

Whether you are a new player or returning to the game and just need a little 'refresher' we hope this information is helpful. Our goal is to set-you-up-for-success!

Backgammon is easy to learn and fun to play. We have many skill levels at The Sacramento Backgammon Club, from the beginner to the advanced; but everyone is gracious with their knowledge and welcome ALL players.

**Setting up the Board**, the link below is a 1 minute video on how to set up the board

https://youtu.be/C3G1z01mdbA?si=xQZ81AsjMOu77uXX



**The Basics**, the link below is a 5 minute video that will explain the basics of the game, including the objective, game play and rules.

https://youtu.be/KDvvKWi0ijs?si=qFsTPXZthk6k-u-t



**Match play**, the link below will explain what match play is. Basically, it is the standard used in all backgammon tournaments. Don't get too overwhelmed with the information in the article, we will be more than happy to explain it to you when you join us!

https://www.gnu.org/software/gnubg/manual/html\_node/Rules-for-Match-Play.html#:~:text=When%20backgammon%20tournaments%20are%20held,games%20is%20called%20a%20match.

For more information on our Format and how matches are played, go to the home page, and click on:

Format

**The Doubling Cube** is an essential part of match play and understanding proper use can win you the match. The link below is a 3 min video that provides a simple explanation on using the 'cube'.



https://youtu.be/t\_ofp502cgU?si=qcSqcVsBiU9i3KQr

For a little more information on strategy with the Doubling Cube, the link below is an article regarding the PRAT Rule, stands for Position, Race and Threat. This is a strategy very commonly used by all levels of backgammon players.

https://www.bkgm.com/articles/Webb/BeAPrat/

## There Ya Have It... Backgammon in a nutshell!

For additional information and more advanced strategy, go to the home page and click on the:

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