INTERNATIONAL BACKGAMMON FEDERATION

ASIAN GRAND PRIX 2026. TAJIKISTAN
TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. Scope

1.1. The IBF Asian Grand Prix 2026 Tajikistan (hereinafter referred to as the GP) will be held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, from 5 to 11 October 2026. Venue: 14/2 Ismoili Somoni Avenue, Kohi Navruz Complex.
1.2. The Organizer is the International Backgammon Federation (IBF).
1.3. The IBF Presidium is responsible for adopting and amending these regulations.
1.4. Any unforeseen circumstances not covered herein shall be resolved by the IBF President. The President's decision is final.

2. Participation in the GP

2.1. Eligibility:
2.1.1. Participation is open to players born in 2010 or earlier.
2.1.2. Players are nominated by the IBF or the Organizer.
2.1.3. Players must be familiar with the IBF Game Rules, GP regulations, and strictly adhere to them.
2.2. Entry fee:

- Backgammon Main: 500 USD.
- Backgammon Masters Cup: 700 USD.
- Backgammon Doubles: 500 USD per team.
- Backgammon Super Blitz: 100 USD.
- Backgammon Blitz: 50 USD.
- Backgammon 1-point: 20 USD.
- Backgammon Women’s: 50 USD.
- Sprintgammon: 50 USD.
- Longgammon Main: 350 USD.
- Longgammon Masters Cup: 600 USD.
- Longgammon Blitz: 50 USD.
- Longgammon 1-point: 20 USD.

2.2.1. The entry fee must be paid via bank transfer only. Participation in the tournament is confirmed upon receipt of the payment. Cash payments are not accepted.

2.3. If an athlete withdraws from participation for reasons beyond the organizers' control, the registration fee shall not be refunded.
If the reason is valid, the participant has the right to submit a refund application to the organizing committee no later than 3 days before the start of the competition.
The application must specify:
- what exactly the payment was made for;
- who made the payment.
The application must be accompanied by a document confirming the valid reason (for example, a medical certificate) and the bank details for the transfer.
The refund shall be made within one month after the end of the competition

3. Tournament Regulations

3.1. Format & System
3.1.1. Longgammon Main tournament:
- Swiss system, 3 losses;
- 150 players.

3.1.2. Longgammon Masters Cup:
- Single elimination;
- 64 players.

3.1.3. Longgammon Blitz:
- Single elimination;
- 128 players.

3.1.4. Longgammon 1-point:
- Single elimination;
- 128 players.

3.1.5. Backgammon Main tournament:
- Swiss system, 3 losses;
- 300 players.

3.1.6. Backgammon Masters Cup:
- Single elimination;
- 128 players.

3.1.7. Backgammon Blitz:
- Single elimination;
- 128 players.

3.1.8. Backgammon 1-point:
- Single elimination;

- 128 players.

3.1.9. Backgammon Doubles:

- Single elimination;
- 128 teams.

3.1.10. Backgammon Superblitz:

- Swiss system, 2 losses;
- 100 players.

3.1.11. Backgammon Women's tournament:

- Single elimination;
- 64 players.

3.1.12. Sprintgammon:

- Single elimination;
- 128 players.

3.1.13. Competitions are played according to the IBF "International Backgammon Competitions Rules".

3.2. Match Lengths & Time Control

Category	**Match length**	**Time control**
Backgammon Main tournament	9 points	18 min + 10 sec/move
Backgammon Doubles	9 points	22.5 min + 10 sec/move
Backgammon Masters Cup	11 points	22 min + 10 sec/move
Backgammon Superblitz	5 points	30 sec + 8 sec/move
Backgammon Blitz	5 points	2 min + 10 sec/move
Backgammon Women's tournament	7 points	14 min + 10 sec/move
Backgammon 1-Point	1 point	2 min + 10 sec/move
Sprintgammon	9 points	5 min + 10 sec/move
Longgammon Main tournament	7 points	14 min + 10 sec/move
Longgammon Masters Cup	9 points	13.5 min + 10 sec/move

Longgammon Blitz	5 points	2 min + 10 sec/move
Longgammon 1-Point	1 point	2 min + 10 sec/move

In matches from 7 to 11 points, each player may take one 5-minute break between games. Breaks are not permitted in matches up to 5 points.

3.3. Final ranking criteria

3.3.1. The winner of the final round becomes the tournament winner, and the runner-up takes 2nd place.
3.3.2. Subsequent places are determined by the total number of points (wins) earned. In case of a tie in points, the ranking is decided by the following tie-break criteria (in descending order of importance):

- the round in which the athlete (or pair) was eliminated from the competition (later elimination results in a higher placement);
- the number of victories (a win against a virtual opponent does not count as a victory).

3.3.3. In case of a tie in the tie-breaking criteria, the athletes (pairs) share the respective places, except for third place. If the tie-breaking criteria do not determine the athlete (pair) who took third place, then an additional match with the same time control and match length is played between those who tied for third place.

4. General conditions for prize payment

4.1. Prizes are paid net of a 15 % income tax withheld in accordance with the Tax Code Tajikistan.
4.2. The distribution of the prize fund by categories depends on the number of registered participants and will be published after the completion of the first round of the competition.
4.3. In the event of a tie for places (except for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place), the prize sums allocated for the respective places are added together and divided equally among all participants (pairs) who share these places.
4.4. Prize money is paid in US dollars after the completion of the event. When paying prizes, cents are rounded down to the nearest whole dollar.

5. Schedule

Day	**Event**
Sunday, October 4	Arrival

	12:00-20:00 – registration for all activities
Monday, October 5 Day 1	08:30–10:00 – late registration for all activities 10:30 – Opening Ceremony 11:30 – Backgammon Main Tournament starts, Round 1 13:00 – Start of Side Events (Sprintgammon, Women's, Backgammon Blitz, Longgammon Blitz) 13:30 – Backgammon Main Tournament, Round 2 15:00 – Lunch 16:30 – Backgammon Main Tournament, Round 3 18:30 – Backgammon Main Tournament, Round 4 19:00-20:00 – Late registration for Backgammon Doubles, Backgammon 1-point 20:40 – Backgammon 1-Point Tournament starts, Round 1 21:00 – Backgammon 1-Point Tournament, Round 2 21:15 – Backgammon 1-Point Tournament, Round 3 21:40 – Backgammon Doubles Tournament starts, Round 1
Tuesday, October 6 Day 2	09:00 – 10:00 – late registration for Longgammon Main Tournament 10:30 – Longgammon Main Tournament starts, Round 1 13:00 – Side Events resume (Sprintgammon, Women's, Backgammon Blitz, Longgammon Blitz, Backgammon1-Point) 13:00 – Longgammon Main Tournament, Round 2 15:00 – Lunch 16:00 – Longgammon Main Tournament, Round 3 18:20 – Longgammon Main Tournament, Round 4 19:30–20:00 – Late registration for Longgammon 1-point 20:30 –Longgammon 1-Point Tournament starts, Round 1 20:50 –Longgammon 1-Point Tournament, Round 2 21:10 –Longgammon 1-Point Tournament, Round 3 10:00-10:30 Late registration for Backgammon Super Blitz 11:00 – Backgammon Super Blitz Tournament starts, Round 1 12:00 – Backgammon Super Blitz Tournament, Round 2 13:00 – Backgammon Super Blitz Tournament, Round 3 14:00 – Backgammon Super Blitz Tournament, Round 4 15:00 – Lunch 16:00 – Backgammon Super Blitz Tournament, Round 5 16:50 – Backgammon Super Blitz Tournament, Round 6 17:40 – Backgammon Super Blitz Tournament, Round 7 18:30 – Backgammon Super Blitz Tournament, Round 8 19:20 – Backgammon Super Blitz Tournament, Round 9

	21:40 – Backgammon Doubles Tournament, Round 2
Wednesday, October 7 Day 3	10:30 – Longgammon Main Tournament, Round 5 11:00 – Side Events resume (Sprintgammon, Women's, Backgammon Blitz, Longgammon Blitz, Backgammon1-Point, Longgammon1-Point) 12:45 – Longgammon Main Tournament, Round 6 14:30 – Lunch 15:40 – Backgammon Main Tournament, Round 5 17:40 – Backgammon Main Tournament, Round 6 20:00 – Backgammon Doubles Tournament, Round 3 22:00 – Backgammon Doubles Tournament, Round 4
Thursday, October 8 Day 4	10:30 – Longgammon Main Tournament, Round 7 11:00 – Side Events resume (Sprintgammon, Women's, Backgammon Blitz, Longgammon Blitz, Backgammon 1-Point, Longgammon 1-Point) 12:45 – Longgammon Main Tournament, Round 8 14:30 – Lunch 09:30–10:00 – Late registration for Backgammon Masters Cup 10:45 – Backgammon Masters Cup Tournament starts, Round 1 11:00 – Side Events resume (Sprintgammon, Women's, Backgammon Blitz, Longgammon Blitz, Backgammon 1-Point, Longgammon 1-Point) 13:00 – Backgammon Masters Cup Tournament, Round 2 14:30 – Lunch 16:00 – Backgammon Main Tournament, Round 7 18:00 – Backgammon Main Tournament, Round 8 20:00 – Backgammon Doubles Tournament, Round 5 22:00 – Backgammon Doubles Tournament, Round 6
Friday, October 9 Day 5	10:30 – Longgammon Main Tournament, Round 9 11:00 – Side Events resume (Sprintgammon, Women's, Backgammon Blitz, Longgammon Blitz, Backgammon 1-Point, Longgammon 1-Point) 12:45 – Longgammon Main Tournament, Round 10 14:30 – Lunch 15:00–16:00 – Late registration for Longgammon Masters Cup 16:20 – Longgammon Masters Cup Tournament starts, Round 1 18:40 – Longgammon Masters Cup Tournament, Round 2

	21:00 – Longgammon Masters Cup Tournament, Round 3 10:45 – Backgammon Masters Cup Tournament, Round 3 11:00 – Side Events resume (Sprintgammon, Women's, Backgammon Blitz, Longgammon Blitz, Backgammon 1-Point, Longgammon 1-Point) 13:00 – Backgammon Masters Cup Tournament, Round 4 16:00 – Backgammon Main Tournament, Round 9 18:00 – Backgammon Main Tournament, Round 10 19:45 – Backgammon Main Tournament, Round 11 21:30 – Backgammon Main Tournament, Round 12
Saturday, October 10 Day 6	10:30 – Longgammon Main Tournament, Round 11 11:00 – Side Events resume (Sprintgammon, Women's, Backgammon Blitz, Longgammon Blitz, Backgammon 1-Point, Longgammon 1-Point) 12:30 – Longgammon Main Tournament, Round 12 14:30 – Lunch 15:30 – Longgammon Main Tournament, Round 13 18:00 – Longgammon Masters Cup, Round 4 20:30 – Longgammon Masters Cup, Round 5 10:45 – Backgammon Masters Cup Tournament, Round 5 11:00 – Side Events resume (Sprintgammon, Women's, Backgammon Blitz, Longgammon Blitz, Backgammon 1-Point, Longgammon 1-Point) 13:00 – Backgammon Masters Cup, Round 6 17:30 – Backgammon Main Tournament, Round 13 19:15 – Backgammon Main Tournament, Round 14 21:00 – Backgammon Main Tournament, Round 15
Sunday, October 11 Day 7	10:00 – Longgammon Main Tournament, Round 14 11:00 – Side Events resume (Sprintgammon, Women's, Backgammon Blitz, Longgammon Blitz, 1-Point Backgammon, 1-Point Longgammon) 13:00 – Longgammon Masters Cup, Round 6 11:00 – Backgammon Main Tournament, Round 16 13:00 – Backgammon Main Tournament, Round 17 (if necessary) 14:30 – Lunch 16:00 – Backgammon Main Tournament, Round 18 (if necessary) 19:00 – Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony

Organizing Committee reserves the right to adjust the tournaments schedule and round starting times based on actual time requirements. Any changes shall be announced in the official event chat and publicly posted in the playing area.
The draw takes place after the Admission Commission finishes its work and the athlete list is submitted to the secretariat. Competitors may attend the draw.

6. Playing Venue

6.1. Organizer shall ensure the playing venue and its environment meet the requirements of IBF Top-level Tournaments.
6.2. The Organizer (or IBF) shall provide food and beverage during coffee breaks free of charge for the players and the IBF principals.

7. Athletes Conduct

7.1. Dress Code
7.1.1. Smart casual (clean, neat attire)

- Men: Shirt/polo, jeans/trousers, tailored shorts (no athletic wear), shoes/clean sneakers
- Women: Blouse/polo/dress, jeans/trousers; any neat footwear.

7.1.2. Participants are not allowed to wear beachwear (shorts and flip-flops) or any headwear (caps, baseball caps, sun hats, bandanas, etc.) in the playing area.
7.1.3. Traditional attire requires IBF President approval.
7.2. Athletes must attend:

- Press conferences (prizewinners);
- Daily interviews (all athletes by invitation);
- Award ceremonies (all athletes).

7.3. Smoking is not permitted in the event venue other than in designated areas.

8. Playing Conditions

8.1. The official language of the International Backgammon Federation is English.
8.2. All participants must be present in the playing hall by the announced start time of their matches to avoid disciplinary sanctions.
8.3. Matches of the Main Tournament take priority. The Chief Arbiter has the right to suspend play in a match if a player is scheduled to start a match in the Main Tournament.
8.4. Playing for money or other material valuables is prohibited.

8.5. If a player needs to leave the playing venue during the tournament, they must notify the Chief Arbiter. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.
8.6. It is obligatory to use precision dice, baffle box, tournament clocks, scoreboards and official tournament boards, all to be supplied by the Organizer.
8.7. A baffle box shall be used for mixing and rolling the dice. The dice shall be thrown into the baffle box by hand, provided that the hand does not enter the inner space of the baffle box or touch it. The use of a special dice cup (or other devices) for rolling the dice into the baffle box is not permitted.
8.8. Any manipulations that alter the properties of the dice are prohibited:
– rubbing dice against the board, table, clothing, or other surfaces;
– throwing the dice onto the board from the hand and then picking them up again with the hand;
– hiding or temporarily concealing dice from the opponent or arbiter;
– touching the dice with any part of the body other than the hand (e.g., with both hands);
– soiling dice.
Also, concealing dice from the view of the opponent or video cameras, as well as presetting (changing) face values before rolling, is forbidden.
8.9. During a match, athletes are prohibited from:
• communicating verbally, in writing, or through gestures with anyone except the arbiter;
• having computers, tablets, media players, headphones, smart watches in the playing area, and in particular using them;
• using a telephone (including for calls, taking photos or videos of their own position).
Disciplinary sanctions may be imposed on violators, including the forfeiture of the game.
8.10. Medical staff shall be available for the participants for the duration of the tournament.

9. Tournament Protocols

9.1. The Organizer shall provide tournament protocols.
9.2. At the end of each game, the athletes' original protocols shall be submitted to the arbiter. The winning athlete shall record the final result in the protocol. The protocol must be signed by both athletes, confirming the accuracy of the stated result. The match arbiter is obliged to ensure that the protocol has been signed by both athletes and to certify the protocol with his own signature.

10. Appeals Committee

10.1. The Appeals Committee shall be appointed by the Organizer.
10.2. Each appeal shall be accompanied by a deposit of 300 US dollars (or the equivalent in euros or local currency). An appeal shall be submitted by the athlete (or a representative of the national federation) through the secretariat, in writing, in English, or, upon agreement with the Chairman of the Appeals Committee, in the athlete's native language. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If rejected, it is added to the prize fund. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

11. Arbiters

11.1. The Chief Arbiter, Deputy Chief Arbiter and Arbiters shall be appointed by IBF.
11.2. Within 1 week after the event, the Chief Arbiter shall submit a report in Russian or English to IBF Arbiters' Commission (or Office). The report shall contain:

- Results of each match;
- Final protocols;
- General description of the event;
- Any difficulties, conflicts or incidents and measures taken.

11.3. Dress code for arbiters: classic suit and classic footwear, or clothing provided by the organizers.

12. Ceremonies

12.1. The Opening Ceremony shall take place 30 minutes prior to the Round 1. 12.2. For the closing ceremony, the Organizer provides specially designed trophies for the winners. The presentation of trophies takes place exclusively during the awarding ceremony.