

# LAST MAN STANDING ONLINE BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT

## Entries close on Monday January 24th



CONDUCTED BY  
*Sydney*  
BACKGAMMONERS

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**AusBGF**



### FORMAT

The tournament format is Double-Elimination Swiss. Each round is to 13 points. Players are eliminated if they lose any two matches. This combines the best aspects of Knockout and of Swiss style tournaments. The tournament is open-ended with no fixed number of rounds. Play continues until every player but one has lost two matches. A player can lose a match and still remain in (and win) the tournament. Losers are not relegated to consolation tournaments. Players are paired according to the closeness of their scores so that, whenever possible, no two players are paired more than once. Pairs may be duplicated in the final rounds in order to minimise the overall number of rounds. Players will be randomly paired for the first round and, if there are an odd number of players, a bye will be randomly awarded to one player.

### ENTRY FEES, PRIZES AND SIDE POOL

Entries close at midnight Monday January 24th and play begins a day or two later. The Tournament Director may reject any entry without right of appeal. There is no limit to the number of players who may enter the tournament. There are no buy-backs. All transaction costs, international or otherwise, are paid by the player. The entry fee is \$100 100% of the entry fees will be returned as prizes. With equal scores the prizes are split.  
1st Prize: to the Last Man Standing after all other players have lost two matches: 60% of the pool.  
2nd Prize: to the player who loses to the winner in the final round: 30% of the pool.  
3rd Prize: 10% of the pool. Allocation of this prize is explained below in the Triad Rule.  
There is an optional Side Pool (for players) of \$100. The highest and second highest scored participating players win 70% and 30% of the Pool respectively.

### REMITTANCE

All funds are in Australian Dollars. Please deposit your entry fee of \$100 and, if applicable, the \$100 optional side pool money into the tournament account: BSB: 032020 Account No: 303590 Account Name: Backgammon Reference: Your name and Last Man Standing (LMS) PayPal facilities may be available to overseas players only. Contact John Symon for details at [treasurer@ausbgf.org.au](mailto:treasurer@ausbgf.org.au) Email the Tournament Director, Gary Stavrou, at [gstavrou1941@gmail.com](mailto:gstavrou1941@gmail.com) to alert him of your entry and whether you are participating in the Side Pool. Also give him your mobile number, your location and, if applicable, your Galaxy name. Your details will be shared only with tournament entrants so that matches can be arranged.

### WHERE TO PLAY AND CLOCKS

Players can agree to play at any venue. Clocks shall be set to NORMAL at Galaxy or the equivalent timing at other venues. If the clock is accidentally set to a wrong time, then, as with most illegal moves or actions, if not rectified by the time each player has rolled the dice once, the illegal move stands. Please check the clock, and match length, before starting your match. It is up to the players to arrange games among themselves.

### SCORING

In any match, the score difference (points won minus points lost) determines your Score Points. For example if you beat your opponent 13-4, your Score Points are 9 and your opponent's are -9. The winner will be awarded a further 100 Match Points. So your Total Points for that match are 109 and your opponent's are -9. This total is added to prior totals to give the current ranking score which determines the pairing of the next round. If in any round there are an odd number of players, the player at the bottom of the ladder will receive a bye, which counts as a win. The bye player is awarded 100 Bonus Points but no Score Points (as no match was played). No player shall receive a bye twice if at all avoidable.

### THE TRIAD RULE

Should there be three remaining players who have each lost one match, the lowest scorer (LS) will not receive a bye but will be paired with the top-scored eliminated player (EP), who is restored into the tournament at equal lowest score with, at best, a chance for third place. If EP beats LS, EP takes 3rd prize and no further rounds are played. If LS beats EP, LS goes to the final round.

### SCHEDULE

In Swiss tournaments a round cannot commence until all matches in the previous round have been completed. For this reason we shall have a strict 5-day schedule for each round. Pairings for each round will be emailed after the previous round is completed. Scores must be reported by 10 pm on the allocated day, by email only, to the Tournament Director, Gary Stavrou, at [gstavrou1941@gmail.com](mailto:gstavrou1941@gmail.com)

### UNPLAYED AND UNREPORTED MATCHES

Matches whose results are not reported by the due time will not be scored. This counts as a loss for both players. It is likely that in such cases one player will be completely blameless. It is not feasible to follow email trails and apportion blame to one or both players. The "no result, no score" rule will be automatically imposed. No ifs, no buts, no sob stories. Nevertheless, overseas players are expected to accommodate local Australian time zones. The TD can make any exception and take any action to ensure there is no gaming of the system. If a player can't play or aborts a match for any reason, he/she must notify the Tournament Director. The point score to date plus 100 Bonus Points will be awarded to the opponent. The Tournament Director will determine if aborted or forfeited matches are to be scored. They should be reported by the closing time of the match. Unscored players can still proceed to the next round if they have not lost two matches overall.

The Tournament Director shall be the final arbiter of disputes and will be guided by Australian and international tournament rules, giving consideration to sportmanship and fairness. If the TD considers that a player's behaviour is unsatisfactory he may, without further explanation, forfeit that player's match. Sydney Backgammoners are an affiliated club of the Australian Backgammon Federation. As such players' scores are entered into the AusBGF ratings. You are encouraged to join the AusBGF (\$15) per year and keep abreast with local news with all major upcoming tournaments at [AusBGF.org.au](http://AusBGF.org.au) Further, registration fees to all of Sydney Backgammoners face-to-face tournaments are waived for Federation members.