

7th MERITOPEN

MONTENEGRO GRAND PRIX

INTERNATIONAL BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP



ADDED MONEY PRIZE

€20.000

March 19-23, 2025

Registration starts on 18th March 2025, Tuesday

HOTEL SPLENDID
CONFERENCE & SPA RESORT
BUDVA - MONTENEGRO





Main Event (Masters / Intermediates)

Wednesday, 19th March 2025

"MERIT Royal Splendid" Doubles

Friday, 21st March 2025

"Merit International" Super Jackpot & Ladies Tournament

Saturday, 22nd March 2025

1-Pointers & Speedgammon & Seniors & Mini Jackpots

19th - 23rd March 2025

Added Money Prize **€20.000**

Tournament Committee

To be announced at the start of the tournament

Directors

(sanctioned by WBF-Worldwide Backgammon Federation)

Marco Fornasir - General Secretary WBF

Arda Findikoglu - President WBF-Turkiye

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

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We thank **ELITE BG CLUB TURKEY** for all the support.



FEES

CATEGORY	Entry Fees* (€)	Reg. Fees** (€)	REMARKS
Master	400	100	Reg. fees of main flights are €20 discounted for 2025 WBF supporters and ELITE-TR members
Intermediate	100	100	
Super Jackpot	460	40	-
Doubles Consultation (Per Team)	320	80	-
Speedgammon	40	10	-
Seniors (Age 50+) & Ladies Tournament	50	10	-
President's Cup (1-Pointer)	8	2	-

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

** **Registration fees include:**

- Wednesday Welcome Cocktail
- 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 Lengths
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)
Super Jackpot		11 pts (incl. Final)
Doubles Consultation		7 pts (Final 9)
Ladies Tournament		7 pts (Final 9)
Speedgammon		5 pts (incl. Final)
Seniors (Age 50+)		7 pts (incl. Final)
President's Cup (1-Pointer)		1 pt (incl. Final)

PRIZES

100% of entry fees will be returned as money prize. **MERIT INTERNATIONAL** will donate an added value 20.000 Euros into the prize pool & the sum will be distributed as follows:

MASTER CATEGORY TITLES * (Total Added Value Distribution: €12.000)	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	5
Undefeated Bracket Finalist Bonus	2
Undefeated Bracket Semi Finalists Bonus	1 each
Last Chance Winner	5
Last Chance Finalist	2
INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY TITLES * (Total Added Value Distribution: €3.000)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
Main Winner	44
Main Finalist	20
Main 3rd	10
Main 4th & 5th	5 each
Undefeated Bracket Winner Bonus	5
Undefeated Bracket Finalist Bonus	2,5
Last Chance Winner	6
Last Chance Finalist	2,5
DOUBLES CONSULTATION TITLES * (Total Added Value Distribution: €5.000)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
Winner Team	50
Finalist Team	25
Semi Finalist Teams	12,5 each

* Percentages might be changed depending on the amount of participants.

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, March 18th

All Day | Registration at Hotel Splendid

Wednesday, March 19th

- 12:00** | Registration at Hotel Splendid – Quarter Entries
Start of Jackpots, Speedgammon, Seniors and 1-Pointers
- 18:30** | Last Registration
- 19:00** | Welcome Cocktail at Hotel Splendid & Dinner break
- 21:00** | Public draw & Start of Main Categories

Thursday, March 20th

- 13:00** | Start of Second Chance Bracket matches,
all activities resume
- 19:00** | Dinner break
- 21:00** | Gameplay continues

Friday, March 21st

- 13:00** | All activities resume
- 19:00** | Dinner break
- 21:00** | Start of MERIT Royal Splendid Doubles

Saturday, March 22nd

- 13:00** | Start of Ladies Tournament,
all activities resume
- 15:00** | Start of MERIT International Super Jackpot
- 19:00** | Dinner break
- 21:00** | Gameplay continues

Sunday, March 23rd

- 12:00** | Start of Last Chance Bracket matches,
all activities resume
- 14:00** | Start of Finals
- 15:30** | Closing of Mini Jackpots
- 21:30** | MERIT International Farewell Gala and
Awarding Ceremony at Hotel Splendid Conference
& Spa Resort

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



WBF Tournament Rules set will be the main guideline of the rules applied & any additional regulations will be posted on the Notice Board prior to the start of the whole event.

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Players who have recent Intermediates 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 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 to 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.

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 after every event. Dice service is provided by WBF.

All players are expected to be dressed appropriately.

Only individuals with legal age (18 or older) may enter the Casino by presenting a photo ID Card.

RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION

For accommodation, we recommend **HOTEL SPLENDID Conference & Spa Resort**, where the tournament action will take place. In order to reserve a room in the hotel, we kindly recommend you to connect to the link

<http://www.montenegrostars.com/index.php/home-splendid> online and book your room via this webpage mentioning the access key **BACKGAMMON2025**

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ROOM TYPE (Daily Rate)	SINGLE	DOUBLE
Superior (Mountain View)	114	124
Superior (Pool View, 1st & 2nd Floor)	124	134
Superior (Sea View)	134	144
Premium (Higher Floor Sea View)	154	164

Rack Rates are in Euros and inclusive of Breakfast and VAT.
An additional fee of **1,5€** per person per night is charged for each reservation regarding the city tax + insurance.
During the championship, we will offer our guests the special offers:
Unlimited Drink Package:
16 Euro daily (Water, Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks, Beer)
Lunch / Dinner Voucher: 20 Euro per person per meal
Additional Discounts:
50% on extra food & beverage in tournament area (Floor III)
30% in SPA



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- Casino Tirana (coming soon)

CRUISE

- The Twenty9 Casino By Merit, Cruise Port Çesme/Izmir

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- Merit Grand Mosta, Hotel & Casino, Svilengrad
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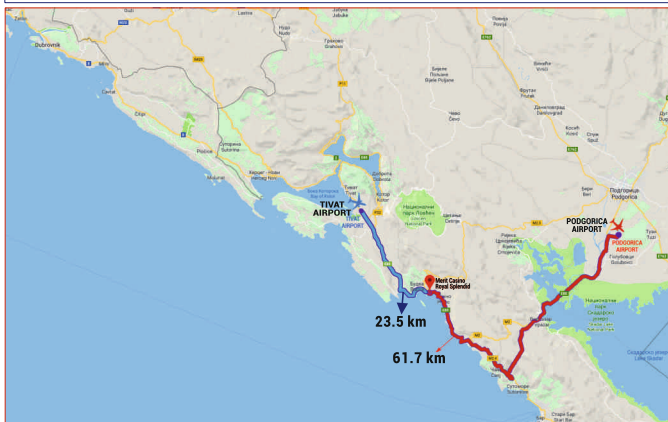
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ROUTE

Hotel Splendid Conference & Spa Resort is a 5 stars luxury facility located in Becici, a place within walking distance of Budva, the popular touristical destination of Montenegro, on the enchanted coast of Adriatic. Budva coast is 21 km long with 17 beaches. It is among the most beautiful coasts in the world and its beauty will not leave you indifferent. Apart from its natural beauty, its bay islands and beaches, Budva Old Town lies on a small peninsula and represents a treasure chest of culture heritage. Budva is a must visit place in Montenegro, not only for modern tourism, but to discover history and tradition.

Airport transfers at set times from/to Podgorica Airport (60 min) and Tivat Airport (30 min) will be arranged by MERIT CASINO ROYAL SPLENDID, **complimentary** for all event guests.



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