



**2019**



**27 - 29 December**  
**KORTRIJK (BELGIUM)**



## INVITATION

### **14<sup>th</sup> International Coca Cola X-Mas Tournament, in Kortrijk (Belgium)**

*It is with great pleasure that we invite your teams at the 14<sup>th</sup> Coca Cola international X-Mas Tournament. Our event is the highest ranked youth basketball tournament in Western Europe, as we focus on offering the highest possible standards both on and off the courts. In the past years, we hosted the better teams from **over 30 different countries, including the United States and Canada.** It's simple: Teams always enjoy coming back to Kortrijk !*

*For granting the highest possible competition level, the tournament is only open for teams playing on the highest competition level in their respective countries, for basketball academies and for national and regional selections.*

*What is new in 2019 ?*

- *A Men Under 18 competition is added to the program.*
- *We change the competitions U17 into competitions U16.*
- *Our Women U12 competition will be spread over 2 days, instead of 1 day.*

#### Dates:

**December 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 2019**

#### Categories:

- **Men Under 19** (year of birth 2001 or later)
- **Women Under 19** (year of birth 2001 or later)
- **Men Under 18** (year of birth 2002 or later)
- **Men Under 16** (year of birth 2004 or later)
- **Women Under 16** (year of birth 2004 or later)
- **Men Under 14** (year of birth 2006 or later)
- **Women Under 14** (year of birth 2006 or later)
- **Men Under 12** (year of birth 2008 or later)
- **Women Under 12** (year of birth 2008 or later)
- **Mixed Under 10** (year of birth 2010 or later)

#### Number of games:

**FIVE games for each team.**



## 2019 Provisional tournament program

### December 26<sup>th</sup>:

- Arrival of teams wishing to stay an additional night in Kortrijk.
- Practice sessions for interested teams in Lange Munte Kortrijk.
- Start of the FIBA referee clinic.



### December 27<sup>th</sup>:

- Registration of the teams at the tournament sites.
- Start of the competitions at 9 Hr.
- Two qualifying games for every team.
- U12-B Tournament (one day event for local teams)
- Dunk contest in Kortrijk.
- Coaches clinic in Kortrijk.



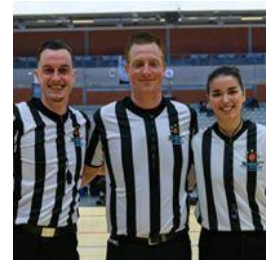
### December 28<sup>th</sup>:

- Two qualifying games for every team.
- U10 Tournament (4 on 4 format, one day event).
- First day of the WU12 tournament.
- Three point contest in Kortrijk.



### December 29<sup>th</sup>:

- All day: G-Basketball in Kortrijk
- All day: Ranking games on all sites.
- All day: Finals in Kortrijk (all age groups)
- Rewards immediately after the last game of the team
- MVP election after every final



## Information about the competitions

- **Number of games:**
  - **U19, U18, U16, U14 and U12-A:** every team plays 2 games on 27<sup>th</sup>, 2 games on 28<sup>th</sup> and 1 game on 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - **WU12:** every team plays 3 games on 28<sup>th</sup> and 2 games on 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - **U12-B and U10:** each team plays 3 games.
- **Game sites:** Kortrijk, Wevelgem, Deerlijk, Dottignies, Waregem and Zwevegem.
- **Game length:** 4 x 10' for the MU19 competition, 4 x 5' for the WU12, U12 B and U10 competition and for all others 4 x 8' (always stopped time).
- **Finals:**
  - All finals will be organized at Lange Munte (Kortrijk), the home court for several international competitions.
  - **Important: no timings of finals will be modified for travelling issues. So please plan the timing of your trip back in accordance.**
- **Side events:**
  - **MVP Award:** in every age group an MVP will be awarded. The MVP Awards are sponsored by **Coach Van Kers**, living legend in Basketball coaching and by **An Wauters**, former WNBA champion and multiple European player of the year.
  - **Dunk contest:** organized in Lange Munte Kortrijk on December 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - **3 point contest:** organized in Lange Munte Kortrijk on December 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Referees:**
  - All games will be led by 2 or 3 official referees, under FIBA rules.
  - A FIBA referee clinic is organized during the tournament. The participants, part of the FIBA talent pool, will officiate the MU19 games.
  - All other referees are part of the FIBA, the national or regional talent pool in Belgium or the Netherlands..
  - International candidates can apply to be part of the tournament officials team, by contacting the organizer.





## Recent winners

### Men U19 Invitational

2014: Antwerp Giants (Belgium)  
 2015: Israel Basketball Academy (Israel)  
 2016: Basket@Sea Oostende (Belgium)  
 2017: Limburg United (Belgium)  
 2018: Basket@Sea Oostende (Belgium)

Runner Up: Belgrade Basketball Association (Serbia)  
 Belgrade Basketball Association (Serbia)  
 Limburg United (Belgium)  
 Basket@Sea Oostende (Belgium)  
 Northfield Mount Hermon (USA)

### Women U19

2014: Grasshoppers (Netherlands)  
 2015: Jolly Jumpers Tubbergen (Netherlands)  
 2016: National team of the Netherlands U18  
 2017: BBC Sint Katelijne Waver (Belgium)  
 2018: BBC Sint Katelijne Waver (Belgium)

BMS Copenhagen (Denmark)  
 Israel basketball Academy (Israel)  
 BV Katwijk (Netherlands)  
 BBA Ludwigsburg (Germany)  
 Israel Basketball Academy (Israel)

### Men U17 (Men Under 16 from this year on)

2014: Antwerp Giants (Belgium)  
 2015: Limburg United (Belgium)  
 2016: Limburg United (Belgium)  
 2017: Zaza Pachulia Academy (Georgia)  
 2018: Israel Basketball Academy (Israel)

CBA Amsterdam (Netherlands)  
 TSV Charlottenburg (Germany)  
 AWBB Selection (Belgium)  
 Basket@Sea Oostende (Belgium)  
 Basketball Academy Limburg (Netherlands)

### Women U17 Invitational (Women Under 16 from this year on)

2014: BBA Ludwigsburg (Germany)  
 2015: National Team of Germany  
 2016: Flemish Selection (Belgium)  
 2017: Belgrade Basketball Association (Serbia)  
 2018: AWBB Selection (Belgium)

Israel Basketball Academy (Israel)  
 Flemish Selection (Belgium)  
 BS Gloria Moscou (Russia)  
 DBC Waregem (Belgium)  
 Belgrade Basketball Association (Serbia)

### Men U14

2014: CBA Amsterdam (Netherlands)  
 2015: Port of Antwerp Giants (Belgium)  
 2016: Israel Basketball Academy (Israel)  
 2017: Fikeo Selection (France)  
 2018: Woluwe United (Belgium)

K-Basket BT Kortrijk (Belgium)  
 Oxaco Boechout (Belgium)  
 Limburg United (Belgium)  
 Limburg United (Belgium)  
 BC Kharkov (Ukraine)

### Women U14 (new since 2016)

2016: BBC Deinze Nazareth (Belgium)  
 2017: Fenerbahce Istanbul (Turkey)  
 2018: SBBK GO5 Södertalje (Sweden)

Dames Basket Waregem (Belgium)  
 Notre Dame Leuven (Belgium)  
 Basket Namur Capitale (Belgium)

### Men U12 (new since 2016)

2016: K-BT Kortrijk (Belgium)  
 2017: Frenchy Phenoms (France)  
 2018: K-BT Kortrijk (Belgium)

Cuva Houthalen (Belgium)  
 Uccle Europe (Belgium)  
 Falco Gent (Belgium)

### Women U12 (new since 2018)

2018: Spirou Ladies Charleroi (Belgium)

Limburg Lizards (Belgium)

### Mixed U10 (new since 2017)

2017: Frenchy Phenoms (France)  
 2018: BBC Croonen Lommel (Belgium)

Limburg United (Belgium)  
 Basket Wevelgem Moorseele (Belgium)



### Number of participants

2006: 13 teams	from	3 countries
2007: 16 teams	from	3 countries
2008: 18 teams	from	5 countries
2009: 34 teams	from	9 countries
2010: 54 teams	from	9 countries
2011: 68 teams	from	12 countries
2012: 71 teams	from	15 countries
2013: 104 teams	from	16 countries
2014: 108 teams	from	17 countries
2015: 125 teams	from	16 countries
2016: 126 teams	from	17 countries
2017: 148 teams	from	17 countries
2018: 150 teams	from	16 countries



### Former MVPs (in our Invitational competitions)

#### Men Under 19

2007: Lars De Lepeleire (BELGIUM)
2008: Yannick Desiron (BELGIUM)
2009: David Valverdù (SPAIN)
2010: Ojomoh Retin (BELGIUM)
2011: Rokas Gustys (LITHUANIA)
2012: Vincent Kesteloot (BELGIUM)
2013: Kanda Kanyinda (BELGIUM)
2014: Thomas Akyazili (BELGIUM)
2015: Koen Jorno (ISRAEL)
2016: Servaas Buyschaert (BELGIUM)
2017: Leander Dedroogh (BELGIUM)
2018: Servaas Buyschaert (BELGIUM)

#### Women Under 17

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Lisanne De Jonge (NETHERLANDS)
Manca Jelenc (SLOVENIA)
Sara Sofie Mortensen (DANMARK)
Jeannine Guyt (NETHERLANDS)
Billy Massey (BELGIUM)
Jesse Kapenga (BELGIUM)
Marija Filipovic (SERBIA)
Amélie Brohet (Sélection AWBB)



## Practical issues

### Lodging (more details on our website)

*Unique in youth basketball tournaments: All teams can be accommodated in very high level hotels. The provisional list of hotels:*

- **Park hotel** in Kortrijk ([www.parkhotel.be](http://www.parkhotel.be))
  - **Center hotel** in Kortrijk ([www.centerhotel.be](http://www.centerhotel.be))
  - **Ibis hotel** in Kortrijk ([www.ibishotel.com/nl/hotel-6330-ibis-kortrijk-centrum](http://www.ibishotel.com/nl/hotel-6330-ibis-kortrijk-centrum))
  - **Ibis Styles** in Kortrijk ([www.accorhotels.com/nl/hotel-A240-ibis-styles-kortrijk-expo](http://www.accorhotels.com/nl/hotel-A240-ibis-styles-kortrijk-expo))
  - **Focus Hotel** in Kortrijk ([www.focushotel.be](http://www.focushotel.be))
  - **D-Hotel** in Kortrijk ([www.d-hotel.be](http://www.d-hotel.be))
  - **Best Western Ambassador Hotel** in Menen ([www.ambassadorhotel.be](http://www.ambassadorhotel.be))
  - **Best Western Hotel Alizé** in Mouscron ([www.hotelallize.be](http://www.hotelallize.be))
  - **Hotel Acacias** in Neuville-en Ferrain ([www.hotelacacias.com](http://www.hotelacacias.com))
  - **Altia Hotel** in Neuville-en-Ferrain ([www.altia-hotel.com](http://www.altia-hotel.com))
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- **Teams wanting to lower costs can stay in Hotel Ibis Budget in Wasquehal or Youth Hostel "Groeninghe" in Kortrijk.** With some lesser comfort, but still high standard !
  - *Teams are not obliged to stay in one of our hotels. Teams can also arrange their own accommodation (there are some low cost hotels in the vicinity of Kortrijk) and take only the tournament meals (see further).*
  - *Teams arriving earlier or leaving later can be accommodated additional nights in the same hotels as during the tournament at very favourable prices. The organizer can arrange this. Prices: check the financial page.*
  - *An unlimited number of friends, family,... can be accommodated at the same hotels and at the same price as the team during the tournament.*

### Meals:

- *Breakfast buffet on December 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> will be served in the hotel for teams staying at hotel or hostel. Every hotel offers a high standard breakfast buffet.*
- *The other tournament meals (5 in total: lunch on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, and supper on December 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>) will be served in the tournament restaurants (at the gyms). Fruit and vegetables will be part of all meals.*
- *Teams arriving on 26<sup>th</sup> can order an additional evening meal for that day. The cost of the meal will be 8€ per person.*
- *On each site, several hot and cold dishes and sweets will be available in the cafeterias, for those people who don't wish to take the tournament meals.*

**Visit our website: [www.x-mastournament.be](http://www.x-mastournament.be)**

### Transport:

- **Arrival by car or by bus:** Kortrijk can be reached very easily, from all directions, by E17 highway.
- **Arrival by train:** Kortrijk has a main rail station with good connections to Brussels and Lille (TGV and Eurostar railway station, France).
- **Arrival by airplane:** nearby airports are Brussels National Airport (Zaventem), Brussels South (Charleroi) and Lille Lesquin. A direct train connection exists between the airports and Kortrijk railway station.
- We can arrange airport shuttles for teams arriving in Brussels National Airport, Brussels South (Charleroi) and Lille Lesquin for a fee of **200 € per trip per team**.
- During the tournament, all gyms can easily be reached by public transport.
- During the tournament, shuttle service will be organized for transporting those teams that arrived without own transport means.

### Additional services:

Teams needing, for one or another reason, additional services (laundry, medical, cultural, social ...) can contact the organizer. Whenever possible we will assist you.

### Media

- X-Mas TV will offer, on our website, from September on, several videos of the tournament preparations. During the tournament, clips will be updated daily.
- The most recent information about the tournament is available on the tournament's web site: (<http://www.x-mastournament.be>)
- You can of course also follow the event, and receive all latest news through our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/XMastournament>)
- The situation of the registrations will be updated daily. During the tournament, the results will be adapted in real time.
- Livestats will be available for every game in the MU19 and WU16 competitions.
- **To be confirmed: All games in MU19 and most games in WU16 will be live on Livestream !!! The finals in every age group will also be livestreamed.**





**Other activities**

- *During the Christmas period the city of Kortrijk is decorated, illuminated, ice skating is possible and Christmas markets are organized.*
- *Kortrijk is both a historical city AND a very well known shopping city.*
- *In the vicinity of the tournament cities, you can visit other places of historical interest:*
  - *Bruges (30 minutes from Kortrijk by train)*
  - *Gent (20 minutes from Kortrijk by train)*
  - *Ypres (20 minutes from Kortrijk by train)*
  - *Lille (20 minutes from Kortrijk by train)*
  - *Brussels (1 hour from Kortrijk by train)*



Kortrijk



Bruges



Lille



Brussels



Ypres



Gent

## Participation costs for U19, U18, U16, U14 and MU12

There is **no participation fee** for teams in Formula A and B.

Four participation formulas are possible:

### **1. Formula A (two nights at the hotel – full board)**

This formula consists of:

- 2 nights (27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>) in one of our hotels, in double or triple room.
- Breakfast buffet in the hotel on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 3 lunches at the tournament restaurant: 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> noon.
- 2 suppers at the tournament restaurant: 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> evening.

**Price per person: 115€ (single room: € 160)**

**Option: Each additional night: 40€ (single room: € 70)**

### **2. Formula B (two nights at the youth hostel – full board)**

The formula is the same as formula A, but with a stay in the youth hostel Groeninghe in Kortrijk or in Ibis Budget Wasquehal. Only a limited number of rooms are available! The prices are:

**Price per person: 85€ (single room: € 110, if available)**

**Option: Each additional night: 30€ (single room: € 45, if available)**

### **3. Formula C (only lunches)**

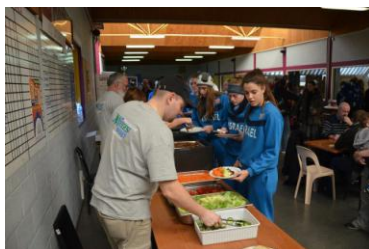
This formula consists of 3 lunches at the tournament restaurant: 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> for 14 people.

**Price per team: 350€ (cost of the meals + participation fee)**

### **4. Formula D (no hotel or lunches)**

**Price per team: 150€ (participation fee)**

**Option: Tournament t-shirt: 10€ per person (if ordered by the team)**



## Participation costs for WU12, U12-B and U10

### WU12

**Participation fee WU12 (two days tournament):** 75€ / team  
**One night at the hotel on December 29<sup>th</sup> + tournament meals**  
**(lunch on December 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and supper on December 28<sup>th</sup>)** 60€ / person

### U12-B and U10

**Participation fee U12-B and U10 (one day tournament):** 30€ / team  
**No hotel reservations are possible for these age groups.**

## Registration

### First step:

Teams can register by forwarding the registration form or by simple mail to [peter@x-mastournament.be](mailto:peter@x-mastournament.be)

### Second step:

The registration is only final after payment of a guarantee of 250€ on the following account:

ACCOUNT NAME: SPORTS AMBASSADORS  
IBAN: BE07 6301 3050 4566  
BIC: BBRUBEBB  
ADDRESS: BASKETBALL PROJECTS, Kloosterstraat 2/23, B-8510 MARKE.

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