



2021



27 - 29 December 2021
KORTRIJK (BELGIUM)



INVITATION

15th International Aquarius X-Mas Tournament, in Kortrijk (Belgium) – We are back !

2020 will be a year to remember, and unfortunately the main reason for it will be the Coronavirus. As we are speaking, the problem still hasn't been solved, but in many countries, progress is made. We hope that you and your families are safe, that's what counts the most for the time being.

As we are confident that normal life will be possible again in the coming months, we are working hard on the organization of the **15th Aquarius X-Mas Tournament in Kortrijk**. In the past years, we hosted the better teams from **over 30 different countries, including the United States and Canada**, and we will work hard to keep our standards from the past, focusing on offering the highest possible standards both on and off the courts.

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.

An important point to take into consideration this year:

As we don't know how the situation will evolve in the coming months, we keep all options open. In the best case, we organize as usual. In case we are restricted by the health issue, we will limit the number of participants, and only host teams from 'safe' countries. In the worst case, we will only accept Belgian teams. All registrations will, by then, be provisional, till the situation is clear.

Dates:

December 27th, 28th and 29th 2021

Categories:

- **Men Under 19** (year of birth 2003 or later)
- **Women Under 19** (year of birth 2003 or later)
- **Men Under 18** (year of birth 2004 or later)
- **Women Under 17** (year of birth 2005 or later)
- **Men Under 16** (year of birth 2006 or later)
- **Men Under 14** (year of birth 2008 or later)
- **Women Under 14** (year of birth 2008 or later)
- **Men Under 12** (year of birth 2010 or later)
- **Women Under 12** (year of birth 2010 or later)
- **Mixed Under 10** (year of birth 2012 or later)

Number of games:

FIVE games for each team.



2021 Provisional tournament program

December 26th:

- *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 27th:

- *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 28th:

- *Two qualifying games for every team.*
- *Three-point contest in Kortrijk.*



December 29th:

- *U10 Tournament (4 on 4 format, one day event).*
- *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

- **Game sites:** Kortrijk, Wevelgem, Deerlijk, Dottignies, Waregem and Zwevegem.
- **Number of games:**
 - **U19, U18, U17, U16, U14, MU12A and WU12:** every team plays 2 games on 27th, 2 games on 28th and 1 game on 29th.
 - **U12-B and U10:** each team plays 3 games.
- **Game length:** 4 x 10' for the MU19 competition, 4 x 5' for the U12B 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 27th.
 - **3-point contest:** organized in Lange Munte Kortrijk on December 28th.
- **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

2017: Limburg United (Belgium) runner up:
 2018: Basket@Sea Oostende (Belgium)
 2019: Belgrade Basketball Association (Serbia)

Basket@Sea Oostende (Belgium)
 Northfield Mount Hermon (USA)
 Antwerp Giants (Belgium)

Women U19

2017: BBC Sint Katelijne Waver (Belgium)
 2018: BBC Sint Katelijne Waver (Belgium)
 2019: Kortrijk Spurs (Belgium)

BBA Ludwigsburg (Germany)
 Israel Basketball Academy (Israel)
 ION Waregem (Belgium)

Men U18 (new in 2019)

2019: Spirou Charleroi (Belgium)

Den Bosch Basketball Academy (Netherlands)

Women U17 Invitational

2017: Belgrade Basketball Association (Serbia)
 2018: AWBB Selection (Belgium)
 2019: Sparta&k Moscow (Russia)

DBC Waregem (Belgium)
 Belgrade Basketball Association (Serbia)
 Belgrade Basketball Association (Serbia)

Men U16

2017: Zaza Pachulia Academy (Georgia)
 2018: Israel Basketball Academy (Israel)
 2019: Fikeo Team (France)

Basket@Sea Oostende (Belgium)
 Basketball Academy Limburg (Netherlands)
 Antwerp Gints (Belgium)

Men U14

2017: Fikeo Selection (France)
 2018: Woluwe United (Belgium)
 2019: BS Leiden (Netherlands)

Limburg United (Belgium)
 BC Kharkov (Ukraine)
 Falco Gent (Belgium)

Women U14

2017: Fenerbahce Istanbul (Turkey)
 2018: SBBK GO5 Södertalje (Sweden)
 2019: Kortrijk Spurs (Belgium)

Notre Dame Leuven (Belgium)
 Basket Namur Capitale (Belgium)
 Fikeo Team (France)

Men U12

2017: Frenchy Phenoms (France)
 2018: K-BT Kortrijk (Belgium)
 2019: ION Waregem (Belgium)

Uccle Europe (Belgium)
 Falco Gent (Belgium)
 Selection Valais (Switzerland)

Women U12 (new since 2018)

2018: Spirou Ladies Charleroi (Belgium)
 2019: Limburg Lizards (Belgium)

Limburg Lizards (Belgium)
 Kortrijk Spurs (Belgium)

Mixed U10

2017: Frenchy Phenoms (France)
 2018: BBC Croonen Lommel (Belgium)
 2019: North Limburg Basketball Acadmey (Belgium)

Limburg United (Belgium)
 Basket Wevelgem Moorseele (Belgium)
 Kortrijk Spurs (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
2019: 172 teams	from	17 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 Buysschaert (BELGIUM)
2019: Branislav Suznjevic (SERBIA)

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 (BELGIUM)
Maria Semenova (RUSSIA)



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:

- ***In Kortrijk:***

Park hotel - Center hotel - Ibis Centrum - Ibis Styles - Focus Hotel - D-Hotel - Bootel Ahoy - Full House

- ***In the vicinity of Kortrijk:***

Best Western Hotel Alizé (Mouscron) - Hotel Acacias (Neuville-en Ferrain) - Altia Hotel (Neuville-en-Ferrain) – Ibis Centre (Tourcoing) – Garden Hotel (Bondues) – Kyriad Hotel (Neuville-en-Ferrain)

- ***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 below).*
- *Teams arriving earlier or leaving later can be accommodated additional nights in the same hotels as during the tournament at very favorable 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 28th and 29th will be served at 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 27th, 28th and 29th, and supper on December 27th and 28th) will be served at the tournament restaurants (at the gyms). Fruit and vegetables will be part of all meals.*
- *Teams arriving on 26th 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.*

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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.
- **To be confirmed: All games in MU19 and most games in WU17 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 three days competitions

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

Price per person: 120€ (single room: € 170)

Option: Each additional night: 40€ (single room: € 75)

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: 90€ (single room: € 120, if available)

Option: Each additional night: 35€ (single room: € 50, if available)

3. Formula C (only lunches)

This formula consists of 3 lunches at the tournament restaurant: 27th, 28th and 29th 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 one day competitions (U12-B and U10)

Participation fee U12-B and U10 (one day tournament): 50€ / 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

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
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