



*2015*



*27 – 29 december  
KORTRIJK (BELGIUM)*



## INVITATION

### **10<sup>th</sup> International Coca Cola Christmas Tournament, in Kortrijk (Belgium)**

We kindly invite you at the **10<sup>th</sup> Coca Cola international Youth X-Mas Tournament**, the highest ranked youth basketball tournament in Western Europe. This year again, we will gather some of the best international youth teams, for a top level competition, and we grant quality both on and around the courts. In our short history, we hosted teams from **25 different countries, including the United States and Canada**. It's simple: Teams always enjoy coming back to Kortrijk !

The overall principle of the tournament remains unchanged. Thanks to the experience of the past years, and the feedback of the participants, we will try to organize a splendid edition in 2015. The main changes this year:

- **A competition Men Under 17 will be organized, instead of Men Under 16.**
- **International referees (Eurocup candidates !) in the MU19 Invitational.**
- **A new formula is added for those teams wanting to stay in a youth hostel, reducing the participation cost.**

#### Dates:

**December 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 2015**

#### Categories:

- **Men Under 19 Invitational (year of birth 1997 or later) \***
- **Women Under 19 Invitational (year of birth 1997 or later)**
- **Men Under 19 Open (year of birth 1997 or later)**
- **Men Under 17 Open (year of birth 1999 or later)**
- **Women Under 17 Open (year of birth 1999 or later)**
- **Mixed Under 14 Open (year of birth 2002 or later)**

*\*: for this competition, a separate invitation is forwarded*

#### Number of teams:

**In each age group, the number of teams will be limited to maximum 16 teams.**

#### Number of games:

**FIVE or SIX games for each team.**



## **Tournament information**

- *For granting a high competition level, participation is only open for teams playing on the highest competition level in their respective countries.*
- **Start of the tournament:** Sunday December 27<sup>th</sup> at 9Hr.
- **End of tournament:** Tuesday December 29<sup>th</sup> at 18.30 Hr. All teams will however receive their rewards immediately after their last game. This for allowing those teams who have to travel far to leave earlier.
- **Locations:** Kortrijk, Wevelgem, Deerlijk, Dottignies and Zwevegem (BELGIUM). These places are all located at minor distances from one another.
- **Game length:** 4 x 10' for the MU19 Invitational competition and for all others 4 x 8' (stopped time).

- **Rewards:**

- **Coach Van Kers**, a living legend of coaching in Belgium will offer the MVP awards for all men's competitions.
- **An Wauters**, multiple European player of the year will offer the "An Wauters MVP Awards" for all women's competitions.
- On each site a **3 point shooting contest** will be organized. The winners will be awarded.
- In MU19, a **dunk contest** will be organized. The winner will be awarded.



- **Referees:** All games will be led by 2 or 3 official referees, under FIBA rules. All tournament referees are part of the FIBA, the national or regional talent pool.
- Men U19 will be split into two categories:
  - An "Invitational" will be organized, with a mixture of top level national and club teams. These teams will receive a separate invitation. Clubs wishing to participate in this competition can however contact the organizer by mail.
  - An "Open" competition with all other Men U19 teams.

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## **Tournament program**

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

- Arrival of teams wishing to stay an additional night in Kortrijk.
- Coaches clinic (to be confirmed)
- Reception at the Kortrijk City Hall

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

- Arrival of the teams.
- Registration at the tournament site.
- Registration in the respective hotels.
- Opening ceremony.
- Two qualifying games for every team.
- Three point contest in Kortrijk
- Tournament for U12 - qualifying games



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

- Two qualifying games for every team.
- Evening: three points contest (except in Kortrijk) and dunk contest (MU19).
- Tournament for U12 - final games
- Tournament for U10 - qualifying games

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

- Semifinals and finals.
- Tournament for U10 - final games
- Medal ceremonies.
- MVP election.
- Shooting competition for local teams.



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## Past winners

### Men U19 Invitational

2011: Atletas Kaunas (Lithuania)	wins final vs	Canarias Basketball Academy (Spain)
2012: Belgrade Basketball Association (Serbia)		National Team of Hungary
2013: Antwerp Giants (Belgium)		Israel Basketball Academy (Israel)
2014: Antwerp Giants (Belgium)		Belgrade Basketball Association (Serbia)

### Women U19 Invitational

2011: National team of the Netherlands	BK Petrzalka Bratislava (Slovakia)
2012: ZKK Triglav (Slovenia)	BK Petrzalka Bratislava (Slovakia)
2013: BMS Copenhagen (Denmark)	Flemish Selection (Belgium)
2014: Grasshoppers (Netherlands)	BMS Copenhagen (Denmark)

### Men U19 Open

2006: Power Wevelgem (Belgium)	Vaillante Jupille (Belgium)
2007: Antwerp Giants (Belgium)	Power Wevelgem (Belgium)
2008: BBC Kontich (Belgium)	Giants Bergen op Zoom (Netherlands)
2009: CBiuM Manresa (Spain)	Bent Shoes Waregem (Belgium)
2010: National Team of Norway	Flemish Selection (Belgium)
2011: BCM Gravelines (France)	Falco Gent (Belgium)
2012: Okapi Aalst (Belgium)	Kortrijk Sport CB (Belgium)
2013: Centre de Formation AWBB (Belgium)	BBA Ludwigsburg (Germany)
2014: BK Perkunas (Lithuania)	Limburg United Lotto Academy (Belgium)

### Men U17 Open (Men U16 till 2014)

2006: Power Wevelgem (Belgium)	Leuven Bears (Belgium)
2007: Duva Gistel Oostende (Belgium)	Bent Shoes Waregem (Belgium)
2008: National Team of England	Bent Shoes Waregem (Belgium)
2009: Flemish Selection (Belgium)	Castors Braine (Belgium)
2010: Flemish Selection (Belgium)	BBA Ludwigsburg (Germany)
2011: Kortrijk Sport CB (Belgium)	Willibies Antwerpen (Belgium)
2012: National Team of the Netherlands	Gembo Borgerhout (Belgium)
2013: Canarias Basketball Academy (Spain)	Antwerp Giants (Belgium)
2014: Antwerp Giants (Belgium)	CBA Amsterdam (Netherlands)

### Women U17 Open

2014: BBA Ludwigsburg (Germany)	Israel Basketball Academy (Israel)
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### Mixed U14 Open

2009: Tornados Kaunas (Lithuania)	Kortrijk Sport CB (Belgium)
2010: Flemish Selection (Belgium)	Bavi Vilvoorde (Belgium)
2011: Bent Shoes Waregem (Belgium)	Selection Pas-de-Calais (France)
2012: BBLZ Giessen (Germany)	Okapi Aalst (Belgium)
2013: Kortrijk Sport CB (Belgium)	Racing Brugge (Belgium)
2014: CBA Amsterdam (Netherlands)	K-Basket BT Kortrijk (Belgium)



### Mixed U12 Regional

2013: Antwerp Giants (Belgium)

2014: Tiger Zwevegem Deerlijk (Belgium)

Bent Shoes Waregem (Belgium)

Olympic Mont sur Marchienne (Belgium)

### Mixed U10 Regional

2013: Kortrijk Sport CB (Belgium)

2014: Olympic Mont sur Marchienne (Belgium)

BT Kortrijk (Belgium)

Okapi Aalst (Belgium)

### Number of participants

The number of participants increased every year. An overview:

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: ?		



### Former MVPs (in our main age groups)

#### 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)

#### Women

Lisanne De Jonge (NETHERLANDS)  
 Manca Jelenc (SLOVENIA)  
 Sara Sofie Mortensen (DANMARK)  
 Jeannine Guyt (NETHERLANDS)





## **Practical issues**

- **Lodging** (more details on our website)

One of the strong points of the organisation is the lodging accommodation. All teams can be accommodated in very high level hotels. The provisional list of hotels:

- **Altia Hotel** in Neuville-en-Ferrain ([www.altia-hotel.com](http://www.altia-hotel.com))
- **Mercure Hotel** in Marcq-en-Baroeul ([www.mercure.com](http://www.mercure.com))
- **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))
- **Focus Hotel** in Kortrijk ([www.focushotel.be](http://www.focushotel.be))
- **Best Western Hotel Alizé** in Mouscron ([www.hotellize.be](http://www.hotellize.be))
- **Best Western Ambassador Hotel** in Menen ([www.ambassadorhotel.be](http://www.ambassadorhotel.be))
- **NEW !** We offer an additional formula for your stay. Teams wanting to lower costs can stay in the new Youth Hostel "Groeninghe" in Kortrijk. ([www.jeugdherbergen.be/nl/jeugdherbergen/in-de-stad/kortrijk-groeninghe](http://www.jeugdherbergen.be/nl/jeugdherbergen/in-de-stad/kortrijk-groeninghe)) With some lesser comfort, but still high standard !
- Teams are not obliged to stay in one of our hotels. Teams can arrange their own accommodation (there are some low cost hotels in the neighbourhood) 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 will arrange this.
- An unlimited number of friends, family,... can be accommodated at the same hotels as the team during the tournament. Prices: see below.

- **Meals:**

- Breakfast buffet on December 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> will be served in the hotel. Every hotel offers a high standard breakfast buffet.
- The other tournament meals (5 in total: lunch on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 28 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). This year again, we did a huge effort for improving the quality of the nutrition. Fruit and vegetables will be part of all meals.
- It will be possible to order additional meals for teams arriving earlier or staying longer. We can propose several restaurants in Kortrijk that offer meals at very advantageous prices for our participants.
- 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.

- **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) 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 cost of **200 € per team**.
- During the tournament, all gyms can easily be reached by public transport.

- **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>)
- The situation of the registrations will be updated daily. During the tournament, the results will be adapted in real time.
- **New:** since 2013, the finals in the main age groups are 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)*



## **Participation costs**

There is **no participation fee** for teams that are lodging during the tournament.

Four formulas are possible for participation in the tournament:

### **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 high level 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.

**Favourable price per person: € 100,- (single room: € 140,-)**

*Maximum 14 people (12 players + coach + team manager) can benefit of this favourable price.*

**Each additional person: € 110,- (single room: € 150,-)**

- Breakfasts and other meals are also included

**Each additional night: € 35,- (single room: € 60,-)**

- Breakfasts included
- Price applicable for every person in the group (also parents,...)

### **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:*

**Favourable price per person: € 75,- (no single rooms available)**

**Each additional person: € 85,-**

**Each additional night: € 25,-**

### **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.*

**Favourable price per team: € 350,-**

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

*Teams choosing this formula pay a participation fee for the team: € 150,-*



## **Guarantee**

*For avoiding late forfeits, the payment of a guarantee before November 1st is mandatory. The registration will only be final when the guarantee is paid. The amount of the guarantee is: € 250.*

*In case of non notified absence of the team, the guarantee will not be reimbursed.*

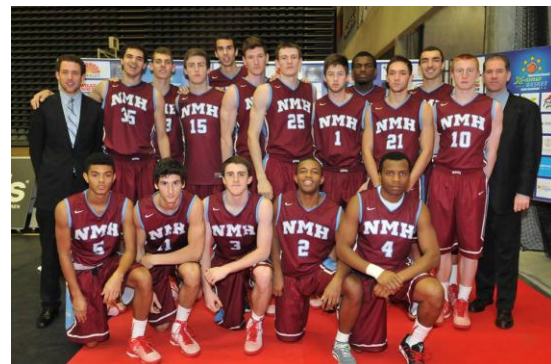
***In case of notified absence, the following rules are applicable:***

- 2 months before the tournament = reimbursement 100%*
- 1 month before the tournament = reimbursement 50%*
- Less than 30 days before the tournament = no reimbursement*

*Payment details will be forwarded to the participating clubs, immediately upon reception of the registration.*

*This guarantee is to be paid on the account below: (mentioning club name and age group)*

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



## **REGISTRATION FORM**

*Name of the club:*

*Country:*

*Registers for the 2015 Coca Cola X-Mas Tournament in the category:*

- *Men Under 19*
- *Men Under 17*
- *Mixed Under 14*
- *Women Under 19*
- *Women Under 17*


*please mention "X" in the  
chosen categories*

*Formula:*

- *Formula A: Accommodation 2 nights (hotel)*
- *Formula B: Accommodation 2 nights (youth hostel)*
- *Formula C: Only lunches*
- *Formula D: No lodging or lunches*


*(Please indicate the chosen formula)*

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*Responsible of the club:*

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