

Regulations on Qualification Titles in Backgammon

1. General Provisions

1.1. The International Backgammon Federation (IBF) establishes and recognizes qualification titles for backgammon players.

1.2. The titles are awarded from the moment of their approval by the IBF Presidium and are granted for life.

1.3. The body responsible for registering and reviewing submissions for the award of titles from national federations is the IBF Arbiters Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission").

1.4. The Commission submits a proposal for the award of titles to the IBF Presidium. The IBF Presidium approves the award of titles by its decision.

1.5. Amendments to the system of titles are made by the IBF Presidium upon the submission of the Arbiters Commission.

2. System of Qualification Titles

2.1. Open Titles (for all players):

- Grandmaster (GM)
- International Master (IM)

2.2. Women's Titles:

- Woman Grandmaster (WGM)
- Woman International Master (WIM)

3. Award of Titles

3.1. Titles are awarded in the following disciplines: "Longgammon," "Longgammon Blitz," "Backgammon," and "Backgammon blitz." In the "Backgammon Doubles" discipline, titles are not awarded.

Titles are common to all disciplines, regardless of the discipline in which they are earned.

3.2. For a tournament to qualify for title awarding, it must meet the following mandatory criteria:

1) The tournament must include the required number of participants representing different national federations (participating countries):

- For the disciplines "Longgammon" and "Longgammon blitz" — at least 10 (ten) national federations (participating countries);
- For the disciplines "Backgammon" and "Backgammon blitz" — at least 15 (fifteen) national federations (participating countries).

2) It must be conducted according to one of the approved systems:

- Knockout system (playoff, elimination) with a total of 128 (one hundred and twenty-eight) or more participants.
- Swiss system:
For Longgammon, matches are played to 7 (seven) or more points and up to 3 (three) or more losses.
For Backgammon, matches are played to 11 (eleven) or more points and up to 3 (three) or more losses.

3) It must be played with time control:

- For the disciplines "Longgammon" and "Backgammon", with an increment of 10 seconds per move, starting from the first move, without time accumulation.
- For the disciplines "Longgammon blitz" and "Backgammon blitz", with an increment of 8-10 seconds per move, starting from the first move, without time accumulation.

3.3. Titles may be awarded for specific results in championships and official tournaments of the IBF:

Open tournaments:

	GM	IM
World Championship	1st place	2nd & 3rd place
Continental Championship	1st place	2nd & 3rd place
Grand Prix	---	1st place

Women tournaments:

	WGM	WIM
Women World Championship	1st place	2nd & 3rd place
Women Continental Championship	1st place	2nd & 3rd place
Women Grand Prix	---	1st place

4. Procedure for Title Award

4.1. Submission of Application:

- A National Federation or the player himself submits an application to the Commission (Appendix 1).
- Supporting documents (tournament protocols, extracts, etc.) must be attached to the application.

4.2. Application Review:

- The Commission reviews the materials within 30 days and may request additional data from the National Federation or the player.

4.3. Title Approval:

- In case of a positive decision, the title is approved by the IBF Presidium.
- In case of a rejection, the applicant receives a written justification.

5. Final Provisions

5.1. A title may be revoked in cases of:

- violation of sports ethics;
- proven cases of fraud.

5.2. All disputed issues shall be resolved by the Commission, with the final decision made by the IBF Presidium.

5.3. These Regulations enter into force on the date of their approval by the IBF Presidium.