

# 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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 Seminars		50	

\*1 optional, 90% payout

\*2 two separate 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

Großkölstraße 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.  
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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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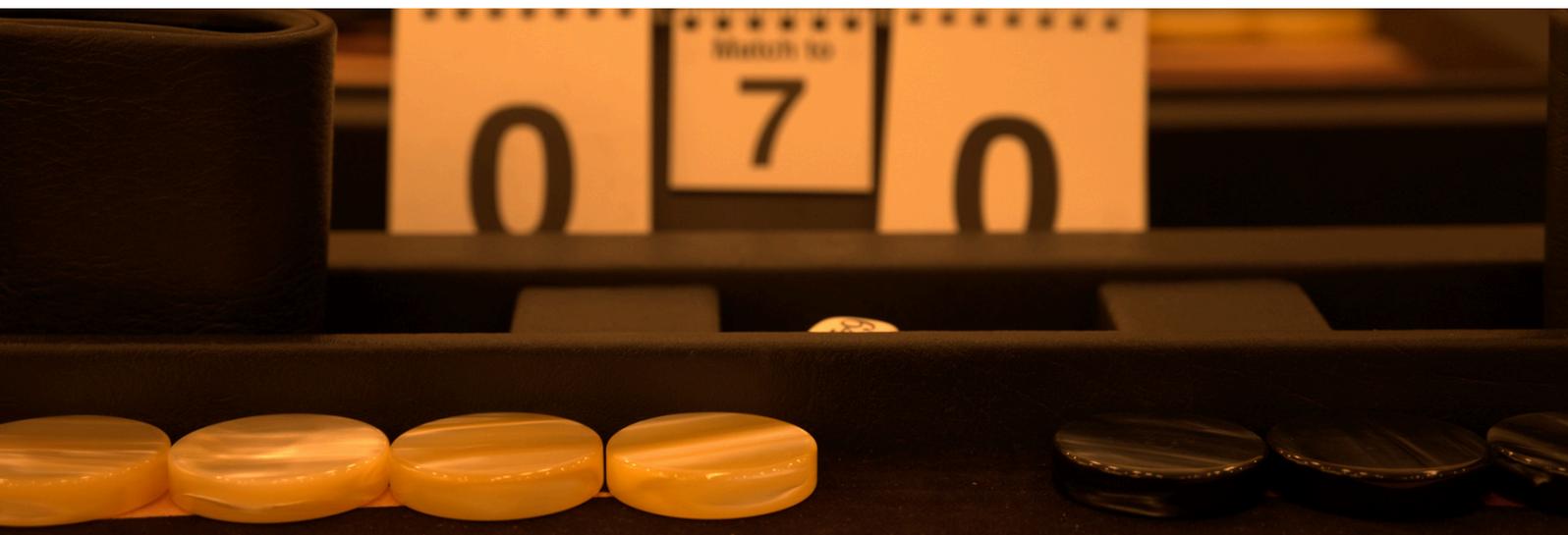
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