



Players Cup Backgammon Event

Players Cup BMAB St. Louis Gateway Open

Wednesday, June 17th-18th, 2026

Dear Backgammon Player,

You are invited to participate in 7th Players Cup BMAB Tournament of the year which will be held at the **HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT WEST, 3400 Rider Trail South, St.Louis, MO 630450.**

This event is part of the 2026 Players Cup and participants will receive stars towards the annual race. All matches are submitted to BMAB for ranking as well as the Backgammon World Ranking.

This special event takes kicks off the start of the Saint Louis Gateway Open.

The format of the tournament is as follows: First 4 rounds are random pairings, the last round is Swiss pairing 9 point matches. All matches will be played with game clocks, which will be set at 18 minutes of bank time and a 12 second delay for each match. All matches played will be recorded, transcribed and uploaded to YouTube. Each participant will receive the XG files of their matches and links to the videos.

The tournament will have the following tentative schedule:

- 5:00 pm – Registration
- 5:45 pm – Announcements and Door Prizes
- 6:00 pm – Rounds 1 to 3
- Thursday 10:00 am Round 4-5

Round 5 will be Swiss pairing.

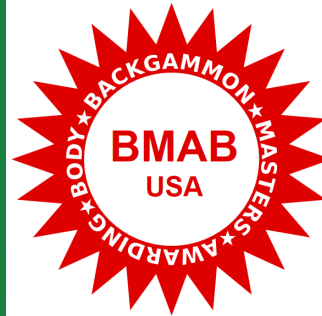
Tournament cost is \$200 total (\$125 goes to the prize pool and \$75 is registration/recording/transcription.)

Prize pool will be distributed as follows:

\$125 is returned to the “Unlucky Dice” winner

Of the remains prize pool:

- 39% Tournament Winner
- 28% Tournament Runner-Up
- 20% 3rd Place
- 13% 4th Place



There will also be four side pools:

- Win Side pool A (100% return) \$50 entry
- Win Side pool B (100% return) \$100 entry
- PR Side pool C (100% return) \$100 entry
- Non GM PR Sidepool (100% return) \$50

To enter win side pool B, win side pool A must also be entered. To enter PR side pool D, PR side pool C must be entered. All can enter "Neutral Luck" side pool.

For each side pool, the winner and runner-up take 67% and 33% of the pool money. However, if fewer than 4 players enter one (or more) side-pool, the winner will take all. Neutral Luck side pool pays one place.

The criteria for determining the tournament winners (and winner of side-pools A and B) will be based solely on the number of match wins. PR is only taken into account for the PR side pool. Where ties occur, the prize money will be shared equally.

With regard to the PR side pool, any score within 1% of the lowest PR shall be deemed to share first place (and first place only).

All match files from the tournament and the complete results of the tournament will be submitted to Players Cup, BMAB and Backgammon World Ranking. Video files will upload to "Backgammon Cafe" YouTube account.

The sole winner of the event will receive an Iron Legacy Star. If the winners are shared each winner will receive a percentage of an Iron Star. Fractional Iron Stars never expire but are not awarded until a full star is achieved.

We hope all participants will enjoy the challenge of the tournament and its original format. You can find out more information on how the stars are calculated and Players Cup Backgammon stats at:

www.playerscupbackgammon.com

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