



EVA BITEL TOURNAMENT 2021

Play will commence on Sunday 1 August 2021

The Australian Backgammon Federation Inc (AusBGF) is proud to announce the second running of the Eva Bitel Tournament. This event is in remembrance of our friend Eva and all that she did to promote backgammon in Australia. We want to encourage participation from all levels of backgammon players – from novices to high rollers – the only requirement is that you are a member of AusBGF.

Newcomers Tournament

- Entry is only \$5
- Guaranteed at least 7 matches with Trophies for the Winner and Runner-Up
- Limited to 32 players

A newcomer must genuinely be new to the game of backgammon and have less than 400 experience points in the AusBGF ratings system. AusBGF reserves the right to deem a player not to be a “newcomer” if a known, experienced player requests entry to that pool.

Experienced Players

- \$50 entry
- Full equity returned to the field) plus Trophies
- Limited to 64 players

For those that want even higher stakes in the experienced pool, there is a separate \$100 side pool that will go to the highest placed player (that is \$150 total entry).

The format for both Newcomers and Experienced is a series of Round Robin groups, with each group comprising up to 8 players (depending on entries). For both pools, players will be randomly allocated to each of the groups, except that the top 8 rated experienced players will be allocated to separate round robin groups. You will have three weeks to play your round robin matches.

Results should be notified to results@ausbgf.org.au.

You can play your matches on whatever platform you and your opponent agree; if there is no agreement, then the default will be backgammongalaxy.com with clocks set to casual for the newcomers pool or otherwise "normal". At the conclusion of the Round Robins, the first two in each Group (ties split on wins, then points scored for and then points against with any remaining ties split on head-to-head results) will go into a knockout phase. There will be one knockout for the newcomers and a separate one for the experienced and side pool entrants. The size of the knockout groups will be dictated by the number of qualifiers.

Entries will close on Friday 30 July 2021. You must be a member to enter. The form for membership of AusBGF can be found at <https://ausbgf.org.au/home/membership/>. To enter simply send an email to treasurer@ausbgf.org.au clearly stating your name, email address and phone number, newcomer \$5 or experienced \$50 tournament, whether you want to go into the side pool (\$100), and paying ABF membership fee of \$15 if not already a member. Deposit the appropriate amount to the account of:

Australian Backgammon Federation Inc
BSB 082 048
Account 839 626 033

We will confirm your entry to the tournament once email and payment have been received.

Kind regards,
John Symon
Treasurer