



## Backgammon Masters Series (US)

### BMAB (USA) #9 Ranking Tournament

Thursday, October 4 – Friday, October 5, 2018

Dear Backgammon Player

You are invited to participate in a Backgammon Masters Awarding Body-USA (BMAB-USA) Ranking Tournament which will be held Thursday, October 4 – Friday, October 5, 2018, in conjunction with the Sunny Florida Backgammon Championship at the Element Downtown Fort Lauderdale Hotel. The brochure on the Sunny Florida tournament to be held October 4-7 can be found at: <http://www.sunnyfloridabackgammon.com/>. Tournament registration and hotel reservations may be made online on the website. Information on the BMAB is available at: <http://bgmastersab.com/>

We are limiting registration to a maximum of 24 players on a first-come, first-serve basis so please let us know if you would like to participate. The registration fee is \$50 and the entry fee is \$100 (100% return). The top two finishers plus ties will be paid out using the ABT formula for Swiss payouts. If there is sufficient interest, there will also be side pools for PR and placing. The transcription fee is an additional \$30; Any player wishing to help with transcriptions, including their own matches, will receive \$12 for each match transcribed. Matches to transcribe must be assigned by the Director.

The format of the tournament is truncated round-robin where each player plays five rounds of 11-point matches for 55 Experience Points. The first three rounds will be paired in advance by random draw. The final two rounds will use Swiss pairing rules, increasing the chance of having an outright winner. All matches will be played with game clocks, which will be set with 22 minutes of bank time and a 12 second delay for each match. All matches played will be recorded and subsequently transcribed to electronic match files which will then be analyzed by the current version of eXtreme Gammon using BMAB settings (Standard World Class, but with "Gigantic" search interval, 15x8 bear-off database, and resignation errors counting).

The tournament will have the following schedule:

Thursday, October 4:

11:30 am: Registration  
Noon Play begins (rounds 1-3)

Friday, October 5:

10:00am: Play resumes (final two rounds)

BMAB designation grandmaster and master provides both recognition for excellence in play and serves as a personal achievement goal. Please e-mail Jeb if you will join us.

Sincerely yours,

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