

BACKGAMMON MASTERS AWARDING BODY (UK)

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BMAB (UK) Ranking Tournament, 14-15 December 2019, Long Eaton

Sponsored by Mike Levi and Andy Darby

The tournament which will be held at the
Best Western – Nottingham-Derby, Bostock Lane, Long Eaton, NG10 4EP
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The format of the tournament will be a 5 round (13pt matches) Swiss. All matches will be played in accordance with UKBGF rules, including the requirement for game clocks, which will be set at a 26 minutes bank time and 12 seconds delay for each match. All matches will be recorded and later transcribed to electronic match files which will then be analysed by the current version of XG.

Tournament Schedule

Saturday 14th December

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| Registration | 10:15 to 11:00 |
| Round 1 | 11:15 |
| Round 2 | 14:015 |
| Round 3 | 17:00 |
| Dinner | 19:45 |

Sunday 15th December

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| Masterclass | 09:30 |
| Round 4 | 10.45 |
| Round 5 | 13.45 |

It is important that players complete the tournament, as a late cancellation will spoil the tournament for the other players. Consequently you are required to pay a deposit of £30 which will only be refunded where players complete the tournament and then complete the required transcription work within 7 days. Please pay the deposit by electronic bank transfer to Mark Adkins (sort code 40-15-05 Account No. 11107984). Players who transcribe 3 matches will be refunded their deposit. If you wish to transcribe matches you will need to bring a USB memory stick of at least 8MB. Players not wishing to transcribe 3 matches will have the matches transcribed by third parties.

At tournament registration, players will pay a £60 registration fee and pay £40 entry fee into a prize pool, 10% of which will go towards PR prizes.

There will also be an optional £40 side-pool (100% return)

The winner will get 70% of the prize pools and the runner up 30%

The criteria for determining the tournament winner and runner up (and winner/RU of the side-pool) will be based solely on the number of match wins. Where ties occur, prize money will be shared.

The winner and runner-up for the PR prize will be awarded to the two players with the lowest aggregate PR, determined from the completed XG player profiles, which weighs the PR from each match against the number of decisions made. However, PR values within 1% of each other shall be deemed to be equivalent. The PR prizes cannot be awarded until all the matches are transcribed and then analysed. Consequently, it is expected that there will be a 14 day period between completion of tournament and the award of this prize.

There will also be a prize of an online lesson with Backgammon Workshop (sponsored by Andy Darby) for the most improved non master player. This will be based on Tournament PR percentage improvement compared to pre-tournament PR rating.

Hotel rooms are available at the price of £55 B&B (Single Occupancy) and £65 B&B (Double Occupancy). There are also a limited number of Executive Rooms with an additional surcharge of £15. **Players should book rooms directly with the hotel and quote 'Backgammon Tournament' for the special rate.** Please book your accommodation as soon as entry to the tournament is confirmed as the hotel won't keep our reserved rooms indefinitely.

When calling to make your booking contact details will need to be provided and a card to secure the booking. No payment gets taken it is just used as a guarantee.

The Hotel is close to Junction 25 of the M1. For guests arriving by train the closest station to the hotel is Long Eaton. To travel from the station by taxi costs about £5 for a standard size vehicle. There is also a regular Skylink bus service from East Midlands Airport stopping at Long Eaton Railway Station before reaching Nottingham.

The hotel also offers a Lunch menu where orders will be brought to the ground floor lobby area. There will be a block booking for dinner at the restaurant for dinner at 19.15 on Saturday for those interested. The hotel will provide coffee, tea and chilled water free throughout the weekend.

This tournament is limited to a maximum of 32 players, so early entry is advisable. Entry will be confirmed on receipt of the £30 deposit.

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