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**LOUTRAKI
GRAND PRIX
2024**

INTERNATIONAL
BACKGAMMON
CHAMPIONSHIP


OPAX
MINDGAMES
MIND SPORTS CLUB
OF CHOLARGOS

17-21 APRIL
CLUB HOTEL CASINO
LOUTRAKI
Loutraki/Greece

**ADDED
MONEY PRIZE
€ 10.000**



CLUB HOTEL CASINO LOUTRAKI
CONFERENCE RESORT & CASINO



Giorgos Kleitsas (1957-2019), was the most prominent Greek backgammon player and a regular member of the National Team. Former president of the Greek Backgammon Federation, and a pioneer of backgammon in Greece, he was also a backgammon author, teacher and above all, a dear friend and a true gentleman. One of his dreams was to create a major tournament in Greece with Arda. His invaluable memory will always be cherished.



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Ruling Committee: To be announced at the start of the tournament

Venue: Club Hotel Casino Loutraki

Event Manager: Alina Schimpfle +30 6972164874 (WhatsApp)

Special thanks to:

Club Hotel Casino Loutraki and the Greek Backgammon Community for all the support.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- The Tournament Director reserves the right to require the use of clocks in any round of any category.
- The draw is manual (not computerized), public and random.
- Tournament matches take precedence over all other forms of play.
- Only cash payments are accepted.
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse applications to play without giving any reasons, since the event is by **Mind Sports Club of Cholargos** invitation only.
- The daily break for dinner is between 19:00 and 20:30.

PROGRAMME *

Wednesday, April 17

- All Day** – Registration at Club Hotel Casino Loutraki
- 13:00** – Start of Mini Jackpots, Speedgammon, Seniors & DMP Challenge
- 19:30** – Closing of Main Flight Registrations & Dinner break
- 21:30** – Welcome Speech
- 22:30** – Public draw for Main Flights (Masters & Intermediates)

Thursday, April 18

- 13:00** – Start of Undefeated Bracket (Masters & Intermediates)
- 19:00** – Dinner break
- 20:30** – Start of Second Chance Bracket matches (Masters & Intermediates)

Friday, April 19

- 13:00** – All categories resume
- 19:00** – Dinner break
- 20:30** – Gameplay resumes
- 21:00** – Public draw & Start of Doubles Consultation

Saturday, April 20

- 13:00** – All categories resume
- 15:00** – Public Draw & Start of Super Jackpot
- 19:00** – Dinner break
- 20:30** – Gameplay resumes

Sunday, April 21

- 12:00** – Start of Last Chance Bracket (Masters & Intermediates), all categories resume
- 14:00** – Start of Main Grand Finals
- 16:00** – Closing of Mini Jackpots
- 20:00** – Awarding Ceremony & Farewell Cocktail

* The organization reserves the right to change the programme in any of its parts. Changes will be announced in advance and posted on the Notice Board.

- Should a player wish to leave the playing area during the tournament, he/she must inform the Tournament Director. Failure to do so may result with penalty points being assigned.
- Smoking is not permitted in the event venue other than in designated areas.
- The Tournament Director reserves the right to request from any participant showing flu like symptoms either to wear a mask at all times in playing hall and/or to bring a negative PCR test result and/or to go into self isolation.
- The tournament will be played on professional Tournament Boards. Our boards are regularly cleaned and disinfected at the end of each day. Dice service is provided by organization.
- All players are expected to be dressed appropriately.

FEES

Category	Entry Fees (€)	Registration Fees (€)
Masters	300	100
Intermediates	150	50
Super Jackpot	460	40
Doubles Consultation (per team)	280	70
Speedgammon	40	10
Seniors	40	10
DMP Challenge	8	2

* 100% of entry fees will be added into the prize pool.

* Registration fees include:

- Sunday Awarding Ceremony presentation
- Special design trophies for prize winners.

MATCH LENGTHS

Category	Match Length
Masters	Main: 13 pts (Semi & Final 15)
	2nd Chance: 9 pts (Semi & Final 11)
	Grand Final: 17 pts
	Last Chance: 5 points (Final 7)
Intermediates	Main: 11 pts (Semi & Final 13)
	2nd Chance: 7 pts (Semi & Final 9)
	Grand Final: 15 pts
	Last Chance: 5 points (Final 7)
Super Jackpot	11 points (including Final)
Doubles Consultation	7 points (Final 9)
Speedgammon	5 points (including Final)
Seniors	5 points (Final 7)
DMP Challenge	1 point (including Final)

PRIZES

100% of entry fees will be returned as money prize, CASINO LOUTRAKI will donate an added value of **10.000 Euros** into the prize pool & the sum will be distributed as follows:

MASTERS CATEGORY TITLES (TOTAL ADDED VALUE DISTRIBUTION: €6.000)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
Main Winner	40
Main Finalist	18
Main 3rd	9
Main 4th & 5th	4,5 each
Main 6th , 7th , 8th & 9th	2 each
Undefeated Bracket Winner Bonus	5
Undefeated Bracket Finalist Bonus	2
Undefeated Bracket Semi Finalists Bonus	1 each
Last Chance Winner	5
Last Chance Finalist	2

INTERMEDIATES CATEGORY TITLES (TOTAL ADDED VALUE DISTRIBUTION: €1.000)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
Main Winner	44
Main Finalist	20
Main 3rd	10
Main 4th & 5th	5 each
Undefeated Bracket Winner Bonus	5
Undefeated Bracket Finalist Bonus	2,5
Last Chance Winner	6
Last Chance Finalist	2,5

DOUBLES CONSULTATION TITLES (TOTAL ADDED VALUE DISTRIBUTION: €3.000)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
Winner Team	50
Finalist Team	25
Semi Finalist Teams	12,5 each



RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION

For accommodation, we strongly recommend our venue **Club Hotel Casino Loutraki**, which is a 5 stars facility located by the sea of Corinth, as one of the best hotels of Greece, presenting standard rooms, suites, restaurants and the luxurious **Casino**, the most visited one in Greece.

Check the QR code below & book your room with discounted rates:



SPECIAL ROOM RATES:

Executive Rooms:

115€ / Single room / night
125€ / Double room / night
+4€ / room / night accommodation tax

Deluxe Rooms:

145€ / Single room / night
155€ / Double room / night
+4€ / room / night accommodation tax

Including: Open buffet breakfast, free use of indoor heated pool, Jacuzzi, Sauna, Hammam and gym, free parking, Wi-Fi & VAT.

Additional offer: Up to 30% discount on official price list of Aqua Spa (face & body treatment & hair salon)



ROUTE

Loutraki is a seaside resort on the Gulf of Corinth, Greece. It is located 80km west of Athens, next to the magnificent **Ancient Corinth** and the **Great Canal** of Isthmos. **Epidaurus** with the famous **ancient theatre** is located a few miles south. The town is known for its vast natural springs and its therapeutic spas. There are many tourists who visit Loutraki every year because of its crystal clear sea and the vibrant nightlife with numerous seaside bars and clubs. Average temperature is 25°C day and 15°C night times during the end of April. **Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport** gets daily flights from almost every European country and is located at 108 km distance -1 hour drive- from the tournament venue.

Paid round trip transfer service with discounted rates between **Athens Airport - Club Hotel Casino Loutraki**, is provided upon request.

