

IMPORTANT NOTES

- * This event is an invitational only for participants with Middle Eastern roots.
- * Championship will be directed by **Arda FINDIKOĞLU**.
- * Main Flight registration is between 12:00 - 21:00 on **February 18th, Wednesday**. Qualifiers will be held between 12:00 - 18:00 on the same date.
- * The Tournament Director reserves the right to require the use of clock 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 event organization
- * All players are expected to be dressed appropriately
- * Hotel restaurant will be open between 07:00-15:00 & 18:30-21:30
- * Admission to Casino with photo ID Card only. Only people with legal age may enter the Casino (25 or older)
- * Tournament Rules can be viewed at:



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

RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION

For accommodation, we recommend **MERIT ROYAL DIAMOND HOTEL & SPA** where tournament action will take place.

1ST PACKAGE

-MAIN _____ BUY-IN: \$1.500
-MEGA JACKPOT _____ BUY-IN: \$3.000

2ND PACKAGE

-MAIN _____ BUY-IN: \$1.500
-SUPER JACKPOT _____ BUY-IN: \$1.500

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ROUTE

Cyprus is an island in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea & Kyrenia/Girne is an enchanted town of Northern Cyprus. Merit Royal Diamond Hotel & Spa is the newest 5 stars addition to the Merit family of prestigious hotels on the island, which is located in Alsancak, only 10 km away from Kyrenia Town Centre and its historic sites, at a breath taking position on a beautiful cove. Closest airports are Nicosia/Lefkoşa Airport (50km distance) and Larnaca Airport (90km distance).

Transfers to and from these airports are offered complimentary to event guests.

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FEBRUARY 19 - 23
REGISTRATION & QUALIFIERS
ON FEB 18
\$50.000
ADDED MONEY PRIZE
MERIT MIDDLE EAST
GRAND PRIX INVITATIONAL



PROGRAMME

Wednesday, February 18

All day - Registrations at Merit Royal Diamond

12:00 - 18:00 Main Flight Qualifiers

22:00 - Public draw for Main Flight

Thursday, February 19

13:00 - Welcome Speech & Start of Main Fight Undeatefated Bracket

17:00 - Start of Main Flight Second Chance Bracket

19:00 - Dinner break

21:00 - Gameplay resumes, start of Mini Jackpots

Friday, February 20

13:00 - All categories resume

19:00 - Dinner break

21:00 - Gameplay resumes

Saturday, February 21

13:00 - All categories resume

17:30 - Start of Doubles Consultation

19:00 - Dinner break

21:00 - Gameplay resumes

Sunday, February 22

13:00 - All categories resume, start of \$3.000 Mega Jackpot

17:30 - Start of \$1.500 Super Jackpot

19:00 - Dinner break

21:00 - Gameplay resumes

Monday, February 23

12:00 - Start of Main Flight Last Chance Bracket, all categories resume

14:00 - Main Flight Grand Finals

16:00 - Closing of Mini Jackpots

21:30 - Merit Farewell Gala & Awarding Ceremony

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

FEES

CATEGORIES	ENTRY FEES (\$)	REGISTRATION FEES(\$)
MAIN	1.250	250
DOUBLES (per team)	500	100
MEGA JACKPOT	2.760	240
SUPER JACKPOT	1.350	150
\$500 MINI JACKPOTS	450	50
\$200 MINI JACKPOTS	180	20
\$100 MINI JACKPOTS	87,5	12,5

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

* Registration fees include:

-Free food & beverage service

-Special design trophies for prize winners

-Sunday Merit Farewell Gala & Awarding Ceremony

MATCH LENGTHS

CATEGORIES	MATCH LENGTHS	
MAIN	Undeatefated	15 pts (Final 17)
	2nd Chance	11 pts (Final 13)
	Grand Final	19 pts
	Last Chance	5 pts (Final 7)
	Qualifiers	9 pts (inc. Final)
MEGA JACKPOT	-	13 pts (inc. Final)
SUPER JACKPOT	-	11 pts (inc. Final)
DOUBLES	-	7 pts (Final 9)
MINI JACKPOTS	\$500	9 pts (inc. Final)
	\$200	7 pts (inc. Final)
	\$100	5 pts (inc. Final)

PRIZES

100% of entry fees will be returned as money prize, **MERIT POKER** will donate an added value of **\$50.000** into the prize pool & the sum will be distributed as follows:

MAIN FLIGHT TITLES (Total Added Value Contribution: \$25,000)	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

DOUBLES TITLES (Total Added Value Contribution: \$10,000)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
DOUBLES WINNER TEAM	50
DOUBLES FINALIST TEAM	25
DOUBLES SEMI FINALIST TEAMS	12,5 each

MEGA JACKPOT TITLES (Total Added Value Contribution: \$10,000)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
WINNER	70
FINALIST	30

SUPER JACKPOT TITLES (Total Added Value Contribution: \$5,000)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
WINNER	70
FINALIST	30

* Organizers reserve the right to update prize percentages of any category according to the amount of participants. Official distributions of each category will be posted on the notice board right after the start of 1st round.

