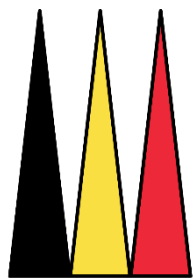


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On Sunday 23/11/2025 perspectives day was organised by BGFed.be at the Premises of Ethnecraft NV in Boom. 23 BGFed.be players were present. The meeting was combined with a 3 – point tournament, which was won by Steven Segært and Hasan Süngü.

The meeting was held in 2 sessions of 45 minutes and all BGFed.be members were given the opportunity to send in questions and remarks beforehand. This input was the starting point of the discussions during the meeting. Members of all clubs were present except for the Club in Slijpe.

Thank you for all input and effort to be present. BGFed.be Pilot Team will take all points into consideration and will come up with conclusions for 2026 very soon.

Finance 2025:

Currently the BGFed.be account holds an amount of 3050Euro.

Members:

In 2024 there were 115 BGFed.be members. Today there are 110 members. A presentation of members per Club was given.

Current BGFed.be Pilot Team:

- Sonja Custers
- Hubert Verstraeten
- Alf Martijn

Points that were received and discussed:**Structure BGFed.be:**

Starting point of discussion: The federations legislative committee must be composed of representatives of each Belgian club. The clubs should form the foundation of the Federation. The players are members of a club, which affiliates them to the Federation. Clubs should do their own admin.

Conclusion:

BGFed.be is open to more autonomy of clubs. Apart from Brussels, no other club is in favour of this statement. Clubs in general are happy all the member admin is handled by BGFed.be for them and are not in favour of changing the structure. BGFed.be emphasize all players are in the first place members of a club.

The combination of membership and inscription in ratinglist works fine.

Brussels can choose for handling their own member admin. Good agreements and communication about procedures for member admin and ratinglist will be discussed in near future for clubs who require to do this themselves.

BGFed.be Pilot Team is open to other Co-Pilots, under condition of active participation in the team. This for certain defined tasks and on a regular base with the goal of building BGFed.be into a well established Belgian Backgammon Federation. Sitting on the board as a (mandatory) representative makes managing BGFed.be unworkable. Although, structural freelance coöperation (eg rating list, social media, BIC organisation) is very welcome / much appreciated.

Lessons and seminars

Starting point of discussion: It would be good should there be more lessons given for different level of players.

BGFed.be agrees with the fact that lessons and study are important. These initiatives although are up to clubs and players to organise and BGFed.be will support them where they can. All proposals can be communicated to BGFed.be with questions, for dates and locations. BGFed.be can help with putting it in the Calendar and promoting it on website and socials,....

Online and Live competition

Starting point: 4 cubes.

The format should be more balanced, and clubs should not be eliminated after 1 loss. Guy Van Middeltem will come up with a new format and new proposal,

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that should avoid this for the next season. Agreements need to be made on setting dates / deadlines for the 4 cubes encounters.

Starting point: The rating list also for online matches?

This list is a good feature. An additional option to create a graph of your evolution of your rating points will be added in the near future by Bert. (thank you, Bert, for this additional feature)

Games played online will not be taken on to the rating list as there is always a possibility of "fraud".

Calendar

There was a large empty calendar available for all attendees to use so all known events could be marked on it, which was appreciated by everyone present.

Besides all the 'Monthly's' and the Club Evenings, we already have the announcement of 6 once-in-a-year tournaments. Nick De Ruyck suggests a double consultation tournament would be a good idea. BGFed.be agrees, but it will be up to others to pick up the initiative to organise it. BGFed.be will fully support it where possible and can bring interested organisers in contact.

It is the task of BGFed.be to overlook all initiatives, and if possible to avoid overlap. Agreement in the meeting about priorities to one-in-a-year tournaments and 4Cubes (because of deadlines). BGFed.be will still have to do so for some initiatives.

Mark your calendar:

- Vlissingen January 3-4
- Leuven Open February 8
- Gent Open March 7
- And very glad to announce the Brussels Open on October 11

Discussion opened about participation in BIC, Belgian BG online, and online national competition. What should be the condition to be able to participate?

For online competitions you need to be Belgian, for BIC (live) we also allow other players.

Communication

Starting point: Website communication in 2 Languages. If you are a Belgian federation, Dutch and French should be sufficient. English as a third option.

Conclusion:

We now have many translation apps available online. If you open the site in google you can automatically translate it to whatever language you desire.

Very easy. BGFed.be will look into what they can do to make it as easy as possible. Or if anyone has an idea, feel free to take the initiative.

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Starting point: It would be good for BGFed.be.be if their Branding project would be kicked off asap and this is achievable by 2026. Also initiatives on you tube, Instagram, Tiktok etc.

Firat Tekil has ideas and wants to start this, he gets full support. It should not be done in an amateurish manner but should look pro. BGFed.be Brand awareness should be the goal. BGFed.be will be in contact with Firat about this in near future.

Starting point: It would be good to have the official Backgammon rules online. The new BGFed.be website is in a growing process. We will get this arranged in the near future. It is not the task of BGFed.be to write all articles. People organising a tournament or event can always send through an overview with images and BGFed.be will ensure it gets posted on the website. It needs to be provided by the organiser(will not be written by BGFed.be).

Starting point: It would be good to communicate open and with all members. BGFed.be does this as much as possible. The new website seems to be a positive evolution.

Conclusion:

Besides the website BGFed.be also introduced the whatsapp-community which is highly appreciated: it's a nice connection between players.

In the member admin of next year, BGFed.be should (and will) ask for the explicit agreement of each player for sharing contact details (and pictures) to make communication easy.

It's not easy to have perfect communication by e-mail. It would be better if reminders for a tournament do not go to players who have already subscribed.

Belgian National Team

The process for selecting the team representing Belgium, as well as the team captain, has been discussed. It would be good to ask any player for his desire and availability to be part of the team. As it was this year: There will be a form put on the website. Maybe BGFed.be should communicate this better? About the team captain: Anyone can come up with a plan and a proposal and put themselves forward as captain. Any proposal will be considered. A team needs to be a real team where all members of the team need to have confidence and trust in the captain and vice versa. Members who see themselves as captain, please step forward with a plan for 2026 / 2027 and it will be considered. Please do not underestimate all the work involved. The complete planning will be in your hands. Contacts, selections, finance, teamspirit, etc.

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Expansion of the number of clubs

Wallonia is a blind spot at the moment. Should we try expanding that direction as there should be potential? Possibly by improving our social media?
Go ahead. All initiatives will be supported.

Finance

Starting point: The membership fees currently are insufficient to support impactful projects aimed at assisting clubs or ensuring international representation.

Discussion: Raising the current amount is only a good idea if players feel benefit of it. Unlike habits in big federations (football,...) players in BGFed.be are not willing to pay for the cost of international players. We discussed and polled the membership fee next year. The average of all responses brings us to 17 for new members and 37,5 for existing members. It's up to BGFed.be to make this membership for every player valuable. To be continued.

Fee for 2026 will be set at 15 euro for new members and 35 euro for existing members.

Big thank you to all members present and for your constructive input.
The Pilot Team will come up soon with the regulations for 2026 and adapt the Handbook accordingly.