



MERITOPEN INTERNATIONAL BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP

Added Money Prize

25.000 €

Registration starts on 7th November 2022, Monday

08-13 November 2022

KYRENIA - NORTH CYPRUS





With Respect...



Ion Ressu

1992 World Backgammon Champion



Main Event (Masters / Intermediates)

Registration: 07-08 November 2022

Start: 09 November Wednesday, 2022

"Ion Ressu Memorial" Doubles

11 November Friday, 2022

MERIT Mega Jackpot & Super Jackpot & Ladies Tournament

12 November Saturday, 2022

869BG Warm-Up & Quarter Entries

08 November Tuesday, 2022

1-Pointers & Speedgammon & Super Speedgammon & Mini Jackpots

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Tournament Committee

To be announced at the start of the tournament

Directors

(sanctioned by WBF-Worldwide Backgammon Federation)

Marco Fornasir - General Secretary WBF

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The WBF sanction is guarantee of transparency and correctness since 1986.

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We thank our partners **ELITE BG CLUB TURKEY** & **BMAB** for all the support.



FEES

Category	Entry Fees * (€)	Registration Fees ** (€)	Remarks
Master	400	100	Reg. fees of main flights are 20€ discounted for 2022 WBF supporters, ELITE-TR members and first 16 registered BMAB Grandmasters.
Intermedlate	100	100	
Mega Jackpot	1840	160	-
Super Jackpot	920	80	-
Doubles Consultation (per team)	320	80	-
Speedgammon & Super Speedgammon	40	10	-
Ladies Tournament	50	10	-
President's Cup (1-Pointer)	8,5	1,5	-

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

** **Registration fees include:**

- Free food and beverages in the playing hall
- Tuesday Welcome Cocktail
- Special design trophies for prize winners
- Sunday MERIT Farewell Gala & Awarding Ceremony.

*** **2022 WBF GOLDEN CARD** will be available at the tournament desk.

MATCH LENGTHS

Category		Match Length
Master	Main:	13 pts (Semi& Final 15)
	2nd Chance:	9 pts (Semi& Final 11)
	Grand Final:	17 pts
	Last Chance:	5 pts (Final 7)
Intermediate	Main:	11 pts (Semi& Final 13)
	2nd Chance:	7 pts (Semi& Final 9)
	Grand Final:	15 pts
	Last Chance:	5 pts (Final 7)
Mega Jackpot		13 pts (including Final)
Super Jackpot		11 pts (including Final)
Doubles Consultation		7 pts (Final 9)
Speedgammon & Super Speedgammon		5 pts (including Final)
Ladies Tournament		7 pts (Final 9)
Warm-Up		5 pts (Final 7)
President's Cup (1-Pointer)		1 pt (including Final)

PRIZES

100% of entry fees will be returned as money prize, MERIT PARK HOTEL & CASINO will donate an added value of 25.000 Euros into the prize pool & the sum will be distributed as follows:

MASTERS CATEGORY TITLES (Total Added Value Distribution: €17.000)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
Main Winner	35
Main Finalist	16
Main 3rd	8
Main 4th & 5th	4 each
Main 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th	2 each
Main 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th	1 each
Undefeated Bracket Winner (<i>bonus</i>)	5
Undefeated Bracket Finalist (<i>bonus</i>)	2
Undefeated Bracket Semi Finalists (<i>bonus</i>)	1 each
Last Chance Winner	5
Last Chance Finalist	2
Last Chance Semi Finalists	1 each

INTERMEDIATES CATEGORY TITLES (Total Added Value Distribution: €3.000)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
Main Winner	40
Main Finalist	18
Main 3rd	9
Main 4th & 5th	4,5 each
Main 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th	2 each
Undefeated Bracket Winner (<i>bonus</i>)	4
Undefeated Bracket Finalist (<i>bonus</i>)	2
Undefeated Bracket Semi Finalists (<i>bonus</i>)	1 each
Last Chance Winner	5,5
Last Chance Finalist	2,5

"ION RESSU MEMORIAL" DOUBLES TITLES (Total Added Value Distribution: €5.000)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
Doubles Winner Team	50
Doubles Finalist Team	25
Doubles Semi Finalist Teams	12,5 each

PROGRAMME

Monday, November 07

- All Day** Registration at MERIT Park Hotel
23:00 Public draw for 869BG Warm-Up

Tuesday, November 08

- All Day** Registration at MERIT Park Hotel - Quarter Entries
13:00 7th BMAB-Middle East Tournament (bgmastersab.com/bmabme7.html)
14:00 Start of play 869BG Warm-Up (Free of charge - Guaranteed seats only for players who are registered to a main category on **Monday**)
15:00 Start of Mini Jackpots, Speedgammon, Super Speedgammon and 1-Pointers
19:00 Dinner break
21:00 Welcome Cocktail at MERIT Park Hotel
21:45 Last Registration
22:00 "Solving the Race with EPC" lecture by Art Benjamin
24:00 Public draw for Main Categories

Wednesday, November 09

- 14:00** Start of Main Categories at MERIT Park Hotel
19:00 Dinner break
21:00 Gameplay continues

Thursday, November 10

- 13:00** Start of Second Chance Bracket matches, all activities continue
19:00 Dinner break
21:00 Gameplay continues
23:00 Public draw for "Ion Ressu Memorial" Doubles

Friday, November 11

- 13:00** All activities continue at MERIT Park Hotel
15:00 Start of play "Ion Ressu Memorial" Doubles
19:00 Dinner break
21:00 Gameplay continues
23:00 Public draw for MERIT Mega Jackpot & Ladies Tournament

Saturday, November 12

- 13:00** Start of play MERIT Mega Jackpot & Ladies Tournament, all activities continue
15:30 Public draw & start of play MERIT Super Jackpot
18:30 Michihito 'Michy' Kageyama Quiz
19:00 Dinner break
21:00 Gameplay continues

Sunday, November 13

- 12:00** Start of Last Chance Bracket matches, all activities continue
14:00 Start of Finals
14:30 End of Mini Jackpots
21:30 MERIT Farewell Gala and Awarding Ceremony at MERIT Park Hotel

The organization reserves the right to change the program in any of its parts. Changes will be announced in advance and posted on the Notice Board. Trophies will be presented only during the awarding ceremony.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Tournament Rules can be viewed at:
www.wbfturkey.com/doc/Tournament_Rules.pdf



The Tournament Director reserves the right to require the use of clocks in any round of any category.

The draw is manual (not computerized), public and random.

Tournament matches take precedence over all other forms of play.

Only cash payment are accepted.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse applications to play without giving any reasons, since the event is by WBF 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 21:00.

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 at the end of the each day. Dice service is provided by WBF.

869BG Warm-Up has guaranteed seats only for players who complete their registration to a main (Masters/Intermediates) category on 7th of November 2022, Monday.

All players are expected to be dressed appropriately.

Admission to Casino with photo ID Card only. Only persons with legal age may enter the Casino (25 or older).



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RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION

For accommodation, we recommend **MERİT PARK HOTEL & CASINO**, where the tournament action will take place.

It is preferable to book in advance, mentioning the password **Backgammon**. Rates (Ultra All Inclusive) mentioned below valid for reservations made only directly to Merit Park Reservation Department via **mp.reservation@merithotels.com**. For further assistance, you can contact Arda Findikoğlu:

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* Our special rates are not valid for reservations made through travel agencies

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* Single Room : 130 EUR (ultra all inclusive) per room per night

* Double Room : 170 EUR (ultra all inclusive) per room per night

* Triple Room : 230 EUR (ultra all inclusive) per room per night

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year's tournament as a prize for 869BG Warm-Up

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16
PLAYERS

Detailed info at
event registration desk.



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ROUTE

Cyprus is an island in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea. You can fly to Nicosia/Lefkosa Airport (by car 50 km to Girne) or to Larnaca Airport (by car 90 km to Girne)

The transfers directly from the airport (Nicosia & Larnaca) free of charge, offered by MERİT PARK HOTEL & CASINO.

Girne/Kyrenia is an enchanted town on the North Cyprus. Average air temperature (subtropical climate) in October - November is 14/24°C
The average temperature of the sea is 25,5°C





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