

*2018 Beatrice Victor Senior Olympics of Staten Island
Our 30th Year*

BACKGAMMON

Thursday, October 11, 2018

LOCATION: South Shore YMCA, 3939 Richmond Ave

CHECK-IN: 12:30 Noon

START: 1:00 PM

AWARDS: 1st, 2nd, 3rd places.

ENTRANTS: 32 Maximum players.

RULES:

- 1) Matches to SEVEN points. First one to seven wins.
- 2) Backgammon is a dice-based, two-player (usually) racing game. Based on a roll of two dice, move one or more checkers to optimize your chance of winning. If you often choose intelligently, you are more likely to win. If you often choose poorly, you are much less likely to win.
- 3) Bring chess clock if you have one.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- 1) Official tournament rules at: <http://usbgf.org/docs/rules.pdf>. We have adapted some of them (e.g., scoring) to fit our space, players, and needs.
- 2) Backgammon rules are available at: <http://usbgf.org/learn-backgammon/backgammon-rules-and-terms/rules-of-backgammon/>. Note that Backgammon is *very easy to learn and play*, but *extremely difficult to play well*.
- 3) An extremely competent computer version of the game can be downloaded from <http://www.gnubg.org/> (free). It wins so often that many people think it cheats. Feel free to roll your own dice

and enter the numbers by hand :-). It's a great source of *practice and feedback*.

4) Online play with other humans is available, such as at usbgf, msn, aarp, etc., as are face-to-face tournaments.

NOTE: There will be a practice session at 1:00 PM at the South Shore YMCA on September 27, 2018.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR T-SHIRT