

2025 Michigan Summer Backgammon Championships

PRE-REGISTRATION

Please pre-register at our **new** site
www.MichiganBackgammon.com

Event	Fee	Return	Side Pool
Reg. Fee & ABT Fee	\$50+\$10		
Hospitality Fee	\$20		
Player's Cup BMAB	\$150+\$80	100%	Multiple
ABT Open	\$300	100%	\$100
ABT Intermediate	\$150	100%	\$50
ABT Limited	\$30	100%	\$10
Super Jackpot	\$1000	95%	\$300
Masters Jackpot	\$500	90%	\$200
Stoller Amateur Jackpot	\$250	85%	\$100
Intermediate Jackpot	\$100	80%	\$50
Open Doubles	\$200	85%	\$100
Limited Doubles	\$100	80%	\$50
Women's World of BG Fireworks Cup	\$50	80%	\$20
Emil Mortuk Seniors	\$55	90%	n/a
Prince Barlow Juniors	\$55	90%	n/a
Summer Freeze-Out	\$30	90%	n/a
Frank Talbot Newcomer Freeroll	Free	n/a	n/a
Judy Field Memorial Blitz	\$40	80%	n/a
Greg Merriman Firecracker Jackpots	\$200/ \$100	90%/ 80%	\$100/ \$50
Warm-Up Tournament	\$50/30/20	80%	\$20/20/10
After Tourney Tourney	\$50/20	80%	\$20/10

All Side Pools 100% Return

HOTEL INFORMATION



SHERATON DETROIT NOVI HOTEL

21111 Haggerty Road, Novi, Michigan 48375
 Located off I-275 at 8 Mile Road, Exit 167
 25 minutes from Detroit Metro Airport (DTW)

GROUND TRANSPORTATION OPTION:

Ride share service from Steve Grob
 Call or text 248-534-6251, or stevenjgrob@gmail.com

Make Sheraton reservations by **June 9th** to ensure the Backgammon rate of \$115/\$125. Use the hotel link to make a reservation online, find it on the tournament website: www.MichiganBackgammon.com

Or call (248) 349-4000 (Sheraton Novi)
 Please mention Michigan Backgammon when making your hotel reservations.

The Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel features:
 Business Center / High-speed Wireless
 Complimentary Wireless in lobby, public areas
 Fitness Center / Indoor Pool
 Pet-friendly facilities
Free self-parking at the hotel

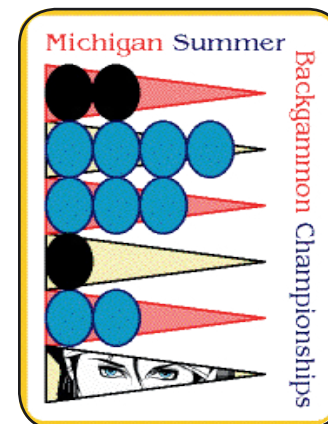
Membership in the USBGF is required to play in ALL events. Please join us at usbgf.org, or sign up in Michigan. Membership starts at \$5/month.

CJC's Backgammon Boutique will be available for all of your backgammon needs!



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The 50th Michigan Summer Backgammon Championships



July 2-6, 2025

SHERATON DETROIT NOVI HOTEL



July 2nd: Player's Cup BMAB & \$1,000 Super Jackpot



100% Return of All Side Pools
100% Return of ABT Entry Fee
\$3,000 in Added Money & Prizes!

Tournament Sponsors:

Flint Junior Master PRINCE BARLOW
 The Queen of Backgammon CAROL JOY COLE
 Flint Club Member MIKE CLAPSADLE
 Gammon Guys ED COREY
 Nathaniel Field in memory of JUDY FIELD
 Flint Club Member STEVE GROB
 Flint Club Champion GREG MERRIMAN
 Akemi Ota in memory of EMIL MORTUK
 Gammon Stuff JOHN PIRNER
 Backgammon Historian ROBERT STOLLER
 Flint Club Member MAGGIE SWEENEY
 Michigan Master FRANK TALBOT
 Women's World of Backgammon



TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

- 11:00am **Player's Cup BMAB** - Rounds 1 to 4
- 7:00pm \$1000 **Super Jackpot**
- 7:00pm Welcome Back **Warm-Up** (\$50/\$30/\$20)

Thursday, July 3, 2025

- 10:00am Registration Opens
- 10:00am Player's Cup BMAB - Round 5
- 12:00pm **Michigan Masters**
- 12:07pm **Stoller Amateur Jackpot**
- 12:15pm **Intermediate Jackpot**
- 12:30pm **Judy Field Memorial Blitz**, \$40.
Qualifiers win \$140; \$1350 Added.
- 1:00pm **Emil Mortuk Memorial Seniors & Prince Barlow's Junior Jackpot**
- 5:30pm **Hospitality Hour** - Enjoy a selection of Michigan Food and Beverages
- 6:30pm **Open Doubles & Limited Doubles**
- 8:00pm **Summer Freeze-Out**

Friday, July 4, 2025

- 9-10am Final Registration. Must be fully paid by 10am.
- 10:00am Door Prizes with Calcutta Auction
- 11:30am Lecture by Backgammon Expert
- 12:30pm **ABT Main Events** begin; All Divisions
- 5:00pm Dinner Break
- 7:00pm Play Resumes; All Events
- 7:30pm **Frank Talbot Freeroll**

Saturday, July 5, 2025

- 11:00am Play Resumes; All Events. ABT Main Event **Consolation Begins**
- 5:00pm Dinner Break
- 7:00pm Play Resumes; All Events
- 7:15pm **Judy Field Memorial Blitz Playoffs**
- 8:00pm **Greg Merriman Firecracker Jackpots**; \$200 Open / \$100 Limited Jackpot

Sunday, July 6, 2025

- 11:00am SEMIFINALS in all divisions
- 12:00pm **Women's World of Backgammon: Fireworks Cup**
- 2:00pm FINALS in all divisions
- 6:00pm After Tournament Tournament



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TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS

- USBGF Rules are in place with the following rule options:
 - No dice on checkers** - If either or both dice come to rest on the checkers then both must be re-rolled.
 - Responsible Moves** - If an illegal checker move occurs, the opponent must either require it to be corrected or to stand. No other type of infraction may be condoned. Players must not hit their own checker.
 - Clocks are required (except limited ABT)**
 - Use of two dice is required for all events.**
- PRE-REGISTER - Jackpot & Doubles events require pre-registration and deposit.**
- Eligibility - ABT & Jackpot Events have skill level eligibility criteria. You must play in the division appropriate to your skill level. The USBGF Eligibility Committee has final say on which division(s) you are eligible to compete in.
- ABT Events
 - Format - Open & Intermediate: Double Elimination with Progressive Consolation. Limited: To be determined based on entries. Participants will play at least 4 matches.
 - Eligibility - Open: Anyone can participate. Intermediate: Generally > 8 PR with limited success in ABT events. Limited: Generally >15 PR with very limited tournament exp.
- Jackpot Events
 - Format - Single Elimination, no re-entries
 - Super Jackpot**: 16 max; 13-point matches
 - Michigan Masters**: 32 max; 11-point matches
 - Bob Stoller Amateur Jackpot**: 32 max; 9 pts; Generally open to players with a PR >5.5, experience, win %, etc. will be considered.
 - Intermediate Jackpot**: 32 max; 9-pt matches; Generally open to players with a PR >8.0, experience, win %, etc. will be considered.
- Doubles Format: Single Elimination; no re-entries; 7 points. Maximum of 32 Open doubles teams. No open players in Limited doubles.
- Frank Talbot's Newcomer **Freeroll** - \$400 in cash prizes added by Frank! 1-point matches.
- JUDY FIELD Memorial Blitz, \$1,350 Added by Judy's husband Nathaniel; \$40 entry fee. Win a bracket of 8 to earn \$140 and spot in Blitz Playoff.
- Women's World of BG Fireworks Cup: Guaranteed 2 matches format. Recording & transcription sponsorships available, contact Ben.

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Full event info and registration online:
www.MichiganBackgammon.com

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

DIRECTORS: Ben Friesen & Dan Minardi
TOURNAMENT STAFF: Butch Meese, Mary Ann Meese, Clare Phelps, John Carrico
PLAYERS CUP BMAB DIRECTORS: Roberto Litzenberger, Dmitriy Obukhov
THANK YOU - USBGF Eligibility Committee

MICHIGAN SUMMER CHAMPIONS

- 1976 — Anne Binkow (MI)
- 1977 — Stanley Steele (IL)
- 1978 — Robert Silver (MI)
- 1979 — Peter Grossinger (MI)
- 1980 — Howard Perlman (MI)
- 1981 — Stanley Steele (IL)
- 1982 — Paula Allan (MI)
- 1983 — Michael Sudds (MI)
- 1984 — Howard Markowitz (IL)
- 1985 — Les Bart (MD)
- 1986 — Jim Wilson (MI)
- 1987 — Jack Kissane (NY)
- 1988 — Neil Kazaross (CA)
- 1989 — Gary Kay (IL)
- 1990 — Don Desmond (IL)
- 1991 — Harry Cohn (IL)
- 1992 — Stuart Hosen (TX)
- 1993 — Howard Markowitz (NV)
- 1994 — Dean Muench (IL)
- 1995 — Harry Cohn (IL)
- 1996 — Dennis Culpepper (VA)
- 1997 — Art Benjamin (CA)
- 1998 — Maurice Barie (MI)
- 1999 — Gary Margosian (MI)
- 2000 — Mike Senkiewicz (NY)
- 2001 — Rick Todd (MI)
- 2002 — Chuck Bower (IN)
- 2003 — Dean Adamian (MI)
- 2004 — Frank Talbot (MI)
- 2005 — Jeb Horton (NC)
- 2006 — Richard Munitz (NY)
- 2007 — Patrick Gibson (CA)
- 2008 — Neil Kazaross (IL)
- 2009 — Ed Bennett (NM)
- 2010 — Kit Woolsey (CA)
- 2011 — Ray Foglerlund (NV)
- 2012 — Phil Simborg (IL)
- 2013 — Rod Covlin (NY)
- 2014 — Gary Bauer (NJ)
- 2015 — Marty Storer (NH)
- 2016 — Ed O'Laughlin (VA)
- 2017 — Paul Farah (MI)
- 2018 — Audronis Zunde (CO)
- 2019 — Frank Raposa (VA)
- 2020 — Ray Foglerlund (NV) *ABT online
- 2021 — Gyl Savoie (MI)
- 2022 — Marty Storer (NH)
- 2023 — David Winn (TX)
- 2024 — Bill Calton (MI)



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