



4 Cubes 2026

4 Cubes is the official Belgian interclub championship in backgammon. Every Belgian club — or one or more teams representing a club — can compete for the title “BBBC – Belgium’s Best Backgammon Club”, symbolized by the 4 Cubes trophy. <https://bgfed.be/4-cubes/> Will your club be the next Trophy holder?



There is one national division, and all registered teams compete in the same competition structure.

Competition Format 2026

The 4 Cubes competition consists of **two phases**:

- **Spring season**
- **Autumn season (Final phase)**

Direct qualifiers (based on 2025 results)

Three teams skip the spring season, as their clubs earned a place in the top 3 last year. If not exactly the same team gets set up, these clubs inscribe a team to fight for the win in the autumn season.

1. **Brussels** – champion
2. **Leuven** – runner-up
3. **Ghent** – third place

They enter the competition in the autumn phase.

Spring Season

Who plays?

A club can register as many teams as it wants. The three reigning clubs can also register additional teams. In Spring all registered teams play, **except the top teams of Brussels, Leuven and Ghent.**

Draw system

Each team plays **2 encounters**, each against a different opponent. In the draw each team receives a number.

- A team plays against **number -1** and **number +1**
- The team with the **lower number plays at home**

 Match windows:

- First encounter: **1 April – 15 May**
- Second encounter: **1 May – 30 June**

Match format

Each encounter consists of:

- Up to **5 players per team**
- **3 rounds**
- **Pairings:**
 - Round 1: 1 vs 1, 2 vs 2, 3 vs 3, 4 vs 4
 - Round 2: 1 vs 4, 2 vs 1, 3 vs 2, 4 vs 3
 - Round 3: 1 vs 2, 2 vs 3, 3 vs 4, 4 vs 1

The numbers are based on the position of the players on the rating list the moment of playing.

- Each round has **4 individual matches**, 7 points, Clock (14 min / 12 sec)
- Plus **1 team consult**, 5 points, Clock (15 min / 18 sec)
- → Total per encounter: **12 matches + 1 team consult match**

Reporting results

The **home captain** sends results to **bgfed.be**, with the away captain in CC.

Following form is expected to be used in this task & communication:

[BGFed 4Cubes Results](#)

Ranking in the spring season

After two encounters, teams are ranked using, in this order:

1. **Encounters won (won=2p, tie=1p) - a team can gain 4,3,2,1 point out of the individual matches.**
2. **Team consults won: For each team this is 2, 1 or 0.**
3. **Individual matches won**
 - Total number of individual matches won across both encounters
 - Maximum = **24** (12 per encounter × 2)

Two winners will emerge. In the case of a tie, the **strength of the opponents** (total number of matches won by the two opponents) will be the deciding factor.

Autumn Season — Finals

An encounter consists of three rounds (same format as in Spring) and only in the case of tie, the win of a **team consult** will be the deciding factor.

September:

1. **Spring winner vs Ghent (home Gent)**
2. **Spring runner-up vs Leuven (home Leuven)**

Oktober:

→ Winners play each other in the **semi-final (home: spring winner or else spring runner-up or Leuven)**

November:

→ Winner plays **Brussels 1** in the **final (home: Brussel)** 🏆

Registration

Deadline: **25 March** [subscription form](#)

All clubs and players must be affiliated with BGFed.be, the Belgian Backgammon Federation.

Each team submits:

- **5–8 players** including **1 team captain** (all must be BGFed.be members)
- Already now, you give 2 possible **home dates**: one for April, one for May.
- **€25 entry fee** (*transfer to the BGFed.be bank account BE83 3632 5199 3815, with your Club/Team-name and '4 Cubes 2026' in the payment reference line.*)

Season Start

- **Draw on 26 March**, communicated to all teams
- Home teams share their available dates
- Away teams choose one of those dates

4 Cubes? Where does this come from?

In 2009, on April **fourth**, at the **fourth** Ghent Open, the Ghent Club suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of **four** Leuven players, at the time celebrating its **fourth** anniversary as a Club. It confidently declared at the award ceremony: “We are the strongest.” As a memento, the club purchased the **four** doubling cubes in a velvet bag. Since then, this ‘4 Cubes’ has been contested annually, and its holder is the ‘Best Belgian Backgammon Club’.