Tournament Format

Our Elimination Format:

We will adopt an elimination format viewed by many Backgammon Clubs around the country as more appropriate for a club that meets on a week night. (Want Details? See: http://www.bkgm.com/articles/Davis/CBPTournamentProcedures.html) This format guarantees each player in the tournament two matches but not necessarily two losses. Players who lose their first match in the main bracket will be filtered into a Consolation Bracket where they must lose a second match to be eliminated from the tournament. Players who win their first match in the main bracket will continue in that bracket but will be eliminated from the tournament after their first loss.

Match Lengths Usually: Main Bracket 5 Points (Finals 7 Points), Consolation Bracket 5 Points. In the that we have fewer than five players, we reserve the right to go to a double-elimination round robin format instead of the above.

Those who may think it a bit unfair for first match winners to be eliminated from the tournament after only their first loss should consider one significant downside of the alternative elimination format. While the alternative format guarantees most players a second loss in the consolation bracket as well before elimination, with this format a player who advances quickly in the main round before a loss may find himself/herself with a long wait (perhaps an hour or more) for a consolation match. Such a wait could be a rather uncomfortable one for someone who has to get up early the next morning for work or class. With the format we have adopted, this situation simply will not arise.

We will also follow the uniform set of tournament rules adopted by most Backgammon Clubs around the country and which may be found at: www.connecticutbackgammon.com/USREGULATIONBG.pdf

The tournament rules presuppose knowledge of the basic rules of Backgammon which can be found many places on the Internet including: http://www.bkgm.com/rules.html

Clocks Optional BBC (Baltimore Backgammon Club) Clock Policy: Clocks may be used only with the consent of both players in a match with the exception that the Director reserves the right to impose a clock if a particular is significantly delaying the rest of the tournament. We adopt the more generous clock settings of 2 ½ minutes per match point with a 15 second simple delay.

RESPONSIBLE MOVES Continues to be the BBC Policy but any two players may, by mutual advance agreement before their match, decide to play that match using LEGAL MOVES.

PLAY WITH ONE SHARED PAIR OF DICE is encouraged but not required at the BBC. Players may use two pairs of (preferable precision) dice with two shakers if they wish.

CHECKER SHUFFLING: BBC players should view the new rule guidelines as a useful suggestion for testing potential moves without losing track of the original position but may continue to test out a position as has been done traditionally by simply making the move and considering the result.

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