



# STRATEGO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS XXII

**Dear Strategist,**

From August 22-25 2019, the World Championship of Stratego will return to the United Kingdom for the first time in 8 years. This year it will be held in the Steel City of Sheffield, close to the famous Sherwood Forest - Robin Hood's territory.

The World Championship is open for all participants. Young and old beginners and experienced players, everyone will meet opponents of a sort of similar level. The World Championship is the ideal event to meet new and old Stratego friends from all over the world to enjoy the game.

In this invitation you will find all the information regarding the Stratego World Championships including the detailed playing schedule and the tournament rules. We are looking forward to your participation in the biggest Stratego event of the year at the prestigious Hilton hotel!

See you in Sheffield,

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*Organisation Team WC STRATEGO 2019*

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# Things to do in Sheffield

- Just an hour's drive from Sheffield is the home of the legendary Robin Hood of Sherwood Forest. On some days in the summer, you can even have a go at archery as well as other summer events.



- Why not go and see a play at the world-famous Crucible Theatre, which is also used as the annual venue for the World Snooker Championships?

- Sheffield's steel is famous around the world. You can visit the Kelham Island Museum, which is a 15-minute walk from the hotel. It tells the story of Sheffield's industrial heritage, and features a working steam engine.



- At a 40-minute drive from the venue, you'll find caverns and caves including Speedwell Cavern, Treak Cliff Cavern and Peak Cavern. Why not combine your visit with a trip up into the Peak District National Park and visit the caverns, and enjoy the delights of the English countryside - or local crafted jewellery?

- Sheffield is a famous sporting city. We have the grounds of Sheffield Wednesday and Sheffield United, and the oldest football club in the world (Sheffield FC, dating back to 1857). Some of the world's top boxers train in Sheffield, including world heavyweight champion Anthony Joshua at the English Institute for Sport. You can even try your hand at axe throwing at Valhalla Axe Throwing, just a 25-minute walk from the playing venue!

- The Meadowhall shopping mall is one of the biggest in the United Kingdom, a 20-25 minute ride on the Sheffield Supertram from the playing venue.



- Our younger participants might be interested in visiting the National Videogame museum, a museum dedicated to computer gaming. It's a 5-10 minute walk from the Hilton hotel.





# Venue

This year's event will take place at the wonderful Hilton hotel in Sheffield (Victoria Quays, Furnival Road, Sheffield S4 7YA), an appropriate venue for an event of this calibre! We have negotiated a special rate through Bridge Overseas, which organise tournaments for board games across the world.



You can book online at:

<https://www.guaranteedevents.com/stratego-worlds-2019>

For single players the cost is £69 per night including free hot breakfast. For twin / double rooms the cost is £79 per night (or £39.50 per person) including free hot breakfast.

Don't forget to book early whilst we still have availability!

# The Tournament

## Main programme

<b>Thursday 22-08:</b>	Official Opening WC 2019
<b>Thursday 22-08:</b>	WC Ultimate Lightning & WC Stratego Barrage
<b>Friday 23-08:</b>	WC Classic rounds 1 to 5
<b>Saturday 24-08:</b>	WC Classic rounds 6 to 10 & WC JUNIOR players
<b>Sunday 25-08:</b>	WC Country teams & Sheffield Open Tournament

## Entry fees

Tickets can be bought on the day.

	<b>Normal price</b>
<b>WC BARRAGE:</b>	£ 7.50
<b>WC CLASSIC:</b>	£ 25.00
<b>WC JUNIOR PLAYERS:</b>	£ 7.50
<b>WC COUNTRY TEAMS:</b>	FREE
<b>SHEFFIELD OPEN</b>	FREE
<b>WC ULTIMATE LIGHTNING</b>	£ 7.50

**Discounted ticket for 2 events = £30 (juniors £12.50)**

**Discounted ticket for 3 events = £35 (juniors £15)**

Trophies and medals will be awarded to the top competitors in all sections, with other souvenirs being given as special prizes. If we have 50+ entries for the main World Championships, cash prizes will also be awarded (details to be announced, depending on number of entries).



# Itinerary

## Thursday 22 August, day 1

10:00 – 11:00 Meeting of organisational team

### Ultimate Lightning Individual WC

11:00 – 11:30 Arrival and registration of participants

11:30 – 11:40 Explanation of tournament/game rules

11:45 – 12:15 1st round

12:15 – 12:45 2nd round

12:45 – 13:15 *Lunch break*

13:15 – 13:45 3rd round

13:45 – 14:15 4th round

14:15 – 14:45 5th round



### Barrage Individual WC

14:45 - 15:15 Arrival and registration of participants

15:30 – 15:45 Explanation of tournament/game rules

15:50 – 16:10 1st round

16:15 – 16:35 2nd round

16:40 – 17:00 3rd round

17:05 – 17:25 4th round

17:30 – 17:50 5th round

17:50 – 18:20 *Break*

18:20 – 18:40 6th round

18:45 – 19:05 7th round

19:10 – 19:30 8th round

19:35 – 19:45 Awards ceremony (UL & Barrage)



## Friday 23 August, day 2

### WC Classic (rounds 1 - 5)

08:30 – 09:30 Meeting of organisational team

09:30 – 10:30 Arrival and registration of players

10:35 – 11:00 Opening and introduction of organising team

Explaining the tournament setup and rules

11:00 – 11:20 Group photo

11:30 – 12:35 Round 1

12:40 – 13:45 Round 2

13:45 – 14:45 *Lunch break*

14:45 – 15:50 Round 3

15:55 – 17:00 Round 4

17:00 – 17:15 *Short break*

17:15 – 18:20 Round 5





## **Saturday 24 August, day 3**

### **WC Classic (rounds 6 - 10)**

09:30 – 10:30 Meeting of organisational team

10:30 – 10:55 Players arrive and pairing round 6

11:00 – 12:05 Round 6

12:10 – 13:15 Round 7

*13:15 – 14:15 Lunch break*

14:15 – 15:20 Round 8

15:25 – 16:30 Round 9

*16:30 – 16:45 Short break*

16:45 – 17:50 Round 10

18:20 – 18:45 Awards Ceremony



### **WC Juniors**

09:30 – 10:00 Arrival and registration of players

10:00 – 10:30 Opening introduction from the WC organising team  
Explaining the tournament setup and rules

10:30 – 10:45 Group photo

11:00 – 11:45 Round 1

11:50 – 12:35 Round 2

12:40 – 13:25 Round 3

*13:25 – 14:25 Lunch break*

14:25 – 15:10 Round 4

15:15 – 16:00 Round 5

*16:00 – 16:15 Short break*

16:15 – 17:00 Round 6

17:05 – 17:50 Round 7

18:20 – 18:45 Awards Ceremony



## **Sunday 25 August, day 4**

### **WC Country Teams**

09:30 – 10:00 Meeting of organisational team

10:00 – 10:30 Arrival of qualified players and group photo

10:30 – 16:10 WC Country Teams (schedule dependent on participating teams)

16:10 – 16:30 Awards Ceremony

### **Sheffield Open**

10:00 – 10:30 Arrival and registration of players

10:45 – 11:40 Round 1

11:45 – 12:40 Round 2

*12:40 – 13:10 Lunch break*

13:10 – 14:05 Round 3

14:10 – 15:05 Round 4

15:10 – 16:05 Round 5

16:10 – 16:30 Awards Ceremony



# Tournament Rules

- We use the original Jumbo Game rules, ISF game Rules & ISF tournament rules: <http://isfstratego.kleier.net/rulreg.html>
- New players are welcome provided they know the basic rules. Key tournament rules will be briefly explained at the start of the tournament.
- All events are led by the WC Organisation Team. Their decisions are binding.
- The WC Barrage, WC Classic and Sheffield Open all count for the International STRATEGO Rating: <http://www.kleier.net/rating/general/index.php>.
- The WC will be paired according to the Swiss Perfect system. This means that every player competes in all rounds of the tournament (no knock-out system).
- Seniors and Juniors play during all events with the most recent version of the classic European pieces. Everyone born in 2005 or later is a Junior player.
- The best 4 Classic players of each country qualify for the WC Country Teams.
- If one or more qualified players do not participate, the no. 5 qualifies, then the no. 6, no. 7, etc. Every national Team must have at least 3 players.

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## Clock Times

During the WC we use Bronstein clocks for all games.	
<b>Play time for WC Barrage</b>	1 min setup time + 9 minutes play time. 3 sec per move are free. Start time on clock 02.03. After 9 minutes the game ends in a draw.
<b>Play time for WC Ultimate Lightning</b>	2 min setup time + 28 min play time. 3 seconds per move are free. Start time on clock 05.03. After 28 minutes the game ends in a draw.
<b>Play time for WC Classic</b>	5 min setup time + 60 min play time. 4 seconds per move are free. Start time on clock 16.04. After 60 minutes the game ends in a draw.
<b>Play time for WC Country Teams and Sheffield Open</b>	5 min setup time + 50 minutes play time. 4 seconds per move are free. Start time on clock 12.04. After 50 minutes the game ends in a draw.
Play times for WC Junior Players TBC	

## Contact Details

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**On Sunday 18th August, just a few days before this event, the Stratego Duel World Championships will be held in London as part of the Mind Sports Olympiad. The MSO Stratego Classic Championships will take place in the afternoon. For more details, please visit [www.msoworld.com](http://www.msoworld.com).**