

5th Greek Grand Prix

INTERNATIONAL
BACKGAMMON
CHAMPIONSHIP



ATHENS

26 February - 2 March 2027

ADDED MONEY PRIZE
10.000€

Hotel Royal Olympic



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Giorgos Kleitsas (1957-2019), was the most prominent Greek backgammon player and a regular member of the National Team. Former president of the Greek Backgammon Federation, and a pioneer of backgammon in Greece, he was also a backgammon author, teacher and above all, a dear friend and a true gentleman. One of his dreams was to create a major tournament in Greece with Arda. His invaluable memory will always be cherished.



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Results from the Master and Intermediate categories of this championship will count toward the Gammon Slam 2027 Annual Backgammon Tour rankings.

For full details, visit **www.gammonslam.com**



SPECIAL EVENT:

Gammon Slam 2027 European Players Cup by BMAB

Date & Time: February 26th / 11:00 AM

Format: Win&Skill (5 rounds of Swiss)

Match Lengths: 7 point

Clock Settings: 14 minutes bank +12 seconds delay per move (mandatory)

Registration Fee: 100€ (includes match recording, transcribing and submitting to the BMAB)

Optional Side Pool: 200€ (95% return)

P R O G R A M M E *

Friday, February 26

- All Day** – Registration at Hotel Royal Olympic
- 11:00** – Start of Gammon Slam 2027 European Players Cup by BMAB
- 12:00** – Start of Mini Jackpots, Speedgammon, Seniors, Women's & DMP Challenge (continuous entries)
- 19:00** – Last Registration for Main Flights & Dinner break
- 20:30** – Welcome Speech & Start of Undefeated Bracket (Master & Intermediate)

Saturday, February 27

- 13:00** – Start of Second Chance Bracket matches (Master & Intermediate)
- 19:00** – Dinner break
- 20:30** – Gameplay resumes

Sunday, February 28

- 13:00** – All categories resume
- 19:00** – Dinner break
- 20:30** – Start of Doubles Consultation

Monday, March 1

- 13:00** – All categories resume
- 15:00** – Start of Super & Limited Jackpots
- 19:00** – Dinner break
- 20:30** – Gameplay resumes

Tuesday, March 2

- 12:00** – Start of Last Chance Bracket (Master & Intermediate), all categories resume
- 15:00** – Championship Grand Finals
- 16:00** – Closing of Mini Jackpots
- 21:00** – Awarding Ceremony

* Organisers reserve the right to change the programme in any of its parts. Changes will be announced in advance and posted on the notice board.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- WBGF Tournament Rules set will be the main guideline of the rules applied and any additional rules will be posted on the notice board prior to the start of the whole event.

Link: https://www.wbfturkey.com/doc/Tournament_Rules_WBGF.pdf

- Players who have recent Intermediate winner titles, or a BMAB ranking of “M” or better, or a recognized PR of 6,5 or below are NOT allowed to participate in Intermediate flight in principle, to be checked with the event director during registration phase. If a player who cashes in Intermediate is noticed as meeting one of these criteria, 30% of official prize is cut and distributed as a compensation to his & her opponents.
- The tournament director reserves the right to require the use of clocks in any round of any category.
- The draw is manual (not computerised), public and random.
- Tournament matches take precedence over all other forms of play.
- Only cash payments are accepted.
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse applications to play without giving any reasons, since the event is by OPAX invitation only.
- Should a player wish to leave the playing area during the tournament, he/she must inform the Tournament Director. Failure to do so may result in penalty points being assigned.
- The daily break for dinner is between 19:00 and 20:30.
- Smoking is not permitted in the event venue other than in designated areas.
- The tournament will be played on professional Tournament Boards. Our boards are regularly cleaned and disinfected.
- Dice service is provided by organization.
- All players are expected to be dressed appropriately.

F E E S

Category	Entry Fee (€)	Registration Fee (€)
Master	300	100
Intermediate	150	50
Doubles Consultation (per team)	280	70
Super Jackpot	460	40
Limited Jackpot	225	25
Seniors (age 50+)	40	10
Women's	40	10
Speedgammon	40	10
DMP Challenge (2 lives)	16	4

* 100% of entry fees will be added into the prize pool.

* Registration fees include special design trophies & Awarding Ceremony.

M A T C H L E N G T H S

Category		Match Length
Master	Undefeated:	13 pts (Semi & Final 15)
	2nd Chance:	9 pts (Semi & Final 11)
	Grand Final:	17 pts
	Last Chance:	5 pts (Final 7)
Intermediate	Undefeated:	11 pts (Semi & Final 13)
	2nd Chance:	7 pts (Semi & Final 9)
	Grand Final:	15 pts
	Last Chance:	5 pts (Final 7)
Doubles Consultation		7 pts (Final 9)
Super Jackpot		11 pts (incl. Final)
Limited Jackpot		9 pts (incl. Final)
Seniors (Age 50+)		7 pts (incl. Final)
Women's		7 pts (incl. Final)
Speedgammon		5 pts (incl. Final)
DMP Challenge		1 pt (incl. Final)

PRIZES

100% of entry fees will be returned as money prize, organizers will donate an added value of **€ 10.000** into the prize pool & the sum will be distributed as follows:

MASTER CATEGORY TITLES* (Total Added Value Contribution: € 5.000)			
TITLE	PRIZE POOL DISTR. (%)	TITLE	PRIZE POOL DISTR. (%)
Winner	40	Undefeated Bracket Winner (bonus)	4
Grand Finalist	18	Undefeated Bracket Finalist (bonus)	2
2 nd Chance Finalist (3 rd)	9	Undefeated Bracket Finalists (bonus)	1 each
2 nd Chance Semi Finalists (4 th & 5 th)	4,5 each	Last Chance Winner	5,5
2 nd Chance Quarter Finalists (6 th , 7 th , 8 th & 9 th)	2 each	Last Chance Finalist	2,5

INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY TITLES* (Total Added Value Contribution: € 1.000)			
TITLE	PRIZE POOL DISTR. (%)	TITLE	PRIZE POOL DISTR. (%)
Winner	44	Undefeated Bracket Winner (bonus)	5
Grand Finalist	20	Undefeated Bracket Finalist (bonus)	2,5
2 nd Chance Finalist (3 rd)	10	Last Chance Winner	6
2 nd Chance Semi Finalists (4 th & 5 th)	5 each	Last Chance Finalist	2,5

DOUBLES CONSULTATION TITLES* (Total Added Value Contribution: € 2.000)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
Winner Team	50
Finalist Team	25
Semi Finalist Teams	12,5 each

* Percentages might be reevaluated based on the number of participants

A share of **€ 2.000** from the championship's added money prize will be contributed to the Gammon Slam 2027 fund.

For prize details of GS 2027, visit www.gammonslam.com

RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION

For accommodation, we strongly recommend our venue Royal Olympic Hotel, a magnificent 5 stars facility, located in the heart of Athens centre, right in front of the ancient Temple of Zeus and within a walking distance from the Acropolis and Plaka. Exquisite dining is offered at the rooftop restaurant bar with a unique view of Athens' greatest monuments.

SPECIAL ROOM RATES:

Executive Rooms:

130€ / single room / night

150€ / double room / night

+4€ / room / night / accomodation tax

Deluxe Rooms:

170€ / single room / night

190€ / double room / night

+4€ / room / night / accomodation tax

Panorama Rooms:

290€ / single room / night

310€ / double room / night

+4€ / room / night / accomodation tax

Triple rooms and suites upon availability.

Including: Open buffet breakfast, free use of gym, Wifi and VAT.

Book your room:



R O U T E

Athens, the cradle of Western civilization and the birthplace of democracy and philosophy, holds immense historical and cultural value. Its crown jewel, the Parthenon, stands proudly over a bustling city that seamlessly blends ancient heritage with a vibrant modern lifestyle. Today, it remains a top tourist destination where visitors can explore world-class landmarks or enjoy the lively downtown nightlife, exceptional restaurants, and bars.

The weather in late February and early March is pleasantly mild-averaging 16-17°C, ideal for sightseeing without the summer crowds.

Airport Transfers to Royal Olympic Hotel:

Metro (€9,00 / ~60 mins): Take Line 3 (Blue) to Syntagma, switch to Line 2 (Red) for one stop to Acropolis. The hotel is a 200-meter walk away.

Express Bus X95 (€5,50 / ~65 mins): Runs 24/7 directly to Syntagma Square. From there, it is a 12-minute walk, a 1-stop metro ride, or a 2-minute taxi.

Taxi (€40,00–€50,00 Day | €55,00–€65,00 Night / ~40 mins): Available 24/7 outside arrivals. Flat rate to center, subject to traffic.

Private Transfer (€55,00–€80,00 / ~40 mins): Pre-booked car service with a driver waiting for you at the arrivals hall.

Tailor made, private **walking tours** starting from hotel reception are offered. Information on tournament's website.

