

MELBOURNE BACKGAMMON INTERNATIONAL JANUARY 2020

MAY UPDATE

DATE/GENERAL INFO

Official event date to be announced, but we can confirm that we will be holding this prestigious event in late January.

Key dates in Melbourne also include Aussie Millions Poker, Chinese New Year January 24th, Australia Day Public Holiday January 27th, Australian Open Final Feb 2nd, Superbowl Feb 2nd USA/Feb 3rd Australia.

Official registration opens June 7th with a presentation at the LA Open to kick off our event. This will include our final schedule.

EVENTS

Last year we were overjoyed to have 16 for the \$5k and 32 for the \$1k. These will be our core focus for Melbourne 2020 as we are aiming to make this a highlight on the international Backgammon circuit.

HIGH ROLLER EVENT

After last year's success and enquires from several players we will be running a \$20k High Roller event. Expected payout will be a \$100k minimum for 1st place. Currently there is at least 4 Australians and several overseas players interested so won't be difficult to fill the initial bracket of 8, hoping to get 16 players.

Entry into this exclusive event will be subject to the approval of the tournament committee.

PRE-EVENT ACTION

We will be running chouettes and satellites the week prior to the event for anyone arriving early.

We previously ran daily \$25-\$500 chouettes and everywhere in between to ensure we accommodated all players on all budgets. So basically there will be 7 days of side action leading up to the tournaments.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Last year we completed in 5 days satellites for both events, ran the \$5k, \$1k and Japan vs World event plus a consolation free roll for the \$1k players.

GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

We are pleased to announce our 5 **Giants of Backgammon** as our International Goodwill Ambassadors for 2020:

International
USA
Japan
Europe

Mike Svobodny
Joe Russell
Mochy & Michi
Tobias Hellwag

Our International Goodwill Ambassadors are there to cover any additional information that you may need. We would like to thank you all for supporting our event.

TOURNAMENT MANAGER

Rob Huxley has been appointed as the Event Manager for Melbourne 2020. Learning from our inaugural event we have decided to have a truly independent Event Manager.

Dealing with front of house event & tournament management co-ordination and all administration, together with responsibility for all technical aspects

Rob will be assisted by Karina Jett and our hostess Lucy Lechich who will welcome all our guests.

PRIZE MONEY & REGISTRATION FEES

100% of all entry fees are returned in prize money.

Registration fees cover operating costs.

\$5k + \$300, \$1k + \$100 registration fees remain the same.

Please note this is a non profit event. Event organizers including our newly appointed Event Manager Rob Huxley, Karina Jett and Lucy Lechich all donate their time as do Tournament Directors Tino Lechich and Michihito Kageyama.

*Thank you all for attending
our inaugural event in this year!
Appreciated all the feed back & looking
forward to meeting old friends & new
in Melbourne, January 2020.
Best of dice - Tino & Ralph*

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