

# *Queensland Backgammon*

proudly presents the

## **2021 Australian Backgammon Championships**

to be held upstairs at the

### **Diggers and Sports Club**

Level 1, 9 Beach Road

**Surfers Paradise, Gold Coast, Queensland**

on

**20•21•22 August 2021**

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#### **The 2021 Australian Backgammon Open**

- \$100 entry, \$80 rebuys

#### **The 2021 Australian Backgammon Masters**

- \$300 entry, \$250 rebuys

#### **The 2021 Australian Speedgammon Championship**

- \$75 entry, \$50 rebuys

#### **Plus Sunday Tournament and Novice Tournament**

\$10 registration fee, waived for AusBGF members (you can join on the day - \$10 per year). 95% of entry fees returned as cash prizes plus trophies for all finalists. See below for schedule and format details.

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# Draft Schedule

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## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August

- Registration desk open: 4PM to 10PM
- 5PM: Open R1 & R2
- 6PM: Speedgammon R1 & R2
- 7PM: Masters satellites (\$75 entry to field of 4)

## Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August

- Registration 10AM - 10:30AM
- 10:45AM: Open R1 & R2
- 11AM: Novice Tournament commences
- 12PM: Speedgammon R1 & R2 continues
- 2PM: Open R3 & R4
- 4PM: Speedgammon R3 & R4
- 5PM: Masters R1
- 7PM: Masters R2

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

- Registration 10:30AM – 12PM
- 10AM: Catch up matches all tournaments
- 11AM: Finals commence all tournaments
- 12PM: Sunday Tournament begins
- 6-7PM: Trophy/prize presentations

## Format & Important Information

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### Format:

- All tournaments are single elimination.
- No rebuys on Friday night; players may rebuy on Saturday if space permits.
- Reduced entry rebuys available until field full.
- Sunday Tournament is a free entry tournament with a \$20 side pool + trophy.

### Points and clock settings:

- Open – Round 1 7 points, no clocks.
- Masters - Round 1 11 points, clocks at 2 minutes plus 1 minute per point, 12 second delay.
- Speedgammon - 7pt matches, clocks at 3 minutes total with 10 second delay.
- Sunday Tournament - 5pt matches, 7pt final, no clocks.
- Novice Tournament – 3pt matches, no cube, \$5 entry with free re-entry until field is full.

All entry fees to be paid in cash on the day unless paid prior (NO EFTPOS sorry).

Please bring your own board (and clock) if you can. No boards with hard (ie noisy) surfaces please!

All tournament matches except Novice will be entered into the AusBGF ratings system.

Clocks are mandatory in Speedgammon and Masters tournaments, optional in other tournaments.

If you need help or have any questions, please contact us.

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# Venue, Travel and Accommodation information

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## Venue

The Diggers Sports Club is at Level 1, 9 Beach Rd, Surfers Paradise, Queensland 4217. Reception is on the first floor and we will be playing upstairs in the Coral Sea Room and Anzac Deck. There is an escalator to Reception and a lift as well as stairs upstairs to the playing area. Please consider joining the club for the princely sum of \$3 for 3 years – this will speed up entry to the club and of course give you food and drink discounts throughout the weekend. The playing area and adjacent courtyard is exclusively ours for the weekend from 4PM Friday to 7PM Sunday.

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/9wC4YSHaeHowzikZ9>  
<https://www.diggersandsports.com.au/>  
<https://www.diggersandsports.com.au/membership/>

## Travel by air

Surfers Paradise is on the Gold Coast, Queensland. The closest airport is Gold Coast Airport at Coolangatta (OOL). Buses, taxis or Ubers will transfer you between the airport and your accommodation. If you have to fly to Brisbane (BNE) Airport, there is a train service direct to the Gold Coast but it takes a couple of hours and you will need to transfer to the Gold Coast tram service at Helensvale if you are staying in Surfers or anywhere on the coast.

## Travel by road

From the north, take the M1 Exit 66 (Smith St Motorway) all the way to the Gold Coast Highway and head south to Surfers Paradise. From the south, take the M1 Exit 87 (Southport Burleigh Rd) which becomes Bundall Rd then Ferry Rd. Turn right onto Thomas Drive towards Surfers.

## Parking

The Diggers Sports Club is right opposite the Bruce Bishop public car park. If you only enter and exit once per day, the cost is \$5.

Full rates here: <https://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/thegoldcoast/bruce-bishop-car-park-22661.html>

Should the Bruce Bishop be full, the Paradise Centre Car Park (in the same street as the Diggers) is a good option but for cheap rates, you have to book in advance online via <https://secureaspot.secureparking.com.au/>

## Accommodation

This is the heart of Surfers Paradise so there is plenty of choice within easy walking distance. We strongly recommend that you arrange your stay with a Free Cancellation option, just in case. The Novotel, Mantra and Beachcomber have been the choice of backgammoners in our recent events.

Shop around, there are good deals to be had - August is a quiet month.

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