

Well now that we have the bracket and our matchups and we have spoken with our opening round opponents, how do you actually start a game??

Dailygammon

First off, this site is designed for play even when both players are not online at the same time. So if you're having trouble finding a common time to play, use Dailygammon.

To start out, one person needs to create a match and invite the other person. Again, you don't both have to be online to do this. Go to the Game Lounge (<http://www.dailygammon.com/bg/lounge>) and scroll down to the bottom for "find player whose name starts with". Enter the first 3 letters of their username, then select them from the list that pops up, and then invite them to a match.

"Length" is how many points for the match, so make this 5. "Time control" is how often you have to make a move. I'd say just make this unlimited. Send your invite, and wait for the other person to accept!

Now if both of you are online playing at the same time, the games will go faster. However were in no rush with this tournament. In fact, delaying the result of your match is a pretty good strategy because someone will probably get bored and quit!

Yahoo

Ok, once you have both registered with Yahoo, go to the yahoo backgammon main page. Here's the page of board games: <http://games.yahoo.com/board/> , and the one you want is called "Backgammon", not "backgammon quick play". Next, you and your opponent need to agree on a game lounge because there are several different ones with several different names. I've always been partial to the Seahorse Grotto myself.

Once inside the lounge, one person needs to create a table. Again, you need to set the length at 5. I would also make the table private or password protected so that a stranger can't join your game before your tourney opponent does. Well, actually a lot of these lounges are pretty empty, so that might be unnecessary.

Ok those are two bare bones explanations for each platform. Let me know if you need help!

-Swest Sweller