



MERIT OPEN INTERNATIONAL BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP

Added Money Prize

30.000€

Registration starts on 3rd November 2025, Monday

04 - 09 NOVEMBER 2025

KYRENIA - NORTHERN CYPRUS



Main Event (Masters / Intermediates)

Registration: 03 - 04 November 2025

Start: 05 November Wednesday, 2025

"Ion Ressu Memorial" Doubles

07 November Friday, 2025

MERIT Special Jackpots (Mega - Super - Limited) & Ladies Tournament

08 November Saturday, 2025

1-Pointers & "Emil Mortuk Memorial" Seniors & Speedgammon & Super Speedgammon & Mini Jackpots

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Tournament Committee

To be announced at the start of the tournament

Directors

(sanctioned by WBFW-Worldwide Backgammon Federation)

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

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With Respect...



EMIL MORTUK

ION RESSU

1992 World Backgammon Champion



PROGRAMME

Monday, November 03

All Day | Registration at MERIT Park Hotel

Tuesday, November 04

All Day | Registration at MERIT Park Hotel - Quarter Entries
13:00 | 10th BMAB-Middle East Tournament (bgmastersab.com)
14:00 | Start of Mini Jackpots, Speedgammon, Super Speedgammon, "Emil Mortuk Memorial" Seniors and 1-Pointers
19:00 | Dinner break
21:00 | Welcome Speech
22:00 | Last Registration
24:00 | Public draw for Main Categories

Wednesday, November 05

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

Thursday, November 06

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 07

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 08

13:00 | Start of play MERIT Mega Jackpot & Ladies Tournament, all activities continue
15:30 | Start of play MERIT Super & Limited Jackpots
18:30 | Quiz Session by Masayuki "Mochy" Mochizuki (free of charge)
19:00 | Dinner break
21:00 | Gameplay continues

Sunday, November 09

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

FEES

Category	Entry Fees * (€)	Registration Fees ** (€)	Remarks
Master	400	100	Reg. fees of main flights are 20€ discounted for 2025 WBF supporters, ELITE-TR members and first 16 registered BMAB Grandmasters.
Intermediate	100	100	
Mega Jackpot	1840	160	-
Super Jackpot	920	80	-
Limited Jackpot	225	25	-
Doubles Consultation (per team)	320	80	-
Speedgammon & Super Speedgammon	40	10	-
Ladies & Seniors	50	10	-
President's Cup (1-Pointer)	8	2	-

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

** Registration fees include:

- Free food & beverage service in the playing hall
- Complimentary drinks (beer & wine) during Welcome Speech on Tuesday
- Special design trophies for prize winners
- Sunday MERIT Farewell Gala & Awarding Ceremony.

*** 2025 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)
Limited Jackpot		9 pts (including Final)
Doubles Consultation		7 pts (Final 9)
Speedgammon & Super Speedgammon		5 pts (including Final)
Ladies Tournament		7 pts (Final 9)
Seniors (Age 50+)		7 pts (Final 9)
President's Cup (1-Pointer)		1 pt (including Final)

PRIZES

100% of entry fees will be returned as money prize, WBF & MERIT PARK HOTEL & CASINO will donate an added value of 30,000 Euros into the prize pool & the sum will be distributed as follows:

MASTERS CATEGORY TITLES (Total Added Value Distribution: €20,000)	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 (bonus)	5
Undefeated Bracket Finalist (bonus)	2
Undefeated Bracket Semi Finalists (bonus)	1 each
Last Chance Winner	5
Last Chance Finalist	2
Last Chance Semi Finalists	1 each

INTERMEDIATES CATEGORY TITLES (Total Added Value Distribution: €4,000)	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 (bonus)	4
Undefeated Bracket Finalist (bonus)	2
Undefeated Bracket Semi Finalists (bonus)	1 each
Last Chance Winner	5,5
Last Chance Finalist	2,5

"ION RESSU MEMORIAL" DOUBLES TITLES (Total Added Value Distribution: €6,000)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
Doubles Winner Team	50
Doubles Finalist Team	25
Doubles Semi Finalist Teams	12,5 each

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 are 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.

MERİT PARK HOTEL & CASINO

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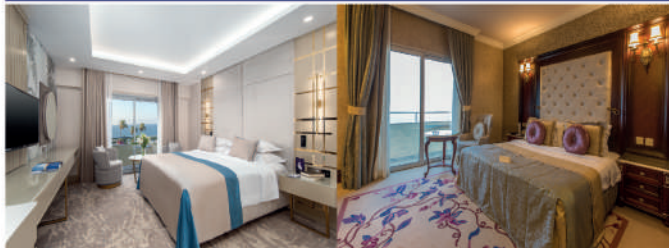
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- * Single Room : 265 EUR (ultra all inclusive) per room per night
- * Double Room : 350 EUR (ultra all inclusive) per room per night
- * Triple Room : 475 EUR (ultra all inclusive) per room per night

**SPECIAL "ULTRA ALL INCLUSIVE" RATES ABOVE INCLUDE;
FULL DAY OPEN BUFFET RESTAURANT SERVICE +
UNLIMITED SOFT & ALCOHOLIC DRINKS.**

All event guests have 10% discount on all hotel services requiring any extra payment (except shisha).

Rack Rates are in EURO and inclusive of VAT.



OPTIONAL DELEGATE PACKAGES

Merit Park Hotel & Casino will be offering these optional delegate packages for tournament guests who are not residing at Merit Park Hotel. Alcoholic beverages determined by hotel management and all soft drinks are included in packages.

Restaurant Package <small>Eligibility to benefit from unlimited food and beverage service between 12:00-21:30 in hotel restaurant.</small>	40 € per person daily
Alcohol Package <small>Eligibility to benefit from unlimited alcoholic beverage service in all hotel bars.</small>	25 € per person daily
2 in 1 Package <small>Eligibility to benefit from all unlimited food & beverage service of Merit Park Hotel.</small>	60 € per person daily

All event guests have 10% discount on all hotel services requiring any extra payment (except shisha).



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



Players who have recent Intermediates winner titles, or a BMAB ranking of "M" or better, or a recognized PR of 6 or below are NOT allowed to participate in Intermediates flight in principle, to be checked with the event director during registration phase. If a player who cashes in Intermediates 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 computerized), public and random.

Tournament matches take precedence over all other forms of play.

Only cash payments are accepted.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right of refuse applications to play without giving any reasons.

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.

Alcoholic drinks will not be served inside the event hall.

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 each day. Dice service is provided by WBF.

All players are expected to be dressed appropriately.

Hotel restaurant will be operating full time between **12:00 - 21:30** on event dates.

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



ROUTE

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

Girne / Kyrenia is an enchanted town of Northern Cyprus.

Average air temperature (subtropical climate) in Oct. / Nov. is 14 / 24°C

The average temperature of the sea is 25,5°C

Airport transfer fees from / to Nicosia & Larnaca airports are:

* Ercan (one way per person) : 35 € *Payment will be made upon arrival.*

* Larnaca (one way per person) : 45 € *Payment will be made upon arrival.*

- This offer is valid only for transfer requests for the dates 3rd, 4th and 10th of November 2025.

- Private transfer service is available upon request.

NOTE:

- In order to book your group or private transfer, please email your flight itinerary to mp.reservation@merithotels.com till the deadline as 27th October 2025 (we can not guarantee group transfer seats for requests made after the deadline).






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