

SYDNEY BACKGAMMONERS EXTERNAL CHALLENGE

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Biannual off-site tournaments conducted by the Sydney Backgammoners.

These tournaments are designed to:

1. give players experience in playing longer matches without time constraints
2. give players an opportunity to meet players outside their normal playing circle.

Twice a year, starting in February and July and running for a period of five months, Sydney Backgammoners (the club) will run Swiss-style open external (off-site) tournaments.

MATCHES

Each tournament consists of five rounds of 13-point matches.

Players have 25 days in which to play the match at any place of their choosing.

If both players agree, matches can be played over a number of sittings.

Play must be face-to-face. On-line playing is prohibited.

Pairings are chosen according to the Swiss-style tournament method adopted by the club.

The default playing field is the Sydney Metropolitan Area.

If both players agree, the match can be played at any other place.

Either player can insist the match be played in Sydney.

It is both players' responsibility to organise their match. Matches will not be organised by the club. If the players can't work it out between themselves over the 25-day period they both lose out. Forfeited matches are not scored. No ifs, not buts, no sob stories.

SCORING

In any match, the score difference (points won minus points lost) determines your Score Points. For example, if you beat your opponent 13-8 your Score Points are 5 and your opponent's are -5.

As the match winner, you are awarded a further 100 Match Points, so your Total Points for the match are 105 and your opponent's are -5.

This total is added to the totals of prior matches to give the current ranking score and this will determine the pairing of the next round.

The winner is simply the player with the highest score after five rounds.

If in any round there is an odd number of players, the player at the bottom of the ladder will receive a bye, awarding the player 100 Bonus Points but no Score Points.

If a player aborts a match for any reason, the match score is the score-to-date and the opponent also receives 100 Bonus Points.

NO SHOWS AND DUMMY SPITS

If, over the five-month tournament period, a player twice does not show up to an arranged match without letting the opponent know, that player is scratched from the tournament. A stood-up player must show evidence of the match arrangement and will be awarded 100 bonus points.

If a player refuses to play an opponent for any reason, the player is scratched from the tournament.

The opponent must show evidence of such refusal and will be awarded 100 bonus points.

PLAYING PERIOD

Matches may commence as soon as the pairings are displayed on our web site, sydneybackgammoners.blogspot.com

Results must be submitted to the TD by midnight of the 25th of the playing month. Late results will not be accepted and both players will forfeit their match.

WHO MAY ENTER

Entry is open to all players, at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

This is not a tournament for novices.

Players must be prepared to travel to Sydney if the opponent requests it.

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee to the tournament is \$50.

The full entry is returned as prize money. In case of a draw the prize money shall be split.

60% to the winner

30% to the runner-up

10% consolation to the highest scorer who only won one match

(this is to keep players interested right to the very end even if they are not doing well).

RULES

A minimum of six players are required for the tournament to proceed.

The normal rules of the Sydney Backgammoners, based on internationally accepted rules, will apply. These can be found on the club's website, sydneybackgammoners.blogspot.com

The Tournament Director will be the sole arbiter of disputes and will give fairness and sportsmanship priority in all deliberations.

RATINGS

Scores of completed matches will be submitted to the Australian Backgammon Federation for inclusion in their ratings table.

APPLICATIONS

Applications must be made by the 25th of the month prior to the first monthly match.

1. email the Tournament Director, Gary Stavrou, at gstavrou@bigpond.net.au and request entry to the next tournament. Be sure to supply a phone number and your city and suburb of residence.

2. deposit \$50 by electronic transfer to: Carol Wakelin BSB 112 879 Account No. 424 093 298
Don't forget to include your name and External Challenge as reference.

Be aware that your email address, phone number and area of residence will appear on our web page so that opponents may contact you.

SCHEDULE FOR THE JULY 2019 EXTERNAL CHALLENGE

It is the players' responsibility to monitor the progress of matches on our website

Applications close on June 25th.

Round 1 may start when pairings are published and must be completed by July 25th

Round 2 may start when pairings are published and must be completed by August 25th

Round 3 may start when pairings are published and must be completed by September 25th

Round 4 may start when pairings are published and must be completed by October 25th

Round 5 may start when pairings are published and must be completed by November 25th

SCHEDULE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2020 EXTERNAL CHALLENGE

It is the players' responsibility to monitor the progress of matches on our website

Applications close on January 25th.

Round 1 may start when pairings are published and must be completed by February 25th

Round 2 may start when pairings are published and must be completed by March 25th

Round 3 may start when pairings are published and must be completed by April 25th

Round 4 may start when pairings are published and must be completed by May 25th

Round 5 may start when pairings are published and must be completed by June 25th