

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**BMAF:** Starts and finishes on Wednesday, December 3. Contact Ben Friesen to register. benjamin.a.friesen@gmail.com or cell/text (810) 348-1695.

**SUPER JACKPOT:** - You asked, we deliver. \$1200 entry, \$300 Side. Only start is Thurs at 3:00PM. (Thanks Chris Trencher)

**WONDER WOMAN'S JACKPOT:** - Our Ladies Event. All FIERCE, FABULOUS & WONDERful WOMEN who are available to play at 1:00pm on Sunday are welcome. \$50 entry, 90% return. 5 points. A magnificently WONDERful trophy will be awarded the WONDERful winner. **Clocked.**

**SPEEDGAMMON:** Always a spectator favorite. Sunday start. Open only to those no longer alive in ABT or Jackpot. \$100 entry, 90% return. \$50 Side Pool. 5pts, **Clocked.** 2 min total/8 sec delay.

**ROOMMATE PROGRAM:** We will attempt to pair any requesting attendee with a roommate to cut the cost of the hotel. Please email request to Candace at [PipGal@ca.rr.com](mailto:PipGal@ca.rr.com). Earlier the better.

**CALCUTTA AUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Starts 10:00am Friday. We will auction the OPEN & ADVANCED players to allow YOU to participate in their success. (85% return, 5% to charity) **LIGHT BREAKFAST served at 9:30am. Players are strongly encouraged to buy back their % from the Owner.**

**FREE FABULOUS LECTURE:** TOPIC: TBA. Saturday morning at 9:00am.

**PLUS:** ZEN CENTER with puzzles, masseuse and other kool stuff. :) Light merchandise will be available for purchase.

## STAFF AND RULES

Producer & Organizer: Candace Mayeron  
Executive Tournament Director: Patrick Gibson  
Tournament Director: Frank Talbot  
Intermediates Director: Nelly Jalilvand  
Side Events Manager & Finances: Ceci Pedroza  
Streaming / Commentary: Alex Eshaghian  
Production Assistant: Nelly Jalilvand  
Tournament Committee: Ted Chee, Neil Kazaross  
Eligibility Consultants: Rory Pascas, Ben Friesen  
Calcutta Host & Auctioneer: TBA

**This event is by invitation only. Any registration may be refused for any reason or for no reason. Any guest may be refused admittance.**

**DEPOSITS:** We accept Zelle to [PipGal@ca.rr.com](mailto:PipGal@ca.rr.com) until November 30; or check in the mail by November 15. Mail to: Candace Mayeron, 8601 Falmouth Ave #417, Playa del Rey, CA 90293. Cash only (US \$) thereafter at event. Registrations may be submitted without deposit.

**REFUNDS:** Registration Fee is refundable until 5pm, Wednesday, December 3. Jackpot entry deposits refundable until 9am, Thursday Dec 5. ABT entry deposits are refundable until 3pm Thursday, December 4. All times Pacific.

**RULES:** We use 2025 USBGF Tournament Rules. At the CALIFORNIA STATE: Legal moves, Two dice only, Die on checkers is valid (not cocked). Baffle boxes are PER PLAYER (you may use but cannot force.) **English only during all matches except doubles.** DOUBLES: With opponent consent, either player may strike the clock (but not both).

By attending event you consent to be photographed and/or video-recorded and grant GA, GAW & USBGF the right in perpetuity to use such for backgammon-related purposes.



*Special gratitude to our Angels and Sponsors for their assistance in making this a memorable event.*

## HOTEL INFORMATION

**THE HILTON AT LAX**  
5711 West Century Blvd, LA, 90045

- ❖ **GROUP RATE: \$160** Single or Double
- ❖ **DISCOUNTED GUEST PARKING:** \$20/day with in & out privileges; Valet is \$30/day
- ❖ **DISCOUNTED LOCALS PARKING:** \$20/DAY with in & out privileges; Valet is \$30/day

**The cut-off date for the Group Rate is the earlier of Wednesday, Nov 19 or Sold Out. Call Candace if problems or after 11/19**  
Reservations are available NOW

Make your reservations through the event website (link is below in blue) or by phone:  
**Direct: 310-410-4000**  
**Toll Free: 1-800-HILTONS (800-445-8667)**  
For Phone, use **group code: CSB**

**ROOMMATES AVAILABLE!**  
Email request to Candace

### LAX Transportation

Free 5 minute shuttle ride from LAX to the hotel every 20-ish minutes. Wait at the **RED sign** (Hotel Shuttles) curbside every terminal, **Upstairs** level 2.

### Gammon Associates West

Candace Mayeron: 310-422-1646  
**E-mail:** [PipGal@ca.rr.com](mailto:PipGal@ca.rr.com)  
**Website:** [www.GammonAssociatesWest.com](http://www.GammonAssociatesWest.com)

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*48th Annual* **Last ABT of the year!**



## CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**Wednesday - Sunday**  
**December 3 - 7, 2025**

**Main and Fighters Bracket**  
**Progressive Consolation**

Open / Advanced / Intermediates  
2 chances to win - 3 chances to cash



**Players Cup BMAF**

**Masters, Amateur & Super Jackpots**



**Side Events**



## Tournament Events

**OPEN** Open to all players. **CLOCKED**.

**ADVANCED** Experienced players, **CLOCKED**. Finals for both Open & Advanced will be 1 match only.

**INTERMEDIATES** Low level players with little or no ABT tournament experience. Format TBD

*No entrant will be allowed to play below his/her level. See website for guidance. Talk to Candace.*

**MASTERS JACKPOT** High equity, single elimination, all matches **CLOCKED**, 3 rounds on Thursday. **Early start 11:00am**. Late start 6:30pm.

**AMATEUR JACKPOT** For players not of high championship caliber; single elimination. (5% to charity). Early start 1:30pm. Late 7pm. **CLOCKED**

**SUPER JACKPOT** High equity, single elimination, all matches **CLOCKED**. Only start time is 3:00pm on Thursday. Must complete 2 rounds.

**ALL JACKPOTS** - Bye equity will be adjusted mathematically for equitable \$\$\$ payouts.

**HOLLYWOOD STARS**: 12:00 Thurs, 7 pts, \$50 continuous entry all weekend. Replaces Jr & Sr. **WARM-UP**: 2PM Thurs, 5 pts, \$50. Starts and finishes Thursday.

**KNOCKOUTS**: 2pm Fri, 7 pts, 4 people brackets, \$100, \$200 entries.

**WONDER WOMAN & SPEEDGAMMON** See **SPECIAL EVENTS**, this brochure. **CLOCKED**.

**DOUBLES**: Brackets of 8 or 16 teams, \$200/team. \$100 SP. **Only** Doubles start time is Thursday night at 7:30 pm. **Sign up onsite Thursday. Reg closes when full**. Partners may play solo. **CLOCKED**.

**DMP**: Continuous entries.

**BLITZ**: Continuous entries.

	Entry	% ret.	1stRnd	Starts
OPEN	\$400	85%	11 pts	Fri
ADVANCED	\$200	80%	9 pts	Fri
INTERMED	\$100	80%	5 pts	Sat
MASTERS	\$500	90%	11 pts	Thurs
AMATEUR	\$240	85%	9 pts	Thurs
SUP JKPT	\$1200	95%	13 pts	Thurs only
WARM-UP	\$50	80%	5 pts	Thurs only
HLLYWD STARS	\$50	80%	7 pts	all weekend
KNOCKOUTS	\$ var	80%	7 pts	all weekend
WOMEN'S	\$ 50	90%	5 pts	Sun
SPEEDGMN	\$100	90%	5 pts	Sun
DOUBLES	\$200	80%	7 pts	Thurs only
DMP	\$20	80%	1 pt	all weekend
BLITZ	\$40	80%	5 pts	all weekend

## Tournament Details

Please bring your backgammon board, precision dice & clock if you have them. Loaners will be available.

**SPORTSMANSHIP**: All players (+ spectators and guests) must participate in a spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play. Players should be familiar with the USBGF's "Standards of Ethical Practice". Violators may be penalized -- from penalty points to expulsion with NO RETURN OF ENTRY FEES.

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**SIDE POOLS**: There will be side pools available in all ABT events, Jackpots, Speedgammon and Doubles. 100% return going to the two players in each pool who go the furthest (2/3 to 1st & 1/3 to 2nd). Side pools carry over.

**GAME CLOCKS**: **CLOCKS ARE REQUIRED** for Open, Advanced and Jackpot matches, (2min/12sec). Doubles (3min/15sec), Wonder Woman (2min/15sec) and Speedgammon (2min/8sec delay). The Tournament Director may require a clock for any match in any division or event.

**CELL PHONES** must be silent while matches are in progress. Infractions may incur a penalty point. We permit **HEADPHONES**.

**ENGLISH ONLY**: Only English may be spoken during a match (except Doubles), including by spectators. **This is strictly enforced.**

**SPECTATORS welcome at no charge!**

\*\*\*\*ABT Players must be USBGF members **prior** to start of event. Join or renew **NOW** at [www.USBGF.org](http://www.USBGF.org). (see website for further details.)

## Tournament Schedule

### THURSDAY, December 4, 2025

10:00 am	Doors open - <b>REGISTRATION OPENS</b>
11:00 am	<b>Masters Jackpot "Early"</b> (2-3 rounds)
12:00 pm	<b>HOLLYWOOD STARS</b> - all levels, continuous entry. Replaces Juniors/Seniors; <b>DMP &amp; Blitzes</b>
1:30 pm	<b>Amateur Jackpot "Early"</b> (3 rounds)
2:00 pm	<b>Warmup</b> starts and finishes on Thursday
3:00 pm	<b>Super Jackpot</b> (2 rounds ending by 6:30pm)
6:30 pm	<b>Masters Jackpot "Late"</b> (3 rounds)
7:00 pm	<b>Amateur Jackpot "Late"</b> (3 rounds)
7:30 pm	<b>Doubles</b> (brackets of 16) (3 rounds or 9am Fri)
11:30 pm	No match starts after 11:30 pm
12:30 am	End of play for Thursday

### FRIDAY, December 5, 2025

9:00 am	Unfinished 3rd round matches resume & <b>FINAL CASH REGISTRATION PAYMENTS</b>
9:30 am	<b>Registration for OPEN &amp; ADVANCED is closed</b>
9:30 am	<b>Light breakfast served</b>
10:00 am	<b>CALCUTTA AUCTION</b> Announcements & Buy-backs
12:00 pm	<b>Open</b> - 1st Round play. <b>Re-entries</b> until 4:00 pm. Must complete Round 1 by 6:30 pm
12:30 pm	<b>Advanced</b> - 1st Round play. <b>Re-entries</b> same as Open
2:00-5:00	<b>Knockouts</b> - 7pts, 4 players, \$100, \$200. DMP & Blitzes continue all day.
5-7:30 pm	Dinner break - room remains open, play continues
7:30 pm	Round 2 - Open & Advanced. <b>2nd Chance</b> begins
9:45 pm	Round 3 - Open & Advanced
1:00 am	End of play & all matches must be completed

### SATURDAY, December 6, 2025

9:00 am	<b>Free FABULOUS Seminar</b> - TBA
10:00 am	Open & Advanced continue - <b>Consolation</b> matches begin. DMP & Blitzes may be played <i>between matches</i> all day.
10:30 am	<b>Intermediates - Registration and payment close</b> . Matches begin at 11:00 am.
5-7:15 pm	<b>Dinner Break</b> - Room will be closed. No matches.
7:15 pm	All divisions continue
12:30 am	End of play for Saturday

### SUNDAY, December 7, 2025

10:00 am	Open & Advanced & Intermediates continue
10:30 am	Blitz, DMP & Hollywood Stars continue
11:00 am	<b>FINALS</b> - Doubles (16 bracket)
12:00 pm	<b>SEMIFINALS</b> for Masters & Amateur Jackpots + <b>FINALS</b> of Super Jackpot
1:00 pm	<b>WONDER WOMEN JACKPOT</b> begins
1:00 pm	<b>Blitz Playoffs</b>
1:30 pm	<b>SPEEDGAMMON</b> begins. Buy-backs to 2:30 pm.
2:00 / 2:30 pm	<b>FINALS</b> : ABT Open & Advanced, Intermed
4:00 / 4:30 approx	<b>FINALS</b> : Masters & Amateur Jackpots
7:00 pm	Estimated <b>END OF PLAY</b> - See you in June 2026

## Registration Information

### California State Championship

#### BMAB

Contact Ben Friesen to register & pay  
benjamin.a.friesen@gmail.com (810) 348-1695

#### ABT MAIN EVENT

Open \$400	Side Pool \$150
Advanced \$200	Side Pool \$100
Intermediates \$100	Side Pool \$30

#### JACKPOTS

Masters Jackpot \$500	Side Pool \$150
Amateur Jackpot \$240	Side Pool \$80
Super Jackpot \$1,200	Side Pool \$300

#### DOUBLES

Entry fee \$200 (per team)	Side Pool \$100
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**PRO-AM TEAMS**: Intermediate or low Advanced pays for team, will be paired with Elite player. See website for details. Arrange directly with Candace

**PLUS \$50 registration fee (\$75 after Nov 30)**  
**Intermediates \$30 registration fee**

TO REGISTER SCAN QR CODE

OR VISIT

[www.GammonAssociatesWest.com](http://www.GammonAssociatesWest.com)



#### PAYMENT INFORMATION

We take **only Zelle**, checks in the mail (by 11/15/25), or cash at the event. Mail to Candace Mayeron, 8601 Falmouth #417, Playa del Rey, CA 90293. Full Zelle account activation instructions on the website.

**After November 30, Cash Only at Event**

TO REGISTER OVER PHONE, CALL

Candace Mayeron Phone: 310-422-1646