

ITALIAN CNB CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 EDITION

The Amateur Sports Association **Circuito Nazionale Backgammon (CNB)** promotes the **2024 CNB Italian Championship**.

To participate in such competition, membership to CNB is required (**2024 fee is € 30.00**).

2024 membership fee must be paid within march 31st.

The 2024 Italian Championship consists in **6 different italian events** in the solar year. Two different categories are available: **Champion and Advanced**.

In both categories and for each event, tournaments valid for the ranking and final playoff are respectively: Open CNB tournament, category main event and local tournaments.

2024 CNB CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

National Category Tournaments (plus one for the Playoffs)

1. 8/11 February RICCIONE D'INVERNO
2. 8/10 March CITTA DI TORINO
3. 06/09 June MONTEGROTTO (PD)
4. 02/06 October JESOLO (VE)
6. 24/27 October VARENNA (LC)
7. 22/24 November UDINE

JANUARY 2025 PLAY OFF 2024 AND 1ST CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT 2025

Tournament format (Champion and Advanced)

• **New Double Elimination with Consolation.** Players eliminated from Main sheet will play Second Chance. First two players of the main tournament and the first two of the Second Chance tournament qualify for the "Final 4". All those eliminated from the previous two phases will play the Consolation. Second Chance and Consolation are progressive, losers in an advanced position fall respectively into an equally advanced position.

- With over 24 players: 4 winners in the main tournament and 4 winners in the Consolation tournament •
- With 24 or less players: 4 winners in the main tournament and 2 in the Consolation

• **Champion category match points:** 11 main, 9 Second Chance, 7 Consolation, "Final 4" 13/15.

• **Advanced category match points:** 9 main, 7 Second Chance, 5 Consolation, "Final 4" 9/11.

• **Points:** Participation: 3 points; for each match won: in Main 9 points, in Second Chance 6, "Final 4" Finalist 9 points and Winner 12 points. "Final 4" bonus: 6 points to the two semi-finalists, 9 to the finalist and 12 to the winner.

Consolation: 4 points for each game won. 2 points bonus for semi-finalists, 4 for finalist and 6 for the winner.

- Depending on the number of participants format may be changed.

Local tournaments

Maximum number of local tournaments is 10.

Dates, locations and calendar will be communicated through the chat, social networks and newsletter.

Local tournaments already announced are the following:

1. Garda lake
2. Cavallino (VE)
3. Milan
4. Filicudi
5. Turin
6. Treviso
7. Udine
- 8 Cagliari
9. Naples
10. TBD

- a) All Local tournaments must be played on a holiday or the day before and at least one week before the last national event, and related results promptly communicated.
- b) Tournament formats may differ. The most used formats are listed in the specific section below.
- c) CNB non members may participate in local tournaments, but in order the results to be valid for Italian CNB Championship ranking annual membership is required..
- d) Results will valid for players respective category, Champion or Advanced.
- g) Only local tournaments with 16 or more players will be deemed valid. No recovery in other cases

Approved Tournaments Formats (Open CNB and Local tournaments only)

- (Single Elimination). Participation: 1 point; for each game won 3 points; 6 points bonus for winner, 4 for finalist, 2 for semi-finalists (at least 2 matches won); In case of rebuys, only results with the first registration are deemed valid.
- (Single Elimination + Cons). Only the results achieved in the Main are valid. Scores as above. In case of rebuys, only the results with the first registration are deemed valid.
- (Double Elimination). Participation: 1 point; for each match won in Main 3 points, in Second Chance 2 points, in the final phase 4 points. 3 point bonus for each of the 8 participants in the final phase, both from Main and Second Chance.
- (Triple elimination). Participation: 1 point, for each game won: 1 point; for each round played from and including the third to last onwards: 1 point; bonus (to be divided among players with the same ranking): 8 points for 1st, 6 for 2nd, 4 for 3rd and 2 for 4th.
- (Other game formulas). In case of format other than those mentioned above, the organizing Club will inform CNB Board of Directors indicating the tournament format. It will be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to establish the criterion for assigning points so that it does not differ too much from what would be used in one of the other formulas provided for the same number of members.

FINAL RANKING

In both categories, it will be drawn up according to the overall points. In case of equal merit, the following criteria will be applied:

- 1) Higher number of points won in category tournaments;
- 2) Greater number of appearances in category tournaments;
- 3) Best single score achieved in a category tournament;
- 4) Second best score achieved in a category tournament and so on until all scores achieved in category tournaments are considered;
- 5) Best single score achieved in an Open tournament;
- 6) Second best score achieved in an Open tournament and so on until all scores achieved in Open

tournaments are considered.

FINAL PLAYOFFS

At the end of 2024 season, PLAYOFFS for each category will be played.

The winners of the respective categories will be declared **CNB Italian Champion, Champion or Advanced category.**

Champion category Playoff

At the end of the season, **the best 12 in the final ranking will compete in the playoffs** valid for the title. To qualify for the Playoffs you must have played at least three national tournaments. Players from 5th to 12th place will play in the round of 16 and the 5th ranked player will have the right to choose his opponent among those who ranked from 9th to 12th place (and so on in order of ranking); the players from 1st to 4th place will enter the quarterfinals and the 1st has the right to choose his opponent among the 4 players arriving from the previous round (and so on in order of ranking).

In the semi-final, the player with the best ranking in the regular season among those still competing will choose his opponent among the other semi-finalists. The final for first and third place will then take place. Matches are played to 13 points until the round of 16, 15 points in the quarter-finals and semi-finals and 17 points in the finals.

Use of digital clocks set as in category tournaments is mandatory.

Prize money is made up of the total provisions made during the season and will be divided as follows: 50% for the winner, 30% for the finalist and 20% for the winner of the third place final.

Advanced category Playoff

At the end of the championship, **the best 12 in the final rankings will compete in the playoffs** valid for the title. Players from 5th to 12th place will play in the round of 16 and the 5th ranked player will have the right to choose his opponent among those who ranked from 9th to 12th place (and so on in order of ranking); the players from 1st to 4th place will enter the quarterfinals and the 1st has the right to choose his opponent among the 4 players arriving from the previous round (and so on in order of ranking).

In the semi-final, the player with the best ranking in the regular season among those still competing will choose his opponent among the other semi-finalists.

We will continue with only the final for first place. The game will be played to 11 points until the semi-finals, the final will be to 13 points. The use of watches set as for the Champion category is mandatory.

The prize money is made up of the total of the provisions made during the competitive period which will be distributed as follows: 2/3 to the winner and 1/3 to the finalist.

TOURNAMENT RULES

The WBGF-CNB Tournament Rules will be the same for all events and will be available on the website www.cnbackgammon.eu and in playing venues. It is also specified that:

- In all CNB tournaments "Legal Moves Only" rule applies and "Dice on Checkers" rule is not in effect, unless otherwise explicitly stated from the Tournament Director of the single event.
- Player leaving the playing areas without informing the Tournament Director could be sanctioned with penalty points. When leaving the playing areas he must be reachable by telephone.

CLOCKS

In all national CNB Categories and Open CNB tournaments, use of digital clocks (Simple Delay System) is mandatory.

Time: 2 minutes per point and 12 second delay per move.