

EIGHTH ANNUAL WORLD AMATEUR BACKGAMMON



Annual Plimpton Cup Backgammon Tournament

June 19 – 24th 1984

	AMATEUR	NOVICE	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
FIRST	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$35,000
2nd	40,000	... 5,000	15,000
3-4th	10,000 each	2,500 each	7,500 each
5-8th	5,000 each	1,000 each	2,500 each
4th Round Winners	1,000 each		1,000 each
Early Birds	5,000 each	1,000 each	
Newcomers	5,000 each	1,000 each	
Amateur Challenge			1,000 each

In the World Championship Division, the Prize Pool is based upon 160 entries. If there are not 160 entries, the Prize Pool will be \$10,000.00 plus \$500.00 per entry.

Plimpton Cup Eligibility

The Plimpton Cup (World Amateur Backgammon Championship) is named after the greatest Amateur of all time, George Plimpton. It has become the biggest and the best backgammon tournament in the world. Any backgammon player has a chance at winning the \$100,000.00 first prize. This Tournament is designed to give Amateur players a better chance by eliminating the professional players and any player who has a reputation for being an expert tournament player. Any player who has won over \$2,000 in a Tournament or has won over \$500 three or more times in tournament play must send in a list of all his tournament winnings by May 31, 1984 to ABC. The eligibility committee will rule on their eligibility. Any players who are judged to be expert tournament players will **not** be allowed to play regardless of how much money they have won. Money won in side events such as the Doubles and Kickoff Tournaments or money won after an entry is received by ABC will not make a player ineligible. Players who have played in many tournaments and won a large sum of money one time will be allowed to play if they are not ruled to be expert players.

Novice Eligibility

**The Novice Tournament is for novices only!
Experience the fun and excitement of
tournament play! Here is a tournament with
a low entry fee and a \$10,000.00 first prize
designed for the novice player!**

Any player who has won \$100 or more in cash or merchandise in any tournament or played in the Championship division of any Major Tournament is ineligible for the Novice division. (Write American Backgammon Championships with any questions about eligibility) You may play in both the Novice and Amateur Tournaments if eligible.

Tournament Format

Staggered starting times enable participants to attend the tournament on a schedule which is most convenient for them. Registration begins on Tuesday at 10 AM and ends on Friday. You will be given a choice of starting times when you register in Las Vegas. Players who register later in the week will have to play more matches each day than those who start earlier, as all participants play the same number of rounds regardless of starting time. It is recommended that participants who play in more than one tournament, or plan to re-enter, come early. It is possible to come Friday and play in both the Plimpton Cup and Novice Tournaments. The Plimpton Cup will start with 11 point matches except for Friday starters who will start with 7 point matches. Novices will start with 5 point matches. The World Championship will start with 15 point matches. In the finals, the two out of three format will be used except in the novice division.

Newcomers and Early Birds \$5,000.00 for Winning Six Rounds

Early Birds are players who send in their entry forms and make Sands Hotel reservations by May 10th. A Newcomer is a pre-registered player who has never played in an ABC Backgammon Tournament prior to Jan. 5th 1984, and is a registered guest of the Sands Hotel. Newcomers and Early Birds who win their first six rounds in the main draw but do not win one of the other top prizes will win \$5,000.00 each. Byes do not count as a round won. Early Birds will be given preference as to byes.

\$15,000.00 *Kickoff Tournament*

\$25 ENTRY FEE. Registration starts at 11 AM Tuesday. Players wishing to play in the Kickoff Tournament should be in Las Vegas by 4 PM Tuesday.

FIRST PRIZE \$10,000.00
Second \$3,000.00
Third & Fourth \$1,000.00 each

Doubles Tournament

Entry fee: \$100 per team. 80% of entry fees returned as prize money. Registration for doubles will open two hours before play starts.

Second Chance

A unique feature of the Plimpton Cup and Championship Tournaments is the second chance flight. Second Chance gives players who lose in the preliminary rounds a second chance at the top prizes. Three of the final eight players will come from Second Chance. A player may sign up for second chance once after losing in the main draw for a \$100 fee.

Backgammon Bonanza

Staggered starting times allow a player to enter several tournaments, if eligible. **\$2,000.00** to the first player who wins a match in four of this year's six tournaments. **Kickoff, Novice, Doubles, Finders, Amateur**, (Main Draw or Second Chance), **World Championship**, (Main Draw or Second Chance)

Amateur Challenge

Any Plimpton Cup player who wins his first **two rounds** in the main draw of the **World Championship Tournament** will win at least **\$1,000.00** in that Tournament.

Re-Entry

Re-entry is made possible by the staggered starting time format. A player who re-enters a Tournament does not lose any of his rights as to Early Bird, Newcomer or Bye status except in the Kickoff and Doubles Tournaments. Re-entry is not allowed in the Finders Tournament.

Finders Tournament

NO ENTRY FEE \$10,000.00 IN PRIZE MONEY

As a way to say thank you to players who sign up other players there will be a Tournament for people who find 2 or more new players who participate in any division of this year's Tournament. The Finders Tournament will be 3 point matches. A \$2,500.00 bonus will be paid to the top finisher who signed up 4 or more players. You can win up to \$8,500.00 for signing up new players.

FIRST PRIZE \$5,000.00
2nd \$1,000.00 3rd-4th \$750.00 each
SPECIAL BONUS PRIZE \$2,500.00

To receive credit for a new player, you must put your name on their entry form in the space provided for Newcomers. If one of your Newcomers wins one of the newcomer prizes, you will receive \$1,000.00. You may receive credit for new players who do not pre-register if they fill out the proper form at the tournament, but they will not be eligible for the newcomer prize.

Rules & Conditions

1. Standard American Backgammon Championship Inc. Rules will be used. 2. Byes will be based on Early Bird Status and order of registration. All entries postmarked by April 30th considered equal as to order of registration. 3. American Backgammon Championships reserves the right to disqualify anyone it deems detrimental to the best interest of the tournament. 4. Any player that is disqualified after he starts play will not be given a refund. 5. A player may be disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct at any point in the tournament. 6. In the **Championship Tournament**, losers in the 6th round of the main draw will be put into

the 4th round of second chance as they will not start their 6th round of play until after second chance is closed. 7. In the **Amateur Tournament**, players who lose in the first six rounds of the main draw will have an opportunity to enter second chance except for some Friday starters. Friday starters who lose after the third round of play may not be able to enter second chance due to time limitations. 8. A player must be a registered guest of the Sands Hotel to win the Early Bird or Newcomer prizes. 9. A player may not win both the Early Bird and Newcomer Prizes. 10. To play in the Doubles or Kickoff Tournaments, you must be registered in one of the main tournaments.

A Tournament For Every Level Of Player

KICKOFF – A warmup tournament played on Tuesday. Open to backgammon players registered in the Novice, Amateur or Championship division. For a \$25 entry fee you may win up to \$10,000.00 Five point matches.

NOVICE – Registered guests of the Sands pay as little as \$15.00 to have a chance of winning the \$10,000.00 first prize or one of the many other prizes. Players who have ever won \$100 in any backgammon tournament are not eligible to play in the Novice Tournament.

PLIMPTON CUP (WORLD AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP) – \$100,000.00!!!
FIRST PRIZE Players from 20 countries and 49 states have participated in previous Plimpton Cup Tournaments. Win your first four rounds in the main draw, but do not win one of the top prizes, and receive \$1,000.00. Professional and expert tournament players are excluded.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP – Test your skills against the best players.

Players who win their first 4 rounds (two rounds if also playing in the Amateur Tournament) in the main draw, but do not win one of the top prizes, will receive \$1,000.00.

FINDERS – Find two or more newcomers and play in this fun and money-filled tournament on Saturday. No entry fee and over \$10,000.00 in prizes.

SECOND CHANCE – In the Amateur and Championship Tournaments, Second Chance does just that; gives you a second chance at all the top prizes.

DOUBLES TOURNAMENT – Fun for all. One of the most popular events each year. Play with an old or new friend.

Payment Of Prizes

All prizes will be paid Sunday after the finals with the exception of the winner of the Plimpton Cup. The Plimpton Cup winner will have the choice of taking his winnings in annual payments of \$20,000.00 starting June 24, 1984, or receiving his total winnings in one payment of \$75,000.00 payable within thirty days of the Tournament. Prize winners who do not stay for the award presentation will be mailed their check and will not receive a trophy.

Payment Alternatives

Pre-registered Players	AMATEUR	NOVICE	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
Mail Deposit by May 31, 1984	\$25	\$15	\$25
Balance in Las Vegas (cash only)	375	35	500
less discount coupon for Sands guests (that make reservations by June 10th)	400	50	525
	50	35	50
Total	350	15	475
Not pre-registered for the Tournament			
late fee	50	20	50
All players			
Second Chance	100	..	100
Re-entry	400	50	500

Thursday June 21, Championship registration closes at 5 PM. Friday June 22, Plimpton Cup registration closes at 2 PM, and Novice registration closes at 5 PM. You are only pre-registered for a tournament if you send in a deposit for that tournament. All deposits are non-refundable.

Entry Form

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ Soc. Sec. # _____

Check proper box or boxes:

☐ NOVICE ☐ NEWCOMER
☐ AMATEUR ☐ CHAMPIONSHIP

Mail your entry form with the appropriate deposit for the division or divisions you wish to enter by May 30th to:
AMERICAN BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIPS INC.
575 MADISON AVE. SUITE 1006
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022 212-605-0222

I certify that I have never played in an ABC tournament prior to Jan. 5, 1984.

Signature _____
newcomer only

My finder is:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Phone _____

Special Sands Hotel Room Rates.

Save Up To \$100 Per Person On Entry Fees

During the Tournament, the Sands will offer backgammon players a special rate of \$43 per night, single or double occupancy, if they stay 3 or more nights. Mini-Suites will be \$60 per night. Players who make their Hotel reservations by June 10th will receive a discount coupon upon registering with the Hotel. These coupons will enable the player to receive \$50.00 off the entry fee in the Plimpton Cup and/or \$50.00

off the entry fee into the Championship Tournament and/or \$35.00 off the entry fee into the Novice Tournament. These coupons are not transferable. It is important that players sharing a room must make the reservation in both their names and be registered as backgammon players with the Hotel in order to receive discount coupons for both players.

FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS CALL TOLL FREE: 1-800-634-6901

For additional tournament information, write or call:

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