



***2021***



***3-5 April 2021***  
***KORTRIJK (BELGIUM)***



## **INVITATION**

### **International Easter Edition in Kortrijk (Belgium)**

*2020 will be a year to remember, and unfortunately the main reason for it will be Covid-19.*

*As we had to cancel the 15<sup>th</sup> edition of our International X-Mas Tournament, and as teams are lacking competitions on high level, we decided to offer the better teams another opportunity to meet and compete in Kortrijk. Exceptionally, we will organize an Easter Event, **for Men Under 19 and Women Under 17.***

*The **2021 Easter Edition** will apply the same principles as the traditional Aquarius X-Mas Tournament, and will focus on high standards, both on and off the courts. We will however only be able to accept a limited number of teams: **In both age groups, we will be able to accept 8 teams (one per country).***

***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:*

***As we don't know how the situation will evolve in the coming months, we keep all options open. We will strictly apply health regulations and will not take any risk if the virus is not under control. 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:

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2020**

#### Categories:

- **Men Under 19** (year of birth 2002 or later)
- **Women Under 17** (year of birth 2004 or later)

#### Number of games:

**FIVE games for each team.**



## **Easter Event program**

### **April 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

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



### **April 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

- *Registration of the teams at the tournament sites.*
- *Start of the competitions at 10 Hr.*
- *Two qualifying games for every team.*
- *Coaches clinic in Kortrijk (to be confirmed).*



### **April 4<sup>th</sup>:**

- *Two qualifying games for every team.*

### **April 5<sup>th</sup>:**

- *Finals and ranking games*
- *Rewards immediately after the last game of the team*
- *MVP election after every final*



## **Information about the competitions**

- **Game site:** *Venue Lange Munte Kortrijk (Bad Godesberglaan 22, 8500 Kortrijk).*
- **Game length:** *4 x 10'.*
- **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.*

## Practical issues

### Lodging (more details on our website)

- All teams can be accommodated in very high-level hotels.
- **Teams wanting to lower costs can stay at 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 April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, and supper on December 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>) will be served at the tournament restaurants (at the gyms). Fruit and vegetables will be part of all meals.

### 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, shuttle service will be organized for transporting those teams that arrived without own transport means.

## Media

- The most recent information about the tournament is available on the tournament's web site (<http://www.x-mastournament.be>) and you can also follow the event, and receive all latest news through our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/XMastournament>).
- **To be confirmed: All games will be on Livestream !!!**

## Other activities

- Kortrijk is both a historical city AND a very well-known shopping city.
- In the vicinity, 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

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 (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) in one of our hotels, in double or triple room.
- Breakfast buffet in the hotel on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 3 lunches at the tournament restaurant: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> noon.
- 2 suppers at the tournament restaurant: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 (no hotel or lunches)**

**Price per team: 200€ (participation fee)**



## 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  
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