

# 9th Leuven Open - Vesalius Challenge

*Backgammon Club Leuven vzw  
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Andreas Vesalius (1514-1564) was a Brabançon anatomist starting his career at the University of Leuven. He is celebrated for his contributions to the study of human anatomy, based on the dissection of human bodies. In the same way, we will subject your matches to a scrupulous post mortem analysis carried out by the sharpest electronic knife available. The more accurately you play, the more you can gain.

## **RULES**

1. Before the start of a round, a player announces his intention to have the match entered into the Vesalius challenge. The player pays a match fee of €2. Players are free to choose any number of matches they want to, but they have to make the decision for a particular match before the start of that match. The decision to enter a match into the challenge cannot be changed once the match has started, and the match fee cannot be reimbursed.
2. The match is recorded on video, written down, or recorded on an electronic device. The match file is sent in electronic format by email to the tournament director not later than three days after the tournament. Failure to send the match record in time results in the loss of the match fee. Players are themselves responsible for recording the match and for producing the match file.
3. The match file is analyzed using the most recent version of the eXtremeGammon computer program available at the day of the tournament and at the most accurate settings possible. The result of the analysis is a performance rating (PR) for that player and for that match.
4. Based on the PR of a player for a particular match, a score  $S$  between 0 and 2 is computed:
  - If  $PR > 6$  then  $S = 0$ .
  - If  $PR < 4$  then  $S = 2$ .
  - If  $4 < PR < 6$ , then  $S = 6 - PR$ .
5. The total score of a player is obtained by adding the scores for all matches of that player.
6. The total money fee is equal to the sum of all match fees collected for all matches, for all players.
7. Each player receives a share of the total money fee pro rata of his or her total score.
8. All match files, analyses, performance ratings, scores, and pay-offs will be published on the website of the Backgammon Club Leuven not later than one week after the tournament. The exact hyperlink will be sent to the players by email.