### **World Championships of Stratego XXIV**

Netherlands, Amsterdam

# Tolhuistuin IJpromenade 2, 1031 KT Amsterdam

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> of August Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> of August





## Preface

Dear strategist,

Welcome to the XXIV edition of the World Championships of Stratego. This year held in the Netherlands, Amsterdam!

We are very pleased to welcome you to the Netherlands, a country with a long Stratego history. Previous editions of the World Championships have been held in other big cities such as London, Berlin, Kiev, Thessaloniki and Antwerp. This year, we welcome you to Amsterdam.

This event will be hosted by StrategoBond Nederland (Dutch Stratego Association). We are grateful to our international partners in the International Stratego Federation (ISF) for placing their trust in us by granting the World Championships 2023 to the Netherlands.

We also are very grateful to our long-term partner and main sponsor of this event, Jumbo. Because of their dedication to Stratego they have made it possible to host the World Championships at a prestigious premium location this year. Stratego is one of Jumbo's biggest games and their support for this event is much appreciated.

Let's have a lot of fun playing our favourite game and let's make it a wonderful World Championship together!

Dutch Stratego Association Pim Niemeijer & Dennis Baas

# **Playing venue**

The World Championships of Stratego will be held in a venue called "**Tolhuistuin**" near the Amsterdam Central Station. The venue features a wonderful playing room as well as a nice restaurant where you can get plenty of food and drinks. Tolhuistuin hosts many successful events throughout the year, and this year they will also be hosting the World Championships of Stratego. According to the website, the restaurant only accepts electronic (PIN) payments

### Address

IJpromenade 2, 1031 KT Amsterdam





# **Events & Schedules**

#### **Events**

The World Championships of Stratego consists of several events hosted on several days.

Date	Day	Event(s)	Costs
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	WC Barrage	€5
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	WC Classic SENIORS Day 1/2 (5 games)	€25
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	WC Classic SENIORS Day 2/2 (5 games)	110.552
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	WC Classic JUNIORS	€10
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Open Amsterdam 2023 Classic (5 games)	Free
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	WC Country Teams Classic	Free

Barrage is the short version of Stratego, both players get 8 pieces (1x Marshal. 1x General. 1x Miner. 2x Scout. 1x Spy. 1x Bomb. 1x Flag).

Classic is the version everyone knows so well, both players get full armies of 40 pieces.

Clock settings and other info can be found under Rules & Regulations.

### Schedules

The WC Team is still working out some details and exciting side-events which require additional extensive planning and coordination. Once finalised, the WC Team will publish the time schedules. The schedules will not differ greatly from recent World Championships.

# **Registration & Requirements**

### Requirements

The World Championships of Stratego in Amsterdam are open to everyone willing and able to participate. You do not need to have a (long) history of playing live Stratego tournaments. If this would be your first live tournament, that is perfectly fine, and you are welcome just as much!

### Registration

Players who pre-register in time for the World Championships can participate against a reduced rate. This reduced rate is available by registering via either the Dutch or English sign-up form **before the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2023, 23.59 Dutch local time**. Players who register after this date will be able to do so against the standard rate, which is € 10 on top of the rates offered in this document under Events & Schedules, per event.

Within the registration form, you can select the events in which you would like to participate.

In case your participation is conditional, for example you are willing to participate in the country teams but not the open tournament or vice versa, use the comments field (question 9)

Registration links / info can be found on the next page.

### **Registration link English:**

https://online.forms.app/strategobondnederland/wc2023registration

#### **Registration link Dutch:**

https://online.forms.app/strategobondnederland/wk2023registratie

### **Alternatives:**

- Send an e-mail to <u>strategobondnederland@gmail.com</u> containing the same information as within the registration forms. Doing so prior to the dates mentioned on the previous page means you can still get the discounted rate.
- 2) Sign up during one of the playing dates (standard, non-discounted entry fee applies)

### **Contact info**

In case of any questions or need of assistance, you can contact the WC 2023 team at: strategobondnederland@gmail.com

#### Juniors

If you are a junior player and would prefer to play with the seniors instead; besides filling in the registration form, you should contact <u>strategobondnederland@gmail.com</u> at your earliest convenience so that we can look and evaluate the request. Note that if you participate in the seniors event, you will play the second day (Saturday) In the seniors event as well. You are considered a junior player in case your age is 15, or you will reach this age in the current year.

By participating as a junior, in the senior event, you are no longer eligible for any prizes from the junior category.

# **Rules, Regulations & Clock settings**

#### **International rules**

If you are a new player, we have a reference to the most important live tournament rules. You can find the English version here: <u>http://www.strategobond.nl/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2021/11/Quick-guide\_EN.pdf</u>

Dutch version: <u>http://www.strategobond.nl/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Quick-guide-</u> NL 29 10 2018.pdf

Note that in case of contradicting information, the rules are published on: <u>https://isfstratego.kleier.net/docs/rulreg/isfgamerules.pdf</u> & <u>https://isfstratego.kleier.net/docs/rulreg/isftournamentregulations.pdf</u> take priority over the quick guide documents.

#### **Regulations for non-standard events**

#### WC Barrage

During the WC Barrage, players who are matched up against each other will play two games. In case the first game is finished before all other players have finished their match, they should wait in order to keep the clock synchronized.

Each game of a match is scored individually using regular scoring (6-3-1). If you win two games against the same opponent during a match, the score would be 12-2. If you were to draw twice against the same opponent during a match, the score would be 6-6. A loss and a draw would get you 7-7.

#### WC Country teams

A country team consists of four players fulfilling the requirements as outlawed by the ISF rules & regulations. In case a country only has three players but does participate in the WC Country teams, they forfeit the 4th board.

Priority is decided by finishing place during the WC Classic SENIORS event. In case a player declines, the next in line can enter.

In case a country does not have enough players to be eligible to enter (3 or more) the WC Country teams competition but does have a player, who despite not having participated in the WC Classic SENIORS event, that fulfils all requirement, they may enter this player instead. Priority still goes to those who did participate during the WC Classic SENIORS event.

### **Clock times**

Event	Setup	Playing	Clock	Free
	time	time	Sec. 1	and the second
WC Barrage	1 min	9 min	2.03 min	3 seconds
WC Classic SENIORS	5 min	60 min	16.04 min	4 seconds
WC Classic JUNIORS	5 min	50 min	12.04 min	4 seconds
Open Amsterdam	5 min	50 min	12.04 min	4 seconds
WC Country teams	5 min	50 min	12.04 min	4 seconds

**Event:** The event that uses the clock settings.

Setup: Time to set up your pieces.

**Playing time:** Maximum duration of a match (can be increased by not using maximum setup time).

**Clock:** Personal buffer time for each player.

Free: Number of seconds you can spend before your clock time decreases permanently.

# Prizes

The WC Team is still working on some details regarding exciting and exclusive prizes. The next version will have this section up to date.

# **Travel & Parking**

All information in this chapter is to the best of our knowledge, the WC Team is not responsible nor liable for the correctness of the information.

#### **Public transport**

There are several ways to make use of the public transportation system in the Netherlands. You can find this here: <u>https://www.holland.com/global/tourism/getting-</u> <u>around/information/public-transport/ov-chip-card-5.htm</u>

Alternatively, an extensive explanation can be found here: <u>https://www.amsterdamtips.com/ov-chipkaart</u>

#### **Route planning**

One of the easiest ways to plan your public transport route in the Netherlands is by making use of the following website/app: <u>https://9292.nl/en</u>

You can also use the website/app from Dutch Railways: https://www.ns.nl/en

#### **Dutch Railways trains**

Depending on your staying venue, you might have to use one of the trains. Here are some terms:

**Intercity:** A train that skips smaller stations. Excellent for connecting bigger stations with each other.

**Sprinter:** A train that stops at all stations. Excellent for going to or from a more remote location.

**Intercity Direct:** A high speed train. If you travel between Schiphol Airport – Rotterdam Central Station, you are required to purchase as supplement. Going between Schiphol Airport – Amsterdam Central Station, you will not require this supplement. If you travel between Schiphol Airport – Rotterdam Central Station but do not get onboard of an Intercity Direct train, no supplement is required. More info: <u>https://www.ns.nl/en/seasontickets/campaigns/other/intercity-direct-supplement.html</u>

### Parking

For visitors coming by car: parking can be done in several ways. Note that there is no option to park directly next to the location.

Park and Ride Amsterdam Noord – this costs 6 EUR per day if you arrive after 10:00 in the morning. One of the cheapest options, but you have to buy a public transport option to go to the city center. Make sure to check all terms and conditions. The ferry to the Tolhuistuin leaves from Amsterdam Central Station, which is in the city centre, so this should not be a problem. There are a couple of other park and rides as well across the city. Maximum parking is 4 days. The City of Amsterdam site shows availability https://www.amsterdam.nl/en/parking/park-ride/

**Mobi** – with bicycle rental in Amsterdam Tower. An option closer to the location, you must make a reservation. The parking fee is 0 if you select the option to rent an adult bicycle. Check the rates for more details <u>https://www.mobian.global/en/product/mobihub-pr-adam-toren-f8ba757cc06c4392bb812c9086da29ee</u>

**Parking on the street.** The rate is 1.4 EUR per hour from 0900 to 1900. Sunday from 1200 to 1900 in Amsterdam Noord on the orange zone on the map. Closer to the Tolhuistuin it is EUR 3,50 per hour in the red zone. See <a href="https://amsterdam-maps.bma-collective.com/embed/parkeren/tarieven/">https://amsterdam-maps.bma-collective.com/embed/parkeren/tarieven/</a> for more details

## **Staying venues**

Here you can find some hotels where you could stay. https://all.accor.com/hotel/A3P2/index.en.shtml https://www.hotel-bb.com/en/nl https://www.parkplazaamsterdamairport.com/ https://www.bastionhotels.com/en-gb/hotels/hotel-schiphol-hoofddorp

You can also find a hotel more to your liking using services such as:

https://www.booking.com/ https://www.trivago.co.uk/

### Assistance

If you need any help or suggestions regarding staying venues, you can contact us at <a href="mailto:strategobondnederland@gmail.com">strategobondnederland@gmail.com</a>