



GRAND FINALE  
GERMAN  
MASTERS  
2016



GRAND MAJESTIC PRAGUE



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The new design hotel Grand Majestic Plaza is located in one of the most desirable localities, in the heart of historical and business center of Prague. Hotel GRAND MAJESTIC PLAZA is within walking distance from all major tourist attractions, just few steps from famous Municipal House, Gothic Powder Gate, significant Republic Square and most attractive shopping center Palladium. All major tourist attractions as Old Town Square, Charles Bridge and Jewish Quarter are within walking distance.

196 spacious design rooms, including 6 luxury suites. Free Wi-Fi internet connection and Coffee & tea making facilities in all rooms. Free wireless internet connection in public areas, free internet corner in the lobby. Atrium restaurant with Summer Garden Terrace serving fine Czech and international cuisine. Variable conference rooms with high-tech equipment, capacity up to 260 people. Café, Bar, Restaurant. Wellness Center: Massages & Sauna.

**Special Backgammon Rates\*:**

70 € / night, single occupancy, including breakfast & Wifi

75 € / night, Double Occupancy, including breakfast & Wifi

Triple rooms & Suites on request

\*30 € daily over per person cover for unlimited soft drinks in the playing room and dinner buffet (mandatory for all players and social guests).

Reservations have to be made, mentioning „Backgammon“, before 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2016, per email: reservation@hotel-grandmajestic.cz - After cut-off date, rooms are only on an availability basis and rates might change.

Limousine Service Airport-Hotel: 28 € one-way, to be booked directly with the hotel upon reservation.

**GRAND FINALE „GMS 2016“:**

Only for 16 pre-qualified players, 2 top-players of each stop + 8 top players of the ranking.

Registration fee: 50 €

Format: Random & public draw, knockout, match lengths: 11 points (final 13 points), clocked.

Trophies and prizes for winner and finalist. The winner wins additionally a custom-made GMS-Board on which the final match will be played:



**Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 2016**

18:00 Registration and start of Round of 16

20:30 Dinner Break

22:00 Round of 8

**Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 2016**

12:00 Semi-Finals

15:00 Final

**Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 2016**

22:00 Awards Dinner & Prize-Giving



24 - 27 November 2016

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## Welcome to Prague!

One of the most beautiful cities in Europe and the Capital of the Czech Republic is welcoming you from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of November to the Grand Finale of the „German Masters Series 2016“, followed by the „Prague Open & Masters“, the last tournament of the WBA circuit in 2016.

The tournament venue, Grand Majestic Plaza Hotel\*\*\*\* is in the heart of the historic center of Prague and within a short walking distance to all the historical and cultural spots. A special rate and special food and beverage arrangements have been made for the comfort of all players and social guests.

During 4 days, 16 pre-qualified players will compete in the Grand Finale of the „German Masters Series“ in a knockout format, and along with all other participants in the „Prague Open“ (no entry fee) and the „Prague Masters“ in 3 divisions, featuring the WBATSwiss format with 3 lives and an Ultimate Fight.

Various side-events will be available (Doubles, DMP, SpeedGammon) as well as Mini-Jackpots throughout all tournament days.

Come and visit the magnificent city of Prague, compete against your friends from all over the world and be a champion! Some the backgammon Giants and the friendly Czech players, among them shooting star and world class player Zdenek Zizka, will be waiting for you.

Book your room immediately and start making travel plans!

## Events and Fees:

**PRAGUE OPEN** (limited to 32 players, first come, first served): free entry +25 € registration / 5 point matches, Single Elimination, clock preference, First Prize: 500 €

### PRAGUE MASTERS:

**Elite Group:** 250 € entry + 50 € registration before 29. Sept. 2016 / optional side-pool 100 € (90% return) / 9 points matches, T-Swiss Format, clock mandatory

**Leisure Group:** 75 € entry + 25 € registration before 29. Sept. 2016 / optional side-pool 50 € (90% return) / 7 points matches, T-Swiss Format, clock optional

**Amateur Group:** No entry fee + 10 € registration before 29. Sept. 2016 (trophy event)

No player will be admitted under his level. A committee will be in place to decide in case of disputes.

Registrations for the **PRAGUE OPEN & MASTERS** must be made via email ([info@world-backgammon-association.com](mailto:info@world-backgammon-association.com)), before 29th September 2016. Late registrations (after 30th September) will be subject to an additional 20 € fee in all divisions.

\* There will be a daily cover of 30 €, paid at the entrance and mandatory for all players and social guests, which includes unlimited free soft drinks in the playing room and a daily dinner buffet.

### SIDE-EVENTS:

**Doubles:** 200 € per team (85% return), 7 points, single elimination, clock mandatory

**SpeedGammon:** 25 € (85% 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.

# PROGRAM\*:

## Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

18:00 GMS Grand Finale, Round of 16  
20:30 Dinner Break  
22:00 GMS Grand Finale, Round of 8  
Start PRAGUE OPEN

## Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016

12:00 GMS Grand Finale, Semi-Final  
PRAGUE OPEN continues  
15:00 GMS Grand Finale, Final match  
18:00 Registration closes for PRAGUE MASTERS  
18:30 Start Main Event, all divisions, Round 1  
20:30 Dinner Break  
22:00 Round 2

## Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

12:00 Round 3  
14:00 Round 4  
16:00 Round 5  
18:00 Round 6  
20:00 Dinner Break  
22:00 Round 7  
Start Doubles  
(ongoing, for players out of main event)

## Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

12:00 Round 8  
14:00 Round 9  
16:00 Round 10  
Start Ultimate Fight (Last Chance)  
18:00 Round 11  
20:00 Round 12  
22:00 Projected Awards Ceremony & Dinner

\* The director reserves the right to change the format and match length of any event. Times will be adhered to as close as possible in the case of changes. Please consult the notification board on a daily basis.

## General Conditions:

Only cash payments in Euro 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 overruled by the Ruling Committee.

## Tournament Organisation:

LINX Events, a sub-division of LINX Crossmarketing GmbH, appointed by WBA.

Tournament Director: Chiva Tafazzoli & Staff (WBA)

## Format:

GMS Grand Finale & PRAGUE OPEN & side-events: Knockout format. PRAGUE MASTERS: 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:

**Main event based on 20-29 players:** Winner: 40% / 2<sup>nd</sup>: 30% / 3<sup>rd</sup>: 20% / Winner Ultimate Fight: 10%

**Main event based on 30-49 players:** Winner: 40% / 2<sup>nd</sup>: 25% / 3<sup>rd</sup>: 15% / 4<sup>th</sup>: 10% / Winner Ultimate Fight: 10%

**Main event based on 50+ players:** Winner: 30% / 2<sup>nd</sup>: 25% / 3<sup>rd</sup>: 20% / 4<sup>th</sup>: 15% / 5<sup>th</sup>: 10% / No Ultimate Fight

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

