

BERLIN

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133 rooms (including special rooms for physically challenged guests), Bar, Restaurants, Parking, Bus-station (public transportation) in front of the hotel. All rooms feature 32" Flatscreen TV, free worldwide calls to land-based and mobile numbers, free wireless internet (W-LAN), deposit safe.

Special "Backgammon Rate":

85 € / night Single Occupancy, including: breakfast, Sky-TV, free worldwide phone calls to land-based and mobile phones, free wireless internet, VAT 95 € / night Double Occupancy, including: breakfast, Sky-TV, free worldwide phone calls to land-based and mobile phones, free wireless internet, VAT

Cut-off date: 22 January 2015.

After that date, the room rate will depend on availability only. Please book before January 21st, mentioning "Backgammon" at: reservierung.berlin@victors.de or call: +49 - (0)30 - 21914573

Important notice: Participants of the tournament (Berlin residents excluded) not staying at the tournament hotel will have a 100 € surcharge of their registration fee to make up for the playing room rental.



Direction from International Airport Berlin-Tegel (about 14km away):
Taxi (around 30 minutes) or take the Express-bus TXL to "Alexanderplatz", then
change to public bus line 200 towards "Michelangelostrasse", Victor's Residenz
Hotel is just in front of the bus stop "Am Friedrichshain" (around 50 minutes).

Event Organization:



Event partner:



the mental energizer.

19-22 FEBRUARY 2015



GERMAN BACKGAMMON MASTERS

2015



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Willkommen in Berlin - Welcome to Berlin!

The most international competition in Germany has been moved to the Capital city of Berlin!

Berlin is a fantastic, vibrant and historical destination, easy to reach by plane, train or car. The city has the biggest and most active backgammon community in Germany.

The Victor's Residenz Hotel**** is centrally located, in Berlin's new "Mitte"-district, close to Alexanderplatz and the historical buildings. Public transportation will take you quickly anywhere for sightseeing and/or other activities.

The GERMAN MASTERS is part of the prestigious WBA circuit in 2015. Every match of the Elite Group will count for the WBA Point Race, and for the German National Ranking.

2 Divisions will be available and various side-events are lined up (DMP-Challenge, Doubles, Mini-Jackpots). WBA's computerized T-Swiss System (triple elimination + Ultimate Fight) will be played in both main divisions.

Start making travel plans, book your room reservation quickly (rooms are limited) and visit Berlin, the Backgammon Capital of Germany.

Events and Fees:

Elite Group: 380 € entry + 70 € registration / optional side-pool 150 € (95% return) / 9 point matches, T-Swiss Format, clock mandatory

Leisure Group: 150 € entry + 50 € registration/optional side-pool 50 € (90% return) / 7 points matches, T-Swiss Format, clock preference

Doubles: 250 € per team (80% return), 7 points, single elimination, clocked

SpeedGammon: 25 € (80% return), re-entries allowed, 5 points, time setting: 2 min. total bank time + 10 sec. per move

Mini-Jackpots (4 players): 25 €, 50 €, 100 € available during all weekend.

Tournament Direction: Chiva Tafazzoli (WBA)

General Conditions:

Only cash payments in €uro will be accepted. The WBA tournament rules will apply. This 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. Clocks are mandatory in Elite Group, Doubles and SpeedGammon matches. Tournament 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 points and forfeit. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to change the program during the event. Tournament Director's ruling is final, unless over-ruled by the Ruling Committee.

Winners:

2015: You?

2014: Haris CHRISTIDIS (Greece)

2013: Peter BLACHIAN (Germany)

PROGRAM*:

Thursday, February 19th, 2015

- 17:00 Playing room opens
- 17:00 Quarter-entries, half-entries satellites and jackpots
- 18:30 Start Doubles Round 1
- 20:30 Dinner Break
- 22:00 Doubles Round 2

Friday, February 20th, 2015

- 15:30 Playing room opens Jackpots & side-events,
 - Quarter- & Half-entries
- 18:00 Registration closes
- 18:30 Start main event, all divisions, Round 1
- 20:30 Dinner Break
- 22:00 Start Round 2

Saturday, February 21st, 2015

- 13:00 Start Round 3
- 15:00 Start Round 4
- 17:00 Start Round 5
- 18:00 Doubles continues (ongoing, for players out of main event)
- 19:00 Start Round 6
- 20:30 Dinner Break
- 22:00 Start Round 7

Sunday, February 22nd, 2015

- 13:00 Start Round 8
- 15:00 Start Round 9
- 17:00 Start Ultimate Fight (Last Chance)
- 17:00 Start Round 10
- 19:00 Start Round 11
- 21:00 Awards Ceremony
- 22:00 Projected end of event

Format:

T-Swiss Format applies in all divisions. Pairings and byes are computerized. A player is out as soon as he loses 3 matches and can still win the tournament with 2 losses. http://www.ebgt.info/ft-swiss-system.html

Prize Distribution**:

(based on 30 players, 30-50 players pays 4 prizes, 50+ players pays 5 prizes):

Main event based on 30 players: Winner: 40% / 2rd: 30% / 3rd: 20% / Winner Ultimate Fight: 10%

Main event based on 30-50 players: Winner: $40\% / 2^{nd}$: $25\% / 3^{rd}$: $15\% / 4^{th}$: 10% / Winner Ultimate Fight: <math>10%

Main event based on 50+ players: Winner: $30\% / 2^{nd}$: $25\% / 3^{rd}$: $20\% / 4^{th}$: $15\% / 5^{th}$: 10% / No Ultimate Fight

** Prize Distribution is subject to adjustment by the Tournament Director, based on the number of players

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