IMPORTANT NOTES

- **Participation is by invitation only, open to players of Middle Eastern descent and women of all nationalities;**
- **Championship will be directed by Arda Fındıkoğlu;**
- Main Flight registration is between 12:00 - 21:00 on Tuesday, February 16th. 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 to refuse applications to play without giving any reason;
- 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;
- 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 players of legal age (25 or older) may enter the casino.

Tournament Rules can be viewed at:

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

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RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION

Merit Royal Diamond Hotel & Spa,
where all tournament action will take place.

1ST PACKAGE

-MAIN — BUY-IN: $1.500
-HIGH ROLLER — BUY-IN: $4.000

Complimentary accommodation up to 6 nights

2ND PACKAGE

-MAIN — BUY-IN: $1.500
-SUPER JACKPOT — BUY-IN: $1.500

50% discounted accommodation up to 6 nights

~~$400~~ **$200** per night

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ROUTE

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

Complimentary transfers between these airports and the venue are available for event guests.

MERIT POKER CLASSIC PRESENTS

BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP

17-21 FEBRUARY 2027

REGISTRATIONS & QUALIFIERS ON 16TH FEBRUARY

BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENTS
POWERED BY MERIT POKER

$50.000

ADDED MONEY PRIZE

MERIT MIDDLE EAST GRAND PRIX
INVITATIONAL

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, February 16

All day - Registrations at Merit Royal Diamond
12:00 - 18:00 Main Flight Qualifiers
22:00 - Public draw for Main Flight

Wednesday, February 17

13:00 - Welcome Speech & Start of Main Flight Undefeated Bracket
16:00 - Opening of Mini Jackpots
19:00 - Dinner break
21:00 - Start of Main Flight Second Chance Bracket

Thursday, February 18

13:00 – All categories resume
19:00 – Dinner break
21:00 – Gameplay resumes

Friday, February 19

13:00 – All categories resume
17:30 – Start of Doubles Consultation
19:00 – Dinner break
21:00 – Gameplay resumes

Saturday, February 20

13:00 - All categories resume, start of $4.000 High Roller
16:00 - Start of $1.500 Super Jackpot
19:00 - Dinner break
21:00 - Gameplay resumes

Sunday, February 21

13:00 – Start of Main Flight Last Chance Bracket, all categories resume
14:30 – 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
HIGH ROLLER	3.680	320
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	Undefeated 2nd Chance Grand Final Last Chance Qualifiers	15 pts (Final 17) 11 pts (Final 13) 19 pts 5 pts (Final 7) 9 pts (inc. Final)
HIGH ROLLER	-	15 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: $20.000)	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 (%)
WINNER TEAM	50
FINALIST TEAM	25
SEMI FINALIST TEAMS	12,5 each

HIGH ROLLER TITLES (Total Added Value Contribution: $15.000)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
WINNER	70
FINALIST	30

SUPER JACKPOT TITLES (Total Added Value Contribution: $5.000)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
WINNER	50
FINALIST	25
SEMI FINALISTS	12,5

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