



The Hotel Riviera is situated in a privileged area very close to Carcavelos beach -considered to be the best of various beaches in the area - and centrally located in relation both to Lisbon city and other places of great historic interest such as Cascais and Sintra. A prestigious hotel, whose opening marks a new aera of modern tourism, built in a privileged area, close to the magnificent Carcavelos Beach, on the Estoril Coast, 5km from Cascais and 20 km from Lisbon.

- 130 Rooms and suites, all equipped with air conditionning, satellite TV, radio, minibar, safety deposit box, trousers press and hair dryer.
- American Buffet Breakfast.
- Broad Band Internet Connection in all rooms.
- Restaurant with Traditionnal Portuguese and International Cuisine.
- Outdoor pools (adults and children).
- Snack Bar by the swimming pools.
- Shopping center with 52 shops and restaurants.
- Bar with music
- Tennis court.

SPECIAL BACKGAMMON RATE: 95€ per night (single or double occupancy), including breakfast. Please make your reservatiön quickly and mention "backgammon" upon booking. Rooms at the backgammon rate are limited and requests after filling the quota or passing the cut-off date (July 15th) will be accepted on a space-and-rate available basis.

PAST WINNERS

2013: Jurgen ORLOWSKI (GER)
2012: Inga VIGH-PEDERSEN (DK)
2011: Paul WEAVER (USA)
2010: Clive KAYE (England)
2009: Frans BERGI (Austria)
2008: Matvey "Falafel" NATANZON (Israel)
2007: Michel SERRERO (France)
2006: Jean-Philippe RORH (France)



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Format

FT-Swiss Format applies in all divisions. Pairings and byes are computerized.

A player is out as soon as he loses 3 matches and he can still win the tournament with 2 losses.

All players not in the money in main will play as far as possible the Ultimate Fight (Single Elimination).

General Conditions

Only cash payments in Euros will be accepted.

The WBA tournament rules will apply.

The event is by invitation only, thus the tournament committee and directors reserve the right to refuse application or admittance without giving due reason.

The usage of official tournament precision dice is mandatory.

Trophies will be presented during the awards ceremony only.

Leaving the tournament room without informing the Tournament Director and/or staff might result in penalty point and forfeit.

The tournament directors reserve the right to change the program during the event.

Matches between French players will count towards the FFBG ranking.

WBA Masters Point Race 2014

For each round played and won in the Elite Group, a player will score 10 Master Points in the main and 5 Master Points in the Ultimate Fight.

Participation at any WBA event will bring additional 20 points.

A special trophy will be awarded to the top ranked player of 2014, in early 2015.

The exact ranking will be calculated after each tournament and published on: www.world-backgammon-association.com



14-17
August
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9th
EDITION



Portuguese Backgammon Open

For pre-registration and additional info :
portugolopen2012@gmail.com
www.world-backgammon-association.com

Events and Fees

100% of all entry fees in the main event returned

Elite Group :

440€ entry + 60€ registration + 10€ cocktail
optional side-pool 150€ (100% return)
11-point matches, clocks mandatory: 2 min / 12 sec

Leisure Group :

80€ entry+20€ registration+10€ cocktail
optional side-pool 50€ (100% return)
9-point matches.

Doubles :

170€ entry + 30€ per team
9-point matches, clocks mandatory: 3 min / 15 sec

Speedgammon :

20€ (multiple entries),
5 points (2 minutes total + 10 secs. delay per move).

DMP-Challenge : 10€ (multiple entries).

"Franz-Josef BERG-Superjackpot": 300€ (8 players minimum).

The late Franz- Josef BERG won the Portuguese Open 2009.

Social Guests : 10€ (including Awards cocktail).

Please Bring your own Board
Tournament Direction: **JULIE THABAULT & Staff.**



Welcome to Portugal!



The **"9th Portuguese Open 2014"** is ready to welcome international backgammon players in one of Europe's sunniest and nicest spots.

After the world championship, Portugal is the ideal place to relax and combine your favorite hobby with vacations on the beach. Daily sunshine guaranteed, excellent and inexpensive food and wines and one of the biggest and nicest beaches right out of Lisbon are waiting you.

Only a short ride from Lisbon International Airport, the **Riviera Hotel**** in Carcavelos** will be the venue of the tournament again. A special backgammon rate including breakfast and internet is available.

The tournament schedule has been drafted in order to allow a nice challenge, as well as enough time during daytime to enjoy the sun and leisure activities.

The Portuguese Open is a **World Backgammon Association (WBA)** event, ensuring the biggest class of tournaments with the most update rules, the best professional equipment provides, and the most competitive and challenging format. Every match of the Elite Group division will count for the WBA Point Race ranking list 2014 and the winner being crowned in January 2015 at the German Masters 2015.

Like all other stops of the Tour, all divisions will enjoy **the new FT-Swiss Format** (out after 3 losses) and an **Ultimate Fight** (Last Chance) played on **Sunday**.

Various side-events are lined up: **DMP-Challenge, Jackpots, Speedgammon.**

Program*

Thursday, August 14th 2014

16:00 Playing room opens, registrations, Jackpots
20:30 Dinner break - Registrations closes
22:30 Round 1 main event (11 points Elite / 9 points Leisure)

Friday, August 15th 2014

13:00 Round 2 main event (11 points Elite / 9 points Leisure)
15:30 Round 3 main event (11 points Elite / 9 points Leisure)
18:00 Round 4 main event (11 points Elite / 9 points Leisure)
20:30 Dinner break
22:30 Round 5 main event (11 points Elite / 9 points Leisure)

Saturday, August 16th 2014

13:00 Round 6 main event (11 points Elite / 9 points Leisure)
15:30 Round 7 main event (11 points Elite / 9 points Leisure)
18:00 Round 8 main event (11 points Elite / 9 points Leisure)
20:30 Dinner break
22:30 Round 9 main event (11 points Elite / 9 points Leisure)

Sunday, August 17th 2014

13:00 Round 10 main event (11 points Elite / 9 points Leisure)
15:30 Round 11 main event (final 4 players)
15:30 Start Ultimate Fight
18:00 Round 12 main event (11 points Elite / 9 points Leisure)
20:00 Round 13 main event if needed
22:00 Awards and cocktail

***The director reserves the right to change the format of any event. Times will be adhered to as close as possible in case of changes.**