

# 3rd Backgammon Festival Aachen

It's more than a game, more than a sport.

**Aachen Doubles Championship**

**Charlemagne Open**

**Individual Categories**

July 14 - 19, 2026

City Palace

Erholungs-Gesellschaft Aachen 1837

**CURIOUS?**  
Guests  
are very  
welcome!

# Organization

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# Backgammon Festival Aachen



**It's more than a game, more than a sport.**

We cordially invite you to celebrate our mindsport gathering in the historical European City of Aachen.

**We offer you:**

**Main individual category "Charlemagne Open"**

**Aachen Doubles Championship**

**BMAB Challenge Aachen**

**Pro Am Doubles**

**Amateurs Events**

**Variety of side events (Speed, Pro/Am Doubles, Jackpots,**

**Lectures - Seminars**

**Live streaming every day and more...**



**Come and enjoy  
the spirit of Aachen**



# Tournament Location



ERHOLUNGS-GESELLSCHAFT  
AACHEN

**City Palace**  
**Erholungs-Gesellschaft**  
**Aachen 1837**

Reihstraße 13,  
52062 Aachen



A historic city palace, magnificent rooms, plenty of space for innovation and lots of backgammon. The Erholungs-Gesellschaft Aachen 1837 welcomes you to the 3rd Backgammon Festival in its stately home in the heart of Aachen.



# Program

**Daily  
11:00 am  
Speedgammon  
& Jackpots**

**Tuesday,  
14th July**  
13:00-15:00 Registration BMAB  
15:30-19:00 BMAB Event Round 1-2  
19:00-20:30 Dinner Break  
20:30-00:00 BMAB Event Round 3-4

**Wednesday,  
15th July**  
10:00-16:30 Registration Aachen Doubles  
11:00-15:45 BMAB Round 5-7  
11:00-01:00 Speedgammon / Jackpots  
16:30-17:00 Opening Ceremony  
17:00-19:00 Aachen Doubles Round 1  
20:30-00:30 Aachen Doubles Round 2-3

**Dinner Break  
all days  
19:00-20:30**

**Thursday,  
16th July**  
10:00-19:00 Registration Super Jackpot  
11:00-19:00 Doubles Round 4 / Playoffs / Quarterfinal / Semifinal  
11:00-01:00 Speedgammon / Jackpots  
13:30-19:00 Amateur Tournament 1  
20:30-22:30 Amateur Tournament 1 continues  
20:30-00:30 Super and Limited / Jackpot Round 1-2

**Friday,  
17th July**  
10:00-11:00 Seminar 1  
10:00-15:30 Registration Charlemagne Open  
10:00-16:00 Super Jackpot / Limited Jackpot Round 3 / Semifinal / Final  
11:00-01:00 Speedgammon / Jackpots  
13:30-00:30 Amateur Doubles  
16:00-19:00 Charlemagne Open Round 1-2  
20:30-23:30 Charlemagne Open Round 3-4

**Saturday,  
18th July**  
10:00-20:00 Registration Pro/Am Doubles  
10:00-11:00 Seminar 2  
11:00-19:00 Amateur Tournament 2  
11:00-19:00 Speedgammon Jackpots  
15:30-23:30 Charlemagne Open Consolation Round 1-3  
15:30-20:00 Charlemagne Open R. 5-6 / Playoffs / Last 16 / Quarterfinals  
20:30-00:00 Pro/Am Doubles Round 1-2

**Sunday,  
19th July**  
10:00-14:30 Pro/Am Doubles Round 3 Semifinal / Final  
10:00-11:00 Seminar 3  
10:00-16:30 Amateur Tournament 3  
11:00-16:00 Speedgammon / Jackpots  
11:30-16:00 Charlemagne Open Semifinal / Final  
11:30-16:30 Consolation Quarterfinal / Semifinal / Final

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.



**18:30-22:00  
Closing ceremony Prizegiving**



# Category Fees & Prizes

3rd Backgammon  
Festival Aachen

Category	Entry Fee	Registration Fee	Sidepool* <sup>3</sup>
Aachen Doubles	480	120	200
Open Masters	480	120	200
Open Intermediate	250	100	100
Amateurs * <sup>3</sup>	60	40	
Super Jackpot	440	60	200
Limited Jackpot	120	30	50
Pro/Am Doubles	240	60	100
Amateur Doubles* <sup>3</sup>	60	40	
Speed Gammon	40	10	
BMAB Event	100	150* <sup>4</sup>	100* <sup>2</sup>
Lectures Seminares		50	

\*1 optional, 90% payout

\*2 two seperate sidepools for points and best Pr

\*3 free for youth under 18

\*4 recording and transcription included

100% of entry fees will be returned as money prize.

Prizes	Share of Prizepool % *1				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	QF
Aachen Doubles	52	24	12	12	
Charlemagne Open 80 + Players	36	14	6	6	3
Consolation	14	6	3	3	
Charlemagne Open up to 80 Pl	40	18	8	8	
Consolation	18	8			
Amateurs	70	30			
Superjackpot (32 Players	52	24	12	12	
Limited JP 16 Players	70	30			
Pro/ Am Doubles	52	24	12	12	
Amateur Doubles	70	30			
Speedgammon	52	24	12	12	
BMAB Event* <sup>2</sup>	55	30	15		

\*1 in Aachen Doubles and Charlemagne Open, 15% of the Prize pool it taken off before and payed to the winner(s) of Swiss phase

\*2 Prizes will be shared between players with equal points

# Settings

Category	Stage	Match Length	Time Control
<b>Aachen Doubles Championship</b>	Swiss + Playoffs	7	21 min + 15 sec
	Knockout	7	21 min + 15 sec
	Final	9	27 min + 15 sec
<b>Charlemagne Open Masters + Intermediates</b>	Swiss	7	14 min + 12 sec
	Playoffs	9	18 min + 12 sec
	Main Knockout	9	18 min + 12 sec
	Main Final	11	22 min + 12 sec
	Consolation	7	14 min + 12 sec
<b>Super Jackpot</b>	All Rounds	9	18 min + 12 sec
<b>Limited Jackpot</b>	All Rounds	9	18 min + 12 sec
<b>Amateurs*</b>	All Rounds	7	14 min + 12 sec
<b>Amateurs Doubles*</b>	All Rounds	7	14 min + 12 sec
<b>Pro/Am Doubles</b>	All Rounds	7	21 min + 15 sec
<b>Speedgammon</b>	All Rounds	5	2 min + 10 sec
<b>BMAB Event</b>	All Rounds	7	14 min + 12 sec

\*Clock usage optional



# Hotel Recommendations

## B&B Hotel Aachen-City

Großkölnerstraße 57 - 63  
52062 Aachen  
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## Motel One Aachen

Kapuzinergraben 6 - 10  
52062 Aachen  
Tel: +49 241 913896-0

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## Hotel ibis Aachen Marschiertor

Friedlandstraße 6 - 8  
52064 Aachen  
Tel: +49 241 47880

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## Mercure Hotel Aachen am Dom

Peterstraße 1  
52062 Aachen  
Tel: +49 241 18010

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## Parkhotel Quellenhof Aachen

Monheimsallee 52  
52062 Aachen  
Tel: +49 241 9132-0



# Lectures and Seminars

Our speakers cordially invite you to their presentations.

A one-off participation fee of **50€** entitles you to take part in all seminars.

Whether basics for beginners, strategies for advanced players or new skills for professionals - there's something for everyone here.



Lecture:  
Interactive Seminar  
with Grandmasters



Lecture:  
The Anki Method  
[www.xg2anki.de](http://www.xg2anki.de)



Rainer Birkle



Lecture:  
The OPEC Learning Method  
A practical framework useful  
for all levels, from amateurs to  
Grandmasters

Daniel Sørensen

# Important Notes

- Intermediate events are not open to players
  - \* with an average PR under 6 on BMAB or WBIF
  - \* experienced players with skills comparable to the above criteria**In cases of doubt, the Tournament Director decides.**
- In the Pro/Am Doubles, one player of a team must be eligible for the Intermediate flight.  
It is not allowed to enter a Doubles Event as a single player.
- 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 tournament will be played on professional tournament boards.  
All players are expected to be dressed appropriately.  
Detailed information is published on the website  
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## Champions



2025

**Daniel Sørensen**

2024

**Jorgen Granstedt**

## Doubles Champions

2025

**Fred Brendler - Francesco Rinaldi**

2024

**Oliver Squire - Anna Sofia Eysturstein**



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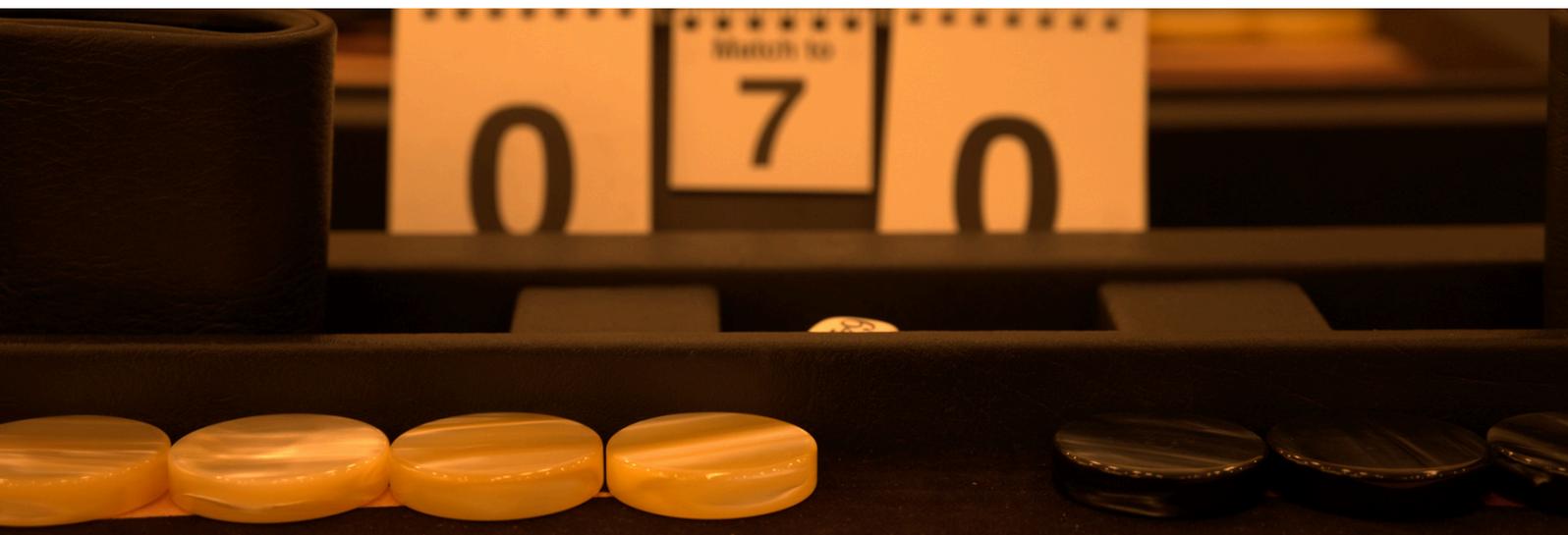
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