Transportation

The Embassy Suites Riverwalk is located at 125 East Houston Street in downtown San Antonio, Texas. Tel: 210.226.9000

San Antonio International Airport

Taxis, rideshare options, and public transit services are available. VIA bus tickets may be purchased at the far west end of Terminal B at arrivals. Catch VIA bus Route 5 to downtown San Antonio. Ride to the St. Mary's & Pecan St. stop. It will be a 5-minute walk to the hotel. The total cost is less than $3 one way. Average drive time from the airport to downtown is 20 minutes.

Directions

From the airport, follow the signs to 281 South (also I-37) to downtown. Take the Commerce St. exit. Turn right on Commerce and proceed to Soledad St. Turn right on Soledad St. Proceed one block to Houston St. Pass Houston St. and Embassy Suites Riverwalk valet entrance will be on your immediate right.

Embassy Suites Parking

Those driving in or choosing to rent a car should be aware that valet parking rates may be higher than expected. Embassy Suites offers private, secure underground valet parking for hotel guests at a rate of $59 per day, with in-and-out privileges.

Public Parking Facilities

Numerous city parking lots are available adjacent to the hotel, offering both covered and uncovered parking. Prices range from $10 per day to approximately $32 per day.

Getting Around San Antonio

Explore the City with VIVA at viainfo.net

Catch VIVA Missions to tour the city's UNESCO World Heritage Site Missions. Board VIVA Culture to experience the Pearl, the Southtown Arts District, the King William Historic District, and the Broadway Cultural Corridor. Or take in San Antonio's scenic downtown on the VIVA Centro. From $1.30!

Go Rio Cruise Service

For a scenic tour along the Riverwalk, try a Go Rio cruise. Stopping continuously at over 39 stops along the Riverwalk, the Go Rio service is priced from $20.50 for a 1-day pass, or $14.50 for a narrated cruise. See goriocruises.com for info.

Embassy Suites Riverwalk

The 4-star Embassy Suites Riverwalk is the new home of the Texas Backgammon Championships! The hotel is situated directly on the famed Riverwalk and is located 3 blocks from the Alamo. The hotel completed a full renovation in October 2025 and features 285 suites, a heated rooftop pool, and over 11,000 square feet of private event space. Guest rooms in this all-suite hotel feature prime Riverwalk views and city views of major downtown landmarks. The hotel offers a sumptuous complimentary breakfast buffet and evening reception.

Perfectly Positioned on the Riverwalk

Our new location at the Embassy Suites is one block from the Gunter Hotel and across the river from Hotel Valencia Riverwalk — home of our 2027 Super Bowl LXI and Valentine's Day party. The hotel sits along a quieter stretch of the Riverwalk, but your favorite river-level restaurants are all within an easy five-minute walk.

At street-level, the hotel borders beautiful Legacy Park, home to Pinkerton's BBQ. The park offers landscaped lawns, public art, and community events throughout the year.

Majestic Ballroom & Balcony

The second-floor Majestic Ballroom, complemented by an expansive prefunction area, will serve as the playing venue for the tournament. The spacious prefunction area offers stunning views of the Riverwalk and features a private outdoor covered balcony reserved exclusively for our players and guests!

Dining & Sightseeing

Embassy Suite's location on Houston Street is also home to some of San Antonio's finest dining establishments. Within a two-block radius you can choose from Bohanan's, The Palm, Acenar, 1 Watson, Double Standard, Starbucks, La Panadería, Chama Gaucha, Dorrego's, Leo's Hideout, and Pinkerton's BBQ; plus endless restaurant and bar options can be found on the Riverwalk. Stroll to the Alamo or take the trolley to visit Mission San José. Take a dinner cruise down the San Antonio River or a horse drawn carriage ride around the Alamo and Alamo Plaza. Don't miss our updated restaurant reviews, recommended dining, must-see historical attractions, and day trip suggestions detailed in our "Where to Eat" and "What to See" pages on texasbackgammon.com.

Hotel Reservations

Embassy Suites San Antonio Riverwalk

$239 Per Night Single King or Double Queen Suites

Embassy Suites Riverwalk is offering discounted group rates to all tournament participants. These rates are valid from Saturday, February 6 through Wednesday, February 17, 2027. Reserve by January 17, 2027 to guarantee these rates.

Complimentary Breakfast & Reception

All-Suite Hotel with Made-to-Order Full Breakfast

Group rates of $239 per night include suites throughout the hotel, along with a complimentary breakfast buffet featuring made-to-order omelets, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, French toast, fresh fruit, cereal, pastries, coffee, and juice. Guests may also take advantage of the hotel's nightly evening reception including beverages and snacks.

Reserve Your Room Online

Visit texasbackgammon.com/hotel

Go to texasbackgammon.com/hotel. Enter your check-in and check-out dates and hit, "QUICK BOOK". The system will allow you to reserve your choice of rooms.

San Antonio Weather

Bring Your Swim Suit!

Weather in mid February is normally sunny and dry. Expect highs near 80 and lows around 60 degrees. Make plans to relax and enjoy yourself at the hotel's wonderful rooftop pool.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, February 9, 2027

11:30 am Registration Begins & Announcements
12:00 pm UBC Regional Contender - Round 1
01:15 pm UBC Regional Contender - Round 2
02:30 pm UBC Regional Contender - Round 3
03:45 pm UBC Regional Contender - Round 4
05:00 pm Dinner Break
06:30 pm UBC Regional Contender - Round 5
08:00 pm UBC Regional Contender - Round 6

Wednesday, February 10, 2027

11:30 am Registration Begins & Announcements
11:45 am Players Cup BMAB Announcements & Door Prizes
12:00 pm Players Cup BMAB Rounds 1 - 4
12:00 pm UBC Regional Contender - Round 7
01:15 pm UBC Regional Contender - Round 8
02:30 pm UBC Regional Contender - Round 9
03:45 pm UBC Regional Contender - Round 10
05:00 pm Dinner Break
06:30 pm UBC Regional Contender - Round 11
08:00 pm UBC Regional Contender - Round 12
08:00 pm Players Cup BMAB Round 5

Thursday, February 11, 2027

09:30 am Registration Continues & Announcements
10:00 am Fiesta Blitz, Doubles, & Seniors Begin (Cont. Entry)
10:00 am AP DMP & Speedgammon Begin (Cont. Entry)
10:00 am UBC Regional Contender - Quarterfinals Match 1
11:15 am UBC Regional Contender - Quarterfinals Match 2
12:30 pm UBC Regional Contender - Quarterfinals Match 3
01:45 pm UBC Regional Contender - Quarterfinals Match 4
03:00 pm Longhorn Classic Masters Jackpot First Start
04:00 pm Alamo Classic Limited Jackpot First Start
05:00 pm Dinner Break
06:30 pm Play Resumes in All Events
06:30 pm Women's Open Jackpot First Start
06:30 pm UBC Regional Contender - Semifinals Match 1
07:45 pm UBC Regional Contender - Semifinals Match 2
09:00 pm UBC Regional Contender - Semifinals Match 3
10:15 pm UBC Regional Contender - Semifinals Match 4

Friday, February 12, 2027

09:30 am Registration Continues & Announcements
10:00 am Fiesta Blitz, Doubles, Seniors, DMP & Speed Continue
10:00 am - 3:00 pm UBC Regional Contender - Finals Match 1-4
11:00 am $1500 Super Jackpot Draw - Flexible Start
01:00 pm Longhorn Classic Masters Jackpot Second Start
02:00 pm Alamo Classic Limited Jackpot Second Start
02:00 pm Women's Open Jackpot Second Start
03:00 pm Texas Classic Advanced Jackpot Begins
05:00 pm Dinner Break

Schedule of Events Cont.

Friday, February 12, 2027 Continued

07:30 pm Registration Closes for Champ. & Intermediate ABT
07:30 pm Play Resumes in All Events & Announcements
07:45 pm Naylor Championship Div. 1st Rnd (Rebuys follow)
08:00 pm Intermediate Division 1st Rnd (Rebuys follow)
11:15 pm Championship & Intermediate Div. Rebuy Deadline

Saturday, February 13, 2027

11:00 am GN Championship & Intermediate Divisions Cont.
11:30 am Novice Championship Begins
12:00 pm Cinco Doubles & Fiesta Mixed Blitz Continue
12:00 pm Seniors, Speedgammon, & AP DMP Continue
05:00 pm Dinner Break
07:30 pm Play Resumes in All Events
07:30 pm **Calcutta Auction–Final 8 in Championship Div.**
08:00 pm Championship Div. Quarterfinals Begin
08:00 pm Fiesta Mixed Blitz Playoff Begins

Sunday, February 14, 2027

10:30 am Play Resumes in All Events
11:00 am Fiesta Mixed Blitz Playoff & Cinco Doubles Continue
11:00 am Seniors, Speedgammon, & AP DMP Continue
12:00 pm Women's Open JP & Novice Championship Finals
12:00 pm Genesis Naylor Championship Division Finals
01:00 pm Intermediate Division Finals
02:00 pm Masters, Limited, & Advanced Jackpot Finals
02:00 pm $1500 Super Jackpot Final
05:30 pm Super Bowl LXI Party - Pinkerton's BBQ buffet, beer, & wine at the Hotel Valencia Riverwalk Presidential Suite

Main ABT Tournament

USBGF Membership Required to Enter

Genesis Naylor Championship — Entry: $410

Rebuys: $240 Return: 90% Side Pools: $100/$200

Open to all. Single elimination with progressive consolation & progressive last chance. 11pts in Main, 9pts in Consolation, & 7pts in Last Chance. Clocks mandatory at 2m/12s settings.

The winner of the Championship Division will be awarded a voucher for a custom board made by Genesis Naylor.

Intermediate Division — Entry: $210

Rebuys: $100 Return: 85% Side Pools: $50/$100

Open to players not deemed of Championship level & subject to eligibility approval. Single elimination with progressive consolation & progressive last chance. 9pts in Main, 7pts in Conso, & 5pts in Last Chance. Clocks mandatory at 2m/15s.

Novice Championship

USBGF Membership Not Required to Enter

Entry: $50 Return: 90%

Non-ABT event. Open to players with commensurate skill level & subject to eligibility approval. 7pt/5pt double-elim format.

Side Events

$1500 Super Jackpot

Entry: $1500 Return: 95%

Open to all players. Single elimination. 17pt rounds. Clocks mandatory at 2m/12s settings. Maximum of 32 entrants.

Malcolm Davis Longhorn Masters Jackpot

Entry: $600 + $50 Return: 90% Side Pool: $150

High equity single elimination jackpot. 13pt rounds. Clocks mandatory at 2m/12s. **Drawing for Longhorn PRIMO board!**

Alamo Classic Limited Jackpot

Entry: $310 Return: 90% Side Pool: $75

Open to all players not deemed of Masters level & subject to eligibility approval. 9pt rounds. Single elimination. Clocks mandatory at 2m/12s settings. Win your entry $ in Texas Draw!

Women's Open Jackpot

Entry: $160 Return: 90% Side Pools: $50/$100

Open to all women players. 9pt rnds. Single elim. Max of 32. Clocks mandatory at 2m/12s. Win your entry $ in Texas Draw!

Texas Classic Advanced Jackpot

Entry: $100 Return: 90% Side Pool: $50

Open to all players not deemed of Limited Jackpot level & subject to eligibility approval. 7pt rounds. Single elimination.

San Antonio Cinco Doubles

Entry: $200/Team Return: 85% Team Pool: $100

Re-entries allowed with carry-over team side pools. 5pt rounds. Single elimination. Clocks mandatory at 3m/15s.

Ace Point DMP Tournament

Entry: $10 Return: 85% $100 Added Prize

Open to all players. Unlimited re-entries. 1pt rounds. Single elimination. $100 AP Backgammon Shop credit added prize.

Seniors

Entry: $50 Return: 85%

Single elimination tournament open to all players over 50 years of age. Continuous entries and re-entries. 7pt rounds.

Speedgammon

Entry: $50 Return: 85%

Single elim. Continuous entries and re-entries. 5pt rounds. Clocks mandatory at 2m total bank time/10s settings.

Fiesta Mixed Blitz

Entry: $50 Champ. | $25 Other Return: 85%

5pt rnds. 7pt playoff final. Maximum of 16 single-elim brackets. Winners go to a 4-round playoff. Qualifier winners receive $100 if a Championship Division player, and $75 if other.

UBC Regional Contender Americas

The winners of the four 2027 UBC Regional Contender events advance to the Contender semifinals set to take place in a location to be announced. All BMAB Masters and Grand Masters from any country may play. Upon the completion of 12 preliminary rounds of seven-point matches, the top six players in points, plus two additional players finishing with the lowest average PRs advance to the playoffs. $500 EF + $250 RF

Super Bowl & Valentine's Party

Super Bowl LXI TV Party

Watch the game at our private Director's suite! Multiple TVs plus catered buffet with main course, side dishes, desserts, beer, wine, & sodas. Party tickets may be purchased for $50.

Tournament Staff

Directors & Committee Members

Directors: Bill Riles, Jesper Carlsson, and Tara Mendicino
Executive Staff: Jason Granstedt and Remington Davenport
Associate Staff: Richard Stubbe and Josh Isaac
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Reminders

Bring your own board & digital clock!
Pre-registration mail-in deadline is Sat., Feb. 6 (postmark). Walk-in entries accepted. Fees paid on-site must be in cash.

Side pools in all events return 95% and carry over!

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