

Announcing the
2019 Queensland Open Backgammon Championship
including Masters, Beginners and the inaugural
Australian Speedgammon Championship
to be held at
Surfers Paradise Surf Club, Gold Coast, Queensland
on 9-11 August 2019

Your hosts **Steve Roberts** and **Simon Woodhead** invite you to the heart of Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast for a weekend packed with backgammon for players of all levels. The [Surfers Paradise SLSC](#) is located near Cavill Avenue right opposite the beach, so bring the family and enjoy some Queensland sun to get you through the winter months!

Tournament	Entry fee	Rebuys	Format – all tournaments are knockout
Registration	\$10	Note:	Registration fee waived for ABF members and Beginners
Open	\$50	\$40	7/7/9/9/11 point rounds, clocks optional
Masters	\$150/\$300 R1/R2	\$130	9/9/11/11/13 point rounds, clocks required
Speedgammon	\$50	\$40	7 point rounds, clocks - 3 minutes plus 10 second delay
Beginners	\$0 first entry**	\$5	3 point rounds, up to 8 fields of 4, no cube, no clocks
Last Chance	\$20	N/A	5/5/5/7 point rounds, separate tournament on Sunday for all players not playing in Finals, clocks optional

** First 20 entries (\$100) sponsored by the Gold Coast Backgammon Group

Schedule		
Date	Time	Event
Friday 9 th August	18:00-23:00	Satellites for R1 and R2 Masters entry (\$20/\$40) Speedgammon tournament starts (\$50)
Saturday 10 th August	10:00-11:00	Registration desk open
	11:15	Welcome and QLD Open draw
	11:30	Open Round 1 play commences
	12:00	Beginners draw and play commences
	14:00	Open Round 2 play commences
	18:00-19:00	Dinner break
	19:00	Masters Draw and Masters Round 1 play commences
	19:00-23:00	Play continues in all tournaments until final fields-of-8 full
Sunday 11 ^h August	10:00-11:00	Completion of any outstanding matches
	11:00	Quarter Finals commence all tournaments
	11:15	Last Chance tournament registration closes
	11:30	Last Chance draw and play commences
	17:00-18:00	Prize and Trophy presentations



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Further details

About our venue: Welcome to the home of the Surfers Paradise Nippers, Gold Coast Nippers

"Nippers is about learning, confidence and having fun in a safe beach environment. For Nippers, the beach is the classroom. They gain confidence by passing the tests of swimming, body boarding, beach sprints, dolphin-diving, spotting a rip, having fun with new friends and discovering things about themselves. Nippers is open to children from the age 5 up to 13 years."

The 2019 Queensland Open Backgammon Championship is proud to be associated with the Nippers and we will be running a few raffles and fundraisers for them throughout the weekend.

Accommodation:

Surfers Paradise is in the heart of the Gold Coast holiday precinct so there are hotels, motels, air bnb and many other options. Please contact us if you need help with reservations.

Flights:

It is off season in August so flights and accommodation are reasonable. **The sooner you book flights, the cheaper they are!** Coolangatta Airport (OOL) is less than 30 minutes by taxi from Surfers. There are shuttle buses available that will transfer you door-to-door.

Satellites:

If you plan on joining us on Friday evening, you may enter the Masters satellites even if you have already registered and paid to enter the tournament. You can even convert a Round 1 entry to a Round 2 entry by winning a \$20 satellite!

Speedgammon:

Also on Friday evening, we will start the Speedgammon tournament. Don't worry if you can't be here, there will be plenty of opportunity to try this fast and tough test of backgammon skill throughout Saturday.

Please let us know you are coming! This greatly assists us in organising a weekend of fun backgammon for all.

Register your interest by phone, text or email and we will answer any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming you in August...

If you can bring a board and/or clock please do so!

Trophies and Beginners tournament sponsored by the Gold Coast Backgammon Group



The 2019 Queensland Open Backgammon Championships is an Australian Backgammon Federation rated event. All tournament matches (except beginners) will be rated.



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