

BACKGAMMON

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“Backgammon anyone?”

Backgammon was invented some thousand years ago in ancient Mesopotamia. Despite the many changes it has certainly undergone, it has never gotten out of fashion, and probably never will. After, the doubling cube was introduced, about 80 yrs. ago, the time had come for the great ancestor of so many games, to turn from an entertaining pastime into a demanding and exciting mind game. With this amazing combination of luck and skill, backgammon is a constant adrenaline rollercoaster, making it the top choice of action junkies and gambling aficionados worldwide.

With backgammon’s historical popularity and continuing growth it provides a strong alternative for players looking for a new challenge in their gaming experience. By offering your players the opportunity to access backgammon and poker, with one gaming account, customer loyalty, satisfaction, and revenue will remain strong no matter what your players are looking for.

Software Package

Backgammon Games

The MGN backgammon software offers many opportunities for your players to have fun and to enjoy the game.

- ▶ **Single Games**
- ▶ **Matches**
- ▶ **Tournaments and Jackpots**
- ▶ **Satellites Qualifiers**

Software Features

Melita Gaming Network uses the world class artificial intelligence Snowie for security support.

- ▶ **Monitoring of all sessions to detect unfair play**
- ▶ **Settlements of unfinished matches**
- ▶ **ELO-Based Rating System**

Melita Gaming Network Software

Melita Gaming Network's backgammon software links live-game-atmosphere with state-of-the-art technology, constantly evolving and improving due to a highly skilled team of developers working with former backgammon world champions and other world-class players. The combination of live game feeling, high performance software and online security are unbeatable in the backgammon market.

Our fully resizable 3D backgammon board, is not only scaleable, to fit anyone's screen but offers a wide variety of board options. From 360° 3D renderings and classic 2D views to choosing the board's point colors. Almost anything is possible! We have taken special care that checkers move the way a player in a live game would move them and everyone can see it, the opponents and the kibitzers alike. Checker for checker, play by play. Whether it is the roll of the dice or the sliding of checkers across the board, each move is also coupled with real backgammon sounds. Your players will appreciate the ability to enjoy their backgammon experience the way they want. With our integrated automatic intelligent game play, lengthy backgammon matches are a thing of the past. Forced moves or actions, are made automatically.

The software speeds up the game reducing unnecessary time delays. It has a tried and proven stability with a 99.9% online status since 2002 and is often quoted as "the best backgammon software on the internet" by many backgammon professionals.

Real Time Security

We believe the online game is also better suited to deal with cheaters than most players during a live game. Our web-based customer information system provides real time reporting access to detailed statistics and a full audit of player activities. Built in software protection constantly monitors each game identifying robots and account irregularities immediately blocking them from the system. Our software only allows proper checker play. Dice are produced by a hardware encrypted random number generator making illegal moves and loaded dice impossible. The backgammon program Snowie monitors each game and files a report to the system administrator so droppers have no chance. Settlements for unfinished matches are also decided by Snowie, guaranteeing your customers fair games and correct payouts. Our backgammon software package is tested, controlled and certified by the Lotteries and Gaming Authority in Malta, European Community. The LGA commissioned Price Waterhouse Coopers for controlling and testing. And of course, it has met our own high standard, giving you the highest quality software on the market today. Expand your business now and get into backgammon – with Melita Gaming Network – the only provider of combined backgammon and poker white label solutions worldwide.

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Single Games and Matches

Single games are played for a certain stake per game. Single games are generally played with the doubling cube, the maximum a player can win or lose in a single game is only limited by the amounts the players have at the table at the start of the game ("table stakes"). Single matches are played for a certain stake, other than tournament matches. A match is a series of games that is finished when one player collects the necessary number of points, for example 7 points in a 7-Point-Match. The score difference of a match is irrelevant for the winner, whether the match is won 7-0 or 7-6 the winner takes all.

Tournaments, Sit & Gos and Satellites

Regular tournaments are scheduled for a certain time and start with a random draw at that time, assigning players to the tables, also giving some players a first round bye depending on the number of participants. The tournament format is single elimination. Usually the top four or eight finishers will get a share of the prize pool.

Sit & Gos are tournaments with a fixed number of spots, usually four or eight, starting as soon as the necessary numbers of players have registered for the event. There is a random draw but no byes. The format is single elimination. One winner or both finalists take a share of the prize pool.

Satellites are tournaments that reward seats to other, bigger buy-in tournaments. In case the money in the prize pool does not equal a specific number of seats, the money exceeding the seat pool is won by the players finishing short of winning a seat.

Support for 9 languages

The Melita Gaming Network software clients currently support nine different languages: English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Danish, Swedish and Turkish.

Snowie

The leading artificial intelligence software for playing and analyzing backgammon games, developed by the Swiss Snowie Group, is used in two distinct ways: for monitoring and settlements.

Monitoring

All real money games played on the network are analyzed by Snowie in order to detect and prevent fraudulent activities such as rating dumping and illegal use of computer assistance (robots) by the players. Error rates are calculated for each player and every game or match. These numbers enable the detection of suspicious patterns. This makes Snowie the number one anti-cheating power engine for backgammon on the net.

Settlements

Whenever a player loses his or her connection during a game or match and is not able to reconnect within a certain time span, Snowie is used to make a highly accurate evaluation of the player's winning chances at the point of connection loss. The total amount that is at stake, minus the rake, is then distributed among the players according to these numbers. This is a fair solution to both, the problems of internet downtimes, and people leaving games on purpose before they are concluded. Snowie settlements are a truly unique and fair way in solving a complicated online process.
