

## USBGF MEMBERSHIP FORM

The USBGF National Championships is open to Premium and Youth members only. The Tournament of Stars is open to Founding Sponsors. If you are not a member and would like to join, you may do so in advance or at the tournament. You can enroll online at [usbgf.org](http://usbgf.org) using PayPal or credit card. Or you can register as a Guest online or fill out the enrollment form below, send a check payable to the U.S. Backgammon Federation, and mail to Karen Davis, Treasurer, U.S. Backgammon Federation, 4838 Laurel Hill Place, Toledo, Ohio 43614. If you would like to upgrade your membership, send the difference in membership price to above address or contact [info@usbgf.org](mailto:info@usbgf.org) for instructions on online payment.

Enrollment date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

UserName \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ or circle Senior if 60+

Local Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Enroll online at [usbgf.org](http://usbgf.org), or mail a check payable to:

U.S. Backgammon Federation  
c/o Karen Davis, Treasurer  
4838 Laurel Hill Place, Toledo, Ohio 43614

Check Membership Level:

\_\_\_\_\_ Premium (\$40/1 year; \$100/3 years)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Youth (\$15, 1 year)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Limited (\$15, 1 year)

Founding Sponsor:

\_\_\_\_\_ Diamond (\$6400; lifetime membership)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Platinum (\$3200; lifetime membership)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Gold (\$1600; lifetime membership)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Silver (\$800; 10 year membership)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Bronze (\$400; 5 year membership)

## TOURNAMENT PERSONNEL

### Directors:

Lynn Ehrlich  
Patrick Gibson

### Tournament Staff:

Rynell Avery  
Carla Gibson  
Ceci Pedroza

### Eligibility Consultant:

Karen Davis

### Tournament Committee:

Carol Joy Cole  
Dennis Culpepper  
Alfred Mamlet

## TOURNAMENT RULES

We'll be using the "2009 Modified U.S. Backgammon Tournament Rules & Procedures". There will be handout copies at our event. Also see USBGF Standards of Ethical Practice on [usbgf.org](http://usbgf.org) website.

## U.S. BACKGAMMON FEDERATION

The U.S. Backgammon Federation is a not-for-profit organization devoted to advancing the awareness, participation, education and enjoyment of the skill-based game of backgammon. Perry Gartner serves as President/Executive Director. Board members include: Art Benjamin, Karen Davis, Lynn Ehrlich, Patrick Gibson, Jeb Horton, Alfred Mamlet, Richard Munitz, Stick Rice, and Joe Russell.

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## HOTEL

Our venue is the **Four Points by Sheraton at LAX**. We have a preferred group rate of **\$89/night** single or double occupancy. **Complimentary** wireless high-speed internet access in rooms (and public areas) plus in-room bottled water.

Our event hotel has a cut-off date of May 26<sup>th</sup>. Please **make your hotel reservations early**, to ensure you get our group rate. **RESERVE NOW** and cancel later, if necessary.

Make your reservations directly at the phone numbers below, using the group-code:  
**US Backgammon Federation**

### RESERVATIONS

Direct: 310.645.4600  
Toll Free: **800.529.4683**

Website: [www.fourpoints.com/lax](http://www.fourpoints.com/lax)

### FOUR POINTS by Sheraton at LAX

9750 Airport Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90045  
310.645.4600

## TRANSPORTATION

Free 5-minute shuttle ride from LAX to hotel. Exit any baggage terminal and go to the **red hotel shuttles** overhead signs. They make the rounds every 15-20 minutes.

**DRIVING:** From the 405 Fwy North (or South), exit at the Century Blvd off ramp. Go West on Century Blvd 1.1 miles to Airport Blvd, turn right; 0.2 miles on the right is the Four Points Hotel, just past 98<sup>th</sup> Street.

## GEAR DEPOT

The USBGF memorabilia and merchandise store will be open for business. See [usbgf.org](http://usbgf.org) for details on items for sale, including T-shirts, tote bags, coffee mugs, caps, and much more. Order ahead to ensure availability of item and size by emailing: [rochelle@usbgf.org](mailto:rochelle@usbgf.org)

U.S. BACKGAMMON FEDERATION  
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## TOURNAMENT OF STARS & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNE 9 - 12, 2011



HELD AT THE

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON AT LAX  
LOS ANGELES, CA

CONJOINTLY WITH

THE L. A. OPEN

SPONSORED BY  
GAMMON ASSOCIATES  
[GammonAssociates.com](http://GammonAssociates.com)



## TOURNAMENT OF STARS

A doubles event open to USBGF Founding Sponsors, Giants of Backgammon, and invited Backgammon Greats who have made significant contributions to the game.

Partners are selected by Founding Sponsors by level and date of contribution. Giants may not be paired with Giants. There is no entry fee. Optional side pools are offered at \$500 and at additional \$500 increments with 100% return.

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A singles event open to USBGF Premium and Youth members. The first entry in the **National Championships** is FREE and re-entries are \$50 with 85% return. Qualifying brackets of 8 are held five times: Thursday afternoon and evening, Friday afternoon and evening, and Saturday evening. Players qualifying more than once receive byes. All players compete together.

## WORLD GIANTS' CHALLENGE QUIZ

USBGF Premium/Youth members, Founding Sponsors, Backgammon Giants, and Backgammon Greats are invited to enter the **WORLD GIANTS' CHALLENGE QUIZ**. All problems will be submitted by Giants. Winners of the Giant/Greats, Open, and Advanced divisions will each receive trophies.

**Backgammon Federations world-wide will participate in this Giants' quiz simultaneously with L.A. tournament participants. A special trophy will be presented to the player achieving the highest score among all players world-wide, participating in this event.**

## GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

### REGISTRATION FEE:

There is a \$50 registration fee that includes the Banquet Dinner on Saturday night and discounts up to 40% at the hotel restaurants. The fee is only collected once, whether you are in the L.A. Open or USBGF events, or any combination of events.

### SMOKING:

This event is a Non-Smoking Tournament

**BYES:** All entries, whether pre-paid or last minute registrations, will be equally eligible. The U.S. Backgammon Federation reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone, whether to play or to observe.

**GAME CLOCKS:** All matches in the *Tournament of Stars* will use clocks, and may be requested by players in the National Championships.. Digital Clock Rules will be in use. At Tournament Director's discretion, a clock may be required in any match.

**CELL PHONES:** Must be silent while matches are in progress. Players are requested to only use cell phones outside the playing room.

**VIDEO-FRIENDLY:** We are supportive of those who want to record matches. If the opponent requests it, s/he is entitled to a copy and also may require no other distribution of the recording.

### EQUIPMENT:

**PLEASE BRING YOUR BACKGAMMON BOARD AND DIGITAL CLOCK**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Thursday, JUNE 9th

11:30am Registration  
12:00 pm **National Championships**  
12:30 pm TOS Selection of Partners  
1:30 pm TOS Rounds 1-2  
6:00 pm Dinner break  
8:00 pm TOS Rounds 3-4 & **National Championships resume**

### Friday, JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>

11:30 am Registration  
12:00 pm **National Championships**  
1:30 pm TOS FINALS  
5:00 pm Dinner break  
7:00 pm **SUPER-32** Draw; Rounds 1-3  
7:00 pm **National Championships resume**  
7:15 pm **PAUL DINGWELL AMATEUR**  
Rounds 1-3  
10:00 pm **FINAL LA OPEN registration** for OPEN and ADVANCED divisions

### Saturday, JUNE 11th

9:30 am Registration  
10-11:30am **BACKGAMMON GIANTS' QUIZ**  
11:15 am Draw for all divisions  
11:30 am **L.A. Open and Advanced Rounds 1<sup>st</sup>** - 4<sup>th</sup> rounds automatic SECOND CHANCE matches  
6:00 pm **Prepaid Dinner Banquet**  
8:00 pm **L.A. OPEN play resumes**  
MAIN ROUNDS 5-6 and  
SECOND CHANCE ROUNDS 4-5-6  
**National Championships resume**  
Random Jackpots as requested.  
11:45 am **L.A. LIMITED play begins**  
11:45 am **1st - nth rounds of play with** automatic SECOND Chance & Consolation  
6:00 pm DINNER break, banquet is optional  
8:00 pm Play continues

### Sunday, JUNE 12th

10:00 am **National Championships playoffs**  
10-11:30am **BACKGAMMON GIANTS' QUIZ – Review of questions and answers**  
12:30 pm OPEN/ADV players **SECOND Chance** rounds 7-8  
12:30 pm **Depending upon interest:**  
**DOUBLES** 8 teams, \$160 each  
**Semis & Finals for SUPER-32 & PAUL DINGWELL AMATEUR FINALS** for L.A. Open divisions  
3:00 pm **DOUBLES & JACKPOTS should be** completed  
7:30 pm

## ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Level: \_\_\_\_\_

## SIDE POOLS

Side pools increase in increments of: TOS-\$500; National Championships Open division- \$100; and Advanced division - \$50.

### TOURNAMENT OF STARS SIDE POOL

(100% return) Pick one level:  \$500  
 \$1,000  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SIDE POOL

(100% return) Pick one level:  
OPEN  \$100  
 \$200  
 \$300  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### ADVANCED

\$50  
 \$100  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet Choices: Please circle one: BEEF, FISH, CHICKEN, or VEGETARIAN**

\$50

**Total submitted \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Payments and Entry Form must be received by 5/27/2011 with check made payable to: U.S. Backgammon Federation  
Mail to: Karen Davis, Treasurer  
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Toledo, Ohio 43614