



# Holiday Inn

FRANKFURT AIRPORT-NORTH

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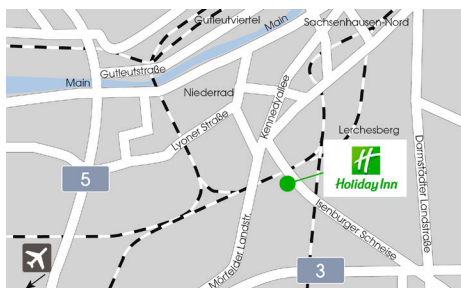
Single room: 79 € / night, including breakfast and wifi  
(supplement for Executive room: 20 € / night)

Double room: 99 € / night, including breakfast and wifi  
(supplement for Executive room: 20 € / night)

Free shuttles from Frankfurt Airport to hotel available  
(call from special phones Terminal 1 & 2, Arrival hall)

Shuttles from hotel to Frankfurt Airport available for 6 €  
(please arrange at the reception)

Parking available for 8 €/day



Please book before **8<sup>th</sup> September 2016** (cut-off date),  
mentioning "Backgammon", per phone: +49-(0)171-5422222 or  
per email: [info@world-backgammon-association.com](mailto:info@world-backgammon-association.com).

Past 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016, rooms and rates will be on an availability basis.



# GERMAN MASTERS SERIES



30 Sep – 03 Oct 2016

# FRANKFURT OPEN & MASTERS



# 2016

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## Willkommen in Frankfurt ! Welcome to Frankfurt !

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WBA is proud to welcome you to the last stop of the German Masters Series 2016 and to celebrate the German Reunification Day, from 30<sup>th</sup> of September until 3<sup>rd</sup> of October in the heart of Germany, in Frankfurt/Main. Frankfurt is the financial hub of Germany with the biggest airport of the country nearby. It's easy to reach by car, train or plane. The fourth and last stop of the German Masters Series in 2016 will be staged at Holiday Inn Airport North, just a few miles away from the airport. The FRANKFURT OPEN & MASTERS is part of the WBA Circuit 2016. Every match of the OPEN and the MASTERS will count towards the German National Ranking. Additionally, every match of the MASTERS Elite will count towards the WBA Point Race 2016. The FRANKFURT OPEN, is a free entry tournament in a Single Elimination Format. The FRANKFURT MASTERS will be available in 2 divisions and features WBA's computerized T-Swiss System (3 lives + Ultimate Fight). Various side events are lined up (Quarter-entries, DMP-Challenge, Doubles, Mini-Jackpots). Prior to the Main Event, a TEAM CHALLENGE will take place on Friday and Saturday. 10% of the Prize-Pool from the Masters Division will go into the yearly pool, which will be re-distributed at the Grand Finale of the GERMAN MASTERS SERIES. The top 2 players of each stop and the top 8 of the total ranking will qualify for the Grand Finale taking place in Prague in November 2016, prior to the PRAGUE OPEN & MASTERS. Make your travel plans right away, visit Frankfurt, meet your backgammon friends, compete to win the prize-pool, and qualify for the GMS Grand Finale!

### Events and Fees:

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**FRANKFURT OPEN** (limited to 64 players, first come, first served): free entry +25 € registration / 5 point matches, Single Elimination, clock preference, First Prize: 500 €

#### **FRANKFURT MASTERS:**

**Elite Group\***: 430 € entry + 70 € registration before 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016 / optional side-pool 150€ (90% return) / 9 points matches, T-Swiss Format, clock mandatory  
**Leisure Group**: 120 € entry + 30 € registration before 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016 / optional side-pool 50 € (90% return) / 7 points matches, T-Swiss Format, clock optional  
\*: 10% of the Prize-Pool of the Elite Group will go towards the Grand Finale of the GERMAN MASTERS SERIES 2016. Top 2 players of the Elite Group qualify for the Grand Finale.

Registrations for the FRANKFURT MASTERS must be made via email ([info@worldbackgammon-association.com](mailto:info@worldbackgammon-association.com)), before 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Late registrations (after 15<sup>th</sup> September) will be subject to an additional 20 € fee.

#### **SIDE-EVENTS:**

**Team Challenge**: 300 € entry + 60 € registration per team of 3 players.

Simultaneous 1on1 matches, clocked.

**Doubles**: 250 € 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

**Tournament Organization**: LINX Events, a sub-division of LINX Crossmarketing GmbH, appointed by World Backgammon Association LLC. (WBA)

**Tournament Direction**: Chiva Tafazzoli (WBA)

### General Conditions:

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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.

## PROGRAM\*:

### Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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- 16:00 Playing room opens, Jackpots & Side-Events
- 18:00 Start TEAM CHALLENGE
- 19:00 Start FRANKFURT OPEN
- 20:30 Dinner Break
- 22:00 FRANKFURT OPEN & TEAM CHALLENGE continue

### Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

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- 13:00 Playing room opens, TEAM CHALLENGE & FRANKFURT OPEN continue
- 15:30 Registration for Main Event closes
- 16:00 Start Main Event, all divisions, Round 1
- 18:00 Round 2, Elite
- 20:00 Dinner Break
- 21:30 Round 3, Elite

### Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

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- 13:00 Round 4, Elite
- 15:00 Round 5, Elite
- 17:00 Round 6, Elite
- 17:30 Start Doubles (ongoing, for players out of main event)
- 19:00 Start Round 7
- 20:30 Dinner Break
- 22:00 Start Round 8

### Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

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- 12:00 Start Round 9
- 14:00 Start Round 10
- 15:00 Start Ultimate Fight (Last Chance)
- 16:00 Start Round 11
- 18:00 Start Round 12
- 20:00 (Start Round 13 if needed)
- 21:00 Projected Awards Ceremony

\* 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.

### Format:

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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\*\*:

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(based on 30 players, 30-50 players pays 4 prizes, 50+ players pays 5 prizes):

**Main event based on <30 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