



2023



27 – 30 December 2023
KORTRIJK (BELGIUM)



INVITATION

17th International Aquarius X-Mas Tournament, in Kortrijk (Belgium)

We kindly invite you at the Aquarius X-Mas Tournament in Kortrijk (Belgium), the event in which some of the better European youth teams meet !

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 quality. Teams such as Alba Berlin, Joventud Badalona, Stellazzura Roma, Belgrade, Kaunas and several national teams... participated recently in the event and are always happy to come back.

Why should you participate in this event ? There are many reasons: The X-Mas Tournament offers high standards on the court, regarding the level of the teams and the quality of the accommodations. It is also the only tournament offering high level hotel services to all participants. We do whatever possible to grant every team an outstanding experience during their stay. Several side events will entertain your team

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.

If you are interested in participating or if you have questions about the event, don't hesitate in contacting us. We will do whatever possible to offer you a great experience.

New this year:

- **An additional venue will be added in Herseaux.**
- **Another four-star hotel has been added for your stay: the prestigious Hotel Damier in Kortrijk.**
- **A wheelchair demonstration will be added to the program.**

Dates:

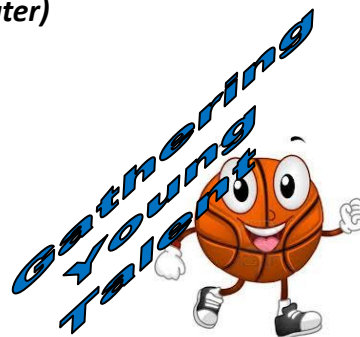
- **U19, U16 and U14 competitions: 28 till 30 December 2023**
- **MU12 competition: 27 till 28 December 2023**
- **WU12 competition: 29 till 30 December 2023**

Categories:

- **Under 19 (year of birth 2005 or later)**
- **Under 16 (year of birth 2008 or later)**
- **Under 14 (year of birth 2010 or later)**
- **Under 12 (year of birth 2012 or later)**

Number of games:

FIVE games for each team.



2023 Provisional tournament program

December 26th:

- Start of the FIBA referee clinic.

December 27th:

- Men U12: start of the competition.
(Three qualifying games for each team)
- Coaches' clinic in Kortrijk – Part 1.

December 28th:

- Start of the U19, U16 and U14 competitions.
(Two qualifying games for every team)
- Finals of the MU12 competition
- Coaches' clinic in Kortrijk – Part 2.

December 29th:

- Competitions U19, U16 and U14.
(Two qualifying games for every team)
- WU12: Start of the competition.
(Three qualifying games for each team)
- Three-point contest in Kortrijk.
- Referee clinic in Kortrijk.

December 30th:

- G-Basketball in Kortrijk
- Ranking games on all sites.
- U19, U16, U14 and WU12: Finals in Kortrijk
- Rewards immediately after the last game of the team
- MVP election after every final



Information about the competitions

- **Game sites:** Kortrijk, Wevelgem, Deerlijk, Dottignies, Herseaux, Waregem and Zwevegem.
- **Number of games:**
 - **U19, U16, U14:** every team plays two games on 28th, two games on 29th and one game on 30th.
 - **MU12 and WU12:** each team plays three games on the first day and two games on the second day of their competition.
- **Game length:** **4 x 10'** for the MU19 competition, **4 x 8'** for the WU19, U16 and U14 competitions, **4 x 6'** for the U12 competitions (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.
 - **eSports:** a tournament will start in December, with a final during the tournament. More information will follow later on
 - **G-basketball, including wheelchair basketball:** organized in Lange Munte Kortrijk on December 30th.
- **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

2018: Basket@Sea Oostende (Belgium) runner up:
2019: Belgrade Basketball Association (Serbia)
2021: Alba Berlin (Germany)
2022: Basket@Sea Oostende (Belgium)

Northfield Mount Hermon (USA)
Antwerp Giants (Belgium)
Basketball Academy Limburg (Netherlands)
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Women U19

2018: BBC Sint Katelijne Waver (Belgium)
2019: Kortrijk Spurs (Belgium)
2021: ION Basket Waregem (Belgium)
2022: Triple Threat Haarlem (Netherlands)

Israel Basketball Academy (Israel)
ION Waregem (Belgium)
Lithuanian Regional Team (Lithuania)
LDP Donza (Belgium)

Men U16

2017: Zaza Pachulia Academy (Georgia)
2018: Israel Basketball Academy (Israel)
2019: Fikeo Team (France)
2022: Basketball academy Limburg (Netherlands)

Basket@Sea Oostende (Belgium)
Basketball Academy Limburg (Netherlands)
Antwerp Giants (Belgium)
Falco Gent (Belgium)

Women U16

2017: Belgrade Basketball Association (Serbia)
2018: AWBB Selection (Belgium)
2019: Sparta&k Moscow (Russia)
2022: Phantoms Boom (Belgium)

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

Men U14

2017: Fikeo Selection (France)
2018: Woluwe United (Belgium)
2019: BS Leiden (Netherlands)
2022: BG Zehlendorf Berlin (Germany)

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

Women U14

2017: Fenerbahce Istanbul (Turkey)
2018: SBBK GO5 Södertälje (Sweden)
2019: Kortrijk Spurs (Belgium)
2022: Basket ION Waregem (Belgium)

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

Men U12

2017: Frenchy Phenoms (France)
2018: K-BT Kortrijk (Belgium)
2019: ION Waregem (Belgium)
2022: North Limburg Basketball Academy (Belgium)

Uccle Europe (Belgium)
Falco Gent (Belgium)
Selection Valais (Switzerland)
New Bavi Vilvoorde (Belgium)

Women U12 (new since 2018)

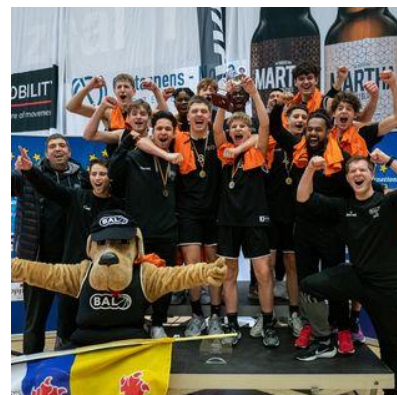
2018: Spirou Ladies Charleroi (Belgium)
2019: Limburg Lizards (Belgium)
2022: Kortrijk Spurs (Belgium)

Limburg Lizards (Belgium)
Kortrijk Spurs (Belgium)
ION Basket Waregem (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
2020: not organized		
2021: 16 teams	from	6 countries (Covid-19 edition)
2022: 155 teams	from	14 countries



Former MVPs (in our Invitational competitions)

Men

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)
2021:	Odin Verhoeven (NETHERLANDS)
2022:	Kobe Grymonprez (BELGIUM)

Women

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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)
Emma Vindevoghel (BELGIUM)
Phoenix Stotijn (Netherlands)



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 – Damier Hotel - Market 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) – Ibis Centre (Roubaix) - Garden Hotel (Bondues) – Kyriad Hotel (Neuville-en-Ferrain) – Park Hotel (Waregem)

- ***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.*

Catering:

- *Teams staying at hotel or hostel:*
 - *Breakfast is included in the price. A breakfast buffet is served at the hotel or hostel. Every hotel offers a high standard breakfast buffet.*
 - *The other tournament meals are served at the tournament restaurants, in or near the venues. U19, U16 and U14 teams will receive three lunches and two evening meals. U12 teams will receive two lunches and one evening meal.*
- *Teams choosing Formula C (only lunches): they will receive three (U19, U16 and U14) or two (U12) lunches at the tournament restaurants.*
- *Teams arriving on 27th can order an additional evening meal for that day. The cost of the meal will be 10€ per person.*

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.
- **New: A maximum of games on several sites will be live on Livestream !!!**



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 (U19, U16 and U14)

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 (28th and 29th) in one of our hotels, in double or triple room.
- Breakfast buffet in the hotel on 29th and 30th.
- 3 lunches at the tournament restaurant: 28th, 29th and 30th noon.
- 2 suppers at the tournament restaurant: 28th and 29th evening.

Price per person: **140€ (single room: 195€)**

Option: Each additional night: **50€ (single room: 85€)**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: THIS FORMULA IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE STRONG RAISE OF PRICES FOR HOTELS AND FOOD, FOR THESE PEOPLE ONLY THE BREAKFASTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE PRICE.

2. Formula B (two nights at the 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: **110€ (single room: 140€, if available)**

Option: Each additional night: **40€ (single room: 60€, if available)**

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3. Formula C (only lunches)

This formula consists of 3 lunches at the tournament restaurant: 28th, 29th and 30th for 14 people.

Price per team: **400€ (cost of the meals + participation fee)**

4. Formula D (no hotel or lunches)

Price per team: **175€ (participation fee)**



Participation costs for two days competitions **(U12)**

There is **no participation fee** for teams in Formula E and F.

Four participation formulas are possible:

5. Formula E (one night at the hotel – full board)

This formula consists of:

- 1 night in one of our hotels, in double or triple room (27th for MU12, 29th for WU12).
- Breakfast buffet in the hotel on the day of the stay. (28th for MU12, 30th for WU12)
- 2 lunches at the tournament restaurant: (27th and 28th for MU12, 29th and 30th for WU12)
- 1 supper at the tournament restaurant: (27th for MU12, 29th for WU12)

Price per person: 80€ (single room: 105€)

Option: Each additional night: 50€ (single room: 85€)

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6. Formula F (one night at the hostel – full board)

The formula is the same as formula E, 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: 60€ (single room: 80€, if available)

Option: Each additional night: 40€ (single room: 60€, if available)

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7. Formula G (only lunches)

This formula consists of 2 lunches at the tournament restaurant for 14 people on the days of the tournament.

Price per team: 250€ (cost of the meals + participation fee)

8. Formula H (no hotel or lunches)

Price per team: 100€ (participation fee)

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

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