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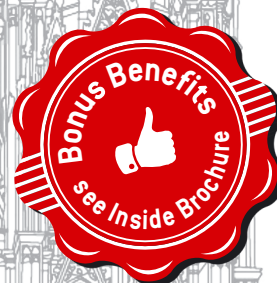


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Willkommen in Köln – Welcome to Cologne!

WBA is proud to welcome you to the inaugural "Köln Open 2015" from 2nd to 5th of July, in the vibrant city of Köln. Köln is easy to reach by plane (Köln/Bonn airport) or train and only a short drive from Belgium, the Netherlands and France. The tournament will take place in the Leonardo Royal Park Hotel***** centrally located, and surrounded by a beautiful parc with lakes and fountains. Public transportation will take you quickly anywhere for sightseeing and/or other activities. Every match of the Elite Group will count for the German national ranking as well for the WBA Point Race ranking 2015 (the winners to be crowned in 2016). Like all other WBA tournaments, all divisions will enjoy the new and improved T-Swiss Format (out after 3 losses in a Swiss format) and an Ultimate Fight (Last Chance) on Sunday. Various side-events are lined up: Warm-up, DMP-Challenge, Doubles, Jackpots, Speed-Gammon, etc., As player of the main event, you will receive your special souvenir. All players will be eligible to join the exciting "Pascha Nightclub Party" with free entrance, free drinks and adult entertainment. Start making travel plans to compete against your backgammon friends from all over the world, become the first Köln Open and enjoy the beautiful city of Köln in the summer.

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 Organisation: LINX Events, a sub-division of LINX

Crossmarketing GmbH, appointed by WBA.

Tournament Direction: Chiva Tafazzoli & staff

EXTRA BENEFITS:

- **Welcome souvenir for all participants of the main event**
- **All participants of the Köln Open 2015 will be eligible to attend the "Pascha Party" with drinks and entertainment**

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 over-ruled by the Ruling Committee.

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PROGRAM*:

Thursday, July 2nd, 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, July 3rd, 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, July 4th, 2015

12:00 Start Round 3
14:00 Start Round 4
16:00 Start Round 5
18:00 Doubles continues
(ongoing, for players out of main event)
18:00 Start Round 6
20:00 Dinner Break
21:30 Start Round 7
23:00 Start Round 8

Sunday, July 5th, 2015

12:00 Start Round 9
14:00 Start Round 10
16:00 Start Ultimate Fight (Last Chance)
18:00 Start Round 11
20:00 Start Round 12
22:00 Awards Ceremony
22:30 Pascha-Nightclub Party

*** 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.**

Format:

T-Swiss Format applies in all divisions. Pairings and sit-outs 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/t-swiss-system.html>.

Prize Distribution**:

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

Main event based on 30-50 players: Winner: 40% / 2nd: 25% / 3rd: 15% / 4th: 10% / Winner Ultimate Fight: 10%

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

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