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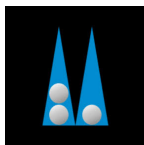


WBGF World Championships 2026

World Team and World Women's Team Championships
24 - 26 August 2026

World Individual Championships
27 - 30 August 2026

Mercure Hotel, Earl's Court, London



£5,000 Added Money



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Programme*

Monday 24th August

- 11:00** WBGF World Team Championships
"WTC" Registration
- 12:30** WTC Groups – 1st Round
- 15:00** WTC Groups – 2nd Round
- 17:30** WTC Groups – 3rd Round
- 19:30** Dinner Break
- 21:30** WTC Groups – 4th Round

Tuesday 25th August

- 11:00** WTC Groups – 5th Round
- 13:30** WTC Groups – 6th Round
- 16:00** WTC Groups – 7th Round
- 18:30** Dinner Break
- 20:00** WTC Groups – Play-Offs

Wednesday 26th August

- 10:30** WBGF World Individual Championship
(WIC) Registrations
- 11:00** WTC Quarter Finals
- 11:30** Start of Qualifiers, Speedgammon,
Seniors, DMP Challenge,
and Mini Jackpots
- 13:30** WTC Semi-Finals
- 16:00** WTC Grand Finals & 3rd/4th play-off
- 18:30** Closing of WIC Registration
& Dinner Break
- 20:00** WBGF 2026 General Assembly
- 21:30** Public draws for WIC divisions

Thursday 27th August

- 10:30** Welcome Speech & Start of WIC
& Intermediate Undeclared bracket
- 18:30** Dinner Break
- 20:00** Start of Second Chance brackets
& continue Side-Events

Friday 28th August

- 11:00** All categories resume
- 18:30** Dinner Break
- 20:00** Start of Consultation Doubles &
continue Side-Events

Saturday 29th August

- 11:00** All categories resume
- 13:00** Start of Super & Limited Jackpots
- 18:30** Dinner Break
- 20:00** All categories resume

Sunday 30th August

- 11:00** Start of WIC Last Chance Bracket;
All categories resume
- 13:00** Start of WIC Grand Finals
- 15:00** Completion of all Side Events
- 20:00** Awards Ceremony

** Organisers reserve the right to change the programme as deemed necessary and shall endeavour to publicise such changes at the earliest reasonable opportunity*

Important Notes

- The official WBGF Tournament Rules shall apply, and any variations to these will be posted on the notice board prior to the start of the event
www.WBGF.info/tournament-rules/
- Detailed information about the WBGF 2026 World Teams Championships can be found at **www.ukbgf.com/wtc2026**
- Players who have recent Intermediates winner titles, or a BMAB ranking of Master Level 3 or better, or a recognized PR of 6.5 or below are ineligible for the Intermediates Flight. This will be checked by the event director during the registration phase, but in any case, if a player who cashes in the Intermediates Flight is subsequently identified as being ineligible, 50% of their prize will be deducted and distributed as compensation to their opponents
- Clocks are mandatory including for the Intermediates Flight – time setting 120/12 (Doubles 180/15, speed (5pt) 24/10)
- The draw for the team events is manual; the draw for the individual events is electronic
- Late registrations will replace byes until the start of the tournament or when 256 places have been filled
- Tournament matches shall take precedence over all other forms of play
- The organisers reserve the right to refuse applications to play without giving any reasons, since the event is by WBGF and UKBGF invitation only
- Should a player wish to leave the playing area during the tournament, they must inform the Tournament Director. Failure to do so may result in penalty points being assigned
- The dinner break is at either 18:30 or 19:30 for one and a half hours. Please see the detailed programme for times on each date
- Smoking is not permitted inside the event venue
- All players are expected to conduct themselves appropriately and in the spirit of the game

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Fees

- 100% of entry fees will be added into the prize pool
- Registration fees include special design trophies & Awards Ceremony

Championship Category	Entry Fee	Registration Fee
World Teams (per team)	€ 1,000	€ 200
World Women's Team (per team)	€ 500	€ 100
World Individual	£ 400	£ 100
Intermediates	£ 100	£ 50
Super Jackpot	£ 460	£ 40
Consultation Doubles (per team)	£ 240	£ 60
Seniors (Age 55+)	£ 40	£ 10
Speedgammon	£ 40	£ 10
DMP Challenge (2 Lives)	£ 16	£ 4

Match Lengths

Championship Category	Match Length	
World Teams (National & Women's)	Group Stage	11 pts
	Elimination	13 pts (Final 15 pts)
World Individual	Undefeated	13 pts (Semi & Final 15 pts)
	2nd Chance	9 pts (Semi & Final 11 pts)
	Grand Final	17 pts
	Last Chance	5 pts (Final 7 pts)
Intermediates	Undefeated	11 pts (Semi & Final 13 pts)
	2nd Chance	7 pts (Semi & Final 9 pts)
	Grand Final	15 pts
	Last Chance	5 pts (Final 7 pts)
Super Jackpot	11 pts	
Limited Jackpot	TBC	
Consultation Doubles	7 pts (Final 9 pts)	
Speedgammon	5 pts including Final	
Seniors	7 pts including Final	
DMP Challenge	1 pt Throughout	

Prizes

Added money for World Individual Championships: £5,000

In each category, 100% of total entry in prize pool will be returned as money prize, which will be distributed as follows.

World Teams Championships		Prize Pool Distribution (%)	
Winner Team			60
Finalist Team			25
3rd Place			12.5
Best individual Performer			2.5

World Individual Championship & Intermediate Titles				Prize Pool Distribution (%)	
Main Winner	40	Undefeated Bracket/Winner Bonus		4	
Main Finalist	18	Undefeated Bracket/Finalist Bonus		2	
Main 3rd Place	9	Undefeated Bracket/Semi-Finalist Bonus		1 each	
Main 4th & 5th	4.5 each	Last Chance Winner		5.5	
Main 6th/ 7th/ 8th/ 9th	2 each	Last Chance Finalist		2.5	

Consultation Doubles		Prize Pool Distribution (%)	
Winner Team			50
Finalist Team			25
Semi-Finalist Teams			12.5

The Organisers may vary the exact percentages to account for number of participants.

Accommodation



There are two hotels in the same building where the event is taking place, the Ibis and the Mercure. We have negotiated special rates for these hotels as detailed below.

Guests can make a reservation directly by quoting **WORLDCHAMPS** when sending a Reservation Request email to: **H5623-RE@accor.com** with their full name, contact details, & requested dates.

Upon confirmation, a secure payment link will be sent to the guest, and payment must be completed within 72 hours to secure the reservation; otherwise, the reservation will be automatically cancelled.

Try booking direct with the hotel!
You might get a better rate!

Please Note:

- Any incidental or extra charges incurred during the stay are to be settled directly by the guests.
- These rates apply to 21st – 30th August only. Breakfast is included in all rates.
- Limited availability – see below.

Hotel	Occupancy	Per Night	Quantity Available
Ibis	Single	£ 169.00	10
Ibis	Double	£ 179.00	30
Mercure	Single	£ 199.00	10
Mercure	Double	£ 209.00	30

Details of alternative accommodation can be found at the World Teams page: www.ukbgf.com/wtco2026



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