

# Leuven Monthly & Club Championship 2018

Backgammon Club Leuven vzw

The Leuven Club Championship 2018 comprises three seasons of three tournaments per season and a play-off in December. Each month, a tournament will take place. In the two summer months, we play free matches or chouette.

## Dates and venue

Hereafter please find the dates and times for the first six months.

– On Friday evening or Sunday afternoon, we play in Sport & Squash Club De Vaart, Kolonel Begaultlaan 15, 3012 Wilsele.

### Season 1 – Winter

Sunday 28 January 2018, 13:45

Sunday 25 February 2018, 13:45

Sunday 25 March 2018, 13:45

### Season 2 – Spring

Friday 27 April 2018, 19:45

Friday 25 May 2018, 19:45

Friday 22 June 2018, 19:45

### Summer break

July 2018 (*activity to be decided*)

August 2018 (*activity to be decided*)

### Season 3 – Autumn

End of September 2018 (*date to be decided*)

End of October 2018 (*date to be decided*)

End of November 2018 (*date to be decided*)

### Play-off

December 2018 (*date to be decided*)

## Overview

Season 1 will be played in January, February and March. The player who has accumulated the most points is the Winner of Season 1 (WS1). This winner is qualified for the semi-finals in December, whatever his or her results in the two other seasons.

Season 2 takes place from April to June. Again, at the end of June there will be a winner (WS2) who is qualified for the semi-finals in December.

In July and August, there will be a summer break. We will still come together to play free games or chouette, but the results will not count for the Championship 2018.

The Championship resumes in September with Season 3, until November. The winner (WS3) qualifies for the semi-finals in December.

Beside these three seasons, an overall ranking list will be maintained, consisting of all points earned during the Winter, Spring, and Autumn tournaments. The best ranked player (BR1), not counting the winners of the three seasons, will be the fourth player to qualify for the semi-finals in December.

The play-off consists of two semi-finals and one final, all matches to 9 points. The play-off will take place in December. Qualified for the play-off are the winners of the three seasons plus the best ranked player from the general ranking list. If a player has won more than one season, then the top-2 or even top-3 players of the general ranking list will qualify.

In the semi-finals, WS1 plays against the BR1 and WS2 plays against WS3. Players who are not available to play will be replaced by the next best ranked player on the general ranking list.

The winner of the final will be the *2018 Leuven Monthly Champion*, successor of 2017's Club Champion Henri Pollet.

Together with the play-off, a tournament will take place for the other players. The format is to be decided, but we promise to make it fun.

### **Club Championship 2018 ranking**

Each month, players can win championship points. A Friday evening or Sunday afternoon consists of three rounds: two 7-point matches and one 5-point match.

How many championship points you earn depends on the number of matches that you play and your results in those matches:

7-point match: winner = 10 championship points; loser = 3 championship points

5-point match: winner = 7 championship points; loser = 2 championship points

In case of an odd number of players, the two players who are bye in rounds 1 and 2 earn 7 championship points, the equivalent of a 5-point match victory. These two players will play each other in the third round for a 7-point match. The player who is bye in the third round also receives 7 championship points, as if he or she had won a 5-point match.

The player with the most championship points at the end of March is the Winner of Season 1 (WS1). At the start of Season 2 in April, the seasonal ranking is reset to zero championship points for all players.

The player with the most championship points at the end of June will be the Winner of Season 2 (WS2). The same principle applies for Season 3, from September to November, determining the Winner of Season 3 (WS3).

In case of a tie between two or more players at the end of a season, we will look at the mutual result in terms of championship points earned. If there's still a tie, then the number of victories, excluding byes, will determine who is the winner.

At the end of November, all championship points earned during the three seasons will be added to form a general ranking. The player(s) with the largest number of Championship points, excluding the winner(s) of the three seasons, will complete the final four in the semi-finals in December.

If there is a tie at the end of November in the general ranking list, then it is the player with the higher number of match victories who is qualified for the semi-finals.

### **Club Championship 2018 format & registration**

Each seasonal monthly tournament comprises two 7-point matches and one 5-point match, that is, three matches in total.

To reduce the waiting times between matches, the pairings will be done in advance. As soon as you and your opponent are available, you can start playing, without having to wait for the results of the other matches. The pairing schedule will depend solely on the number of participants. At the start of a tournament, pairing numbers will be drawn at random, and these will determine the three opponents of each player.

A smooth running of the tournament will require some cooperation of the participants:

- Players are required to register in advance via the link that will be sent out each month. Registration closes one hour before the start of the first match, at 19:00 on Friday and at 13:00 on Sunday.

- Players are asked to arrive on time, at 19:45 on Fridays and at 13:45 on Sundays. If you have registered and if you have any problem to arrive on time, please contact the tournament director before 20:00 on Fridays and before 14:00 on Sundays. We start playing at 20:00 on Fridays and at 14:00 on Sundays.

Participation is free.

### **Other**

We play according to the backgammon and tournament rules of the European Backgammon Federation, EUBGF. These rules have been adopted by the Belgium Backgammon Federation, BGFed.be, to which the Backgammon Club Leuven is affiliated.

Matches are timed with electronic clocks. Time schedule is Bronstein.

The results of matches between players registered at BGFed.be are taken into account for the BGFed.be rating list.

### **Contact**

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