the tournament, please send a message to: [suomenbackgammon@gmail.com](mailto:suomenbackgammon@gmail.com).

Tournament organizer holds the right to changes in the tournament details.

Tournament organizer: Finnish Backgammon association

Tournament director: Simo Huovinen