

Las Vegas & U.S. Open Rules Variations

If you have any question regarding rules, please come to the head table and ask. As the Tournament Director it is my responsibility to assist players and clarify any questions regarding the rules. Don't rely on the statements of your opponent as they might be mistaken.

1. **Clean Up After Yourself!** – If you bring food into the Tournament Room or partake in the snacks provided, please clean up when you are done.
2. **Legal Moves** – Both players must promptly point out and correct all illegal plays noticed before the opponent has made a valid roll.
3. **Precision Dice** – Only precision dice are allowed.
4. **Dice on Checkers** – To be valid, a die must come to rest on the playing field or checkers on the same side of the bar as rolled. If the die is supported by a vertical surface, balanced on its edge or corner, or descends below the top surface of all checkers on which it rests, then a re-roll is required.
5. **Dice Scramblers/Baffle Boxes** – May be used by either player upon request but may not be forced upon one's opponent. The use of dice cups are by individual player choice.
6. **Clock Policy**
 - a. Clocks are Mandatory in the following events.
 - i. ABT Open Championship (2 minutes per point reserve / 12 second delay)
 - ii. Master's Jackpot (30 minutes total reserve / 12 second delay)
 - iii. Limited Jackpot (22 minutes total reserve / 12 second delay)
 - iv. Doubles (21 minutes total reserve / 15 second delay)
 - v. SpeedGammon (2 minutes total reserve / 10 second delay)
 - vi. Sunday Open Jackpot (14 minutes total reserve / 12 second delay)
 - b. Clocks are Preferred in the following events.
 - i. ABT Intermediate (2 minutes per point reserve / 15 second delay)
 - ii. Intermediate Jackpot (18 minutes total reserve / 15 second delay)
 - iii. Seniors (14 minutes total reserve / 12 second delay)
 - iv. Juniors (14 minutes total reserve / 12 second delay)
 - v. Blitz (10 minutes total reserve / 12 second delay)
 - vi. Sunday Intermediate Jackpot (14 minutes total reserve / 15 second delay)
 - vii. After Tournament (10 minutes total reserve / 12 second delay)
 - c. Clocks are Optional in the following events.
 - i. Novice Division
 - ii. Beginners Jackpot
7. **Table Numbers** – It is not necessary to play at the table number assigned to your match. We are simply using table numbers to assist players in finding their opponents in the ABT Main Event and Jackpots. Please go to the assigned table, find your opponent, then find a spot to play your match.
8. **Starting Matches on Time** – ***New Policy*** Instead of issuing penalty points players will have their clocks started if they have not commenced playing 10 minutes after scheduled match was to begin.
9. **GammonSnap** – Players are barred from taking pictures on any device that has the GammonSnap application installed.
10. **Recording** – The recording of any/all matches is permissible by either player.
11. **Prize Distribution** – The number of places paid in any event is dependent upon the number of entrants and may be adjusted at the Director's discretion.