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(BELGIUM)





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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. We continue to work hard to keep our standards from the past, focusing on 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.

Categories (Men and Women):

- 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.

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 U17 competitions: 28 till 30 December 2023
- MU12 competition: 27 till 28 December 2023
- WU12 competition: 29 till 30 December 2023



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
- International Xmas coaches clinic – Part 1 – Topic U12/ U14



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 – Topic U16/U19

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



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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.
- **Three point contest**
- **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

YEAR	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
MEN U19		
2022	BASKET@SEA OOSTENDE (BELGIUM)	BASKETBALL ACADEMY LIMBURG (NETHERLANDS)
2021	ALBA BERLIN (GERMANY)	BASKETBALL ACADEMY LIMBURG (NETHERLANDS)
2019	BELGRADE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (SERBIA)	ANTWERP GIANTS (BELGIUM)
2018	BASKET@SEA OOSTENDE (BELGIUM)	NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON (USA)
WOMEN U19		
2022	TRIPLE THREAT HAARLEM (NETHERLANDS)	LDP DONZA (BELGIUM)
2021	ON BASKET WAREGEM (BELGIUM)	LITHUANIAN REGIONAL TEAM (LITHUANIA)
2019	KORTRIJK SPURS (BELGIUM)	ION WAREGEM (BELGIUM)
2018	BBC SINT KATELIJNE WAVER (BELGIUM)	ISRAEL BASKETBALL ACADEMY (ISRAEL)
MEN U16		
2022	BASKETBALL ACADEMY LIMBURG (NETHERLANDS)	FALCO GENT (BELGIUM)
2019	FIKEO TEAM (FRANCE)	ANTWERP GIANTS (BELGIUM)
2018	ISRAEL BASKETBALL ACADEMY (ISRAEL)	BASKETBALL ACADEMY LIMBURG (NETHERLANDS)
2017	ZAZA PACHULIA ACADEMY (GEORGIA)	BASKET@SEA OOSTENDE (BELGIUM)
WOMEN U16		
2022	PHANTOMS BOOM (BELGIUM)	CASTORS BRAINE (BELGIUM)
2019	SPARTA&K MOSCOW (RUSSIA)	BELGRADE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (SERBIA)
2018	AWBB SELECTION (BELGIUM)	BELGRADE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (SERBIA)
2017	BELGRADE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (SERBIA)	DBC WAREGEM (BELGIUM)
MEN U14		
2022	BG ZEHLENDORF BERLIN (GERMANY)	UNITED BASKET WOLUWE (BELGIUM)
2019	BS LEIDEN (NETHERLANDS)	FALCO GENT (BELGIUM)
2018	WOLUWE UNITED (BELGIUM)	BC KHARKOV (UKRAINE)
2017	FIKEO SELECTION (FRANCE)	LIMBURG UNITED (BELGIUM)
WOMEN U14		
2022	BASKET ION WAREGEM (BELGIUM)	RED VIC WILRIJK (BELGIUM)
2019	KORTRIJK SPURS (BELGIUM)	FIKEO TEAM (FRANCE)
2018	SBBK GO5 SÖDERTALJE (SWEDEN)	BASKET NAMUR CAPITALE (BELGIUM)
2017	FENERBAHÇE ISTANBUL (TURKEY)	NOTRE DAME LEUVEN (BELGIUM)
MEN U12		
2022	NORTH LIMBURG BASKETBALL ACADEMY (BELGIUM)	NEW BAVI VILVOORDE (BELGIUM)
2019	ON WAREGEM (BELGIUM)	SELECTION VALAIS (SWITZERLAND)
2018	K-BT KORTRIJK (BELGIUM)	FALCO GENT (BELGIUM)
2017	FRENCHY PHENOMS (FRANCE)	UCCLE EUROPE (BELGIUM)
WOMEN U12 (SINCE 2018)		
2022	KORTRIJK SPURS (BELGIUM)	ION BASKET WAREGEM (BELGIUM)
2019	LIMBURG LIZARDS (BELGIUM)	KORTRIJK SPURS (BELGIUM)
2018	SPIROU LADIES CHARLEROI (BELGIUM)	LIMBURG LIZARDS (BELGIUM)



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NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS		
YEAR	TEAMS	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES
2022	155	14
2021	16	6
2020	COVID CANCELLATION	
2019	172	17
2018	150	16
2017	148	17
2016	126	17
2015	125	16
2014	108	17
2013	104	16
2012	71	15
2011	68	12
2010	54	9
2009	34	9
2008	18	5
2007	16	3
2006	13	3



FORMER MVP		
YEAR	MEN	WOMEN
2022	KOBE GRYPONPREZ (BELGIUM)	PHOENIX STOTIJN (NETHERLANDS)
2021	ODIN VERHOEVEN (NETHERLANDS)	EMMA VINDEVOGHEL (BELGIUM)
2019	BRANISLAV SUZnjeV (SERBIA)	MARIA SEMENOVA (RUSSIA)
2018	SERVAAS BUYSCHAERT (BELGIUM)	AMÉLIE BROHET (BELGIUM)
2017	LEANDER DEDROOGH (BELGIUM)	MARIJA FILIPOVIC (SERBIA)
2016	SERVAAS BUYSCHAERT (BELGIUM)	TESSE KAPENGA (BELGIUM)
2015	KOEN JORNO (ISRAEL)	BILLY MASSEY (BELGIUM)
2014	THOMAS AKYAZILI (BELGIUM)	JEANNINE GUYT (NETHERLANDS)
2013	KANDA KANYINDA (BELGIUM)	SARA SOFIE MORTENSEN (DANMARK)
2012	VINCENT KESTELOOT (BELGIUM)	MANCA JELENC (SLOVENIA)
2011	ROKAS GUSTYS (LITHUANIA)	LISANNE DE JONGE (NETHERLANDS)
2010	OJOMOH RETIN (BELGIUM)	NOT ORGANIZED
2009	DAVID VALVERDÜ (SPAIN)	NOT ORGANIZED
2008	YANNICK DESIRON (BELGIUM)	NOT ORGANIZED
2007	LARS DE LEPELEIRE (BELGIUM)	NOT ORGANIZED





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Lodging

- 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.

More information: www.x-mastournament.be

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.

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



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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



Brussels



Ypres



Gent



PARTICIPATION COSTS

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THREE DAYS COMPETITIONS (U19- U16 AND U14)

FORMULA A (TWO NIGHTS AT THE ***HOTEL – FULL BOARD)

This formula consists of:

- Participation Fee
- 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, 28th and 30th noon.
- 2 suppers at the tournament restaurant: 28th and 29th evening.

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

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: FORMULA A 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. FOR PLAYERS AND COACHING STAFF, ALL THE MEALS ARE INCLUDED.

FORMULA B (TWO NIGHTS AT THE *HOSTEL – FULL BOARD)

This formula consists of:

- Participation Fee
- 2 nights (28th and 29th) in one of our hotels, in double or triple room at the youth hostel Groeninghe in Kortrijk or in Ibis Budget Wasquehal..
- Breakfast buffet in the hotel on 29th and 30th.
- 3 lunches at the tournament restaurant: 28th, 28th and 30th noon.
- 2 suppers at the tournament restaurant: 28th and 29th evening.

Price per person: 110€ (single room: 140€, if available)

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

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FORMULA C (ONLY LUNCHES)

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

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- 3 lunches at the tournament restaurant: 28th, 29th and 30th for 14 people.
- Participation Fee

Price per team: 400€

FORMULA D (ONLY PARTICIPATION)

This formula consists of:

- Participation Fee

Price per team: 175€



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TWO DAYS COMPETITIONS (U12)

FORMULA E (ONE NIGHTS AT THE ***HOTEL – FULL BOARD)

This formula consists of:

- Participation Fee
- 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€)

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

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FORMULA F (ONE NIGHT AT THE *HOSTEL – FULL BOARD)

This formula consists of:

- Participation Fee
- 1 night in one of our hotels, in double or triple room (27th for MU12, 29th for WU12) at the youth hostel Groeninghe in Kortrijk or in Ibis Budget Wasquehal.
- 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: 60€ (single room: 140€, if available)

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

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FORMULA G (ONLY LUNCHES)

This formula consists of:

- 2 lunches at the tournament restaurant on the days of the tournament for 14 people.
- Participation Fee

Price per team: 250€

FORMULA H (ONLY PARTICIPATION)

This formula consists of:

- Participation Fee

Price per team: 100€





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REGISTRATION



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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.

Point of contact for all information:

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Mail: peter@x-mastournament.be
Skype: peter_de_lepeleire
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