

World Championships of Stratego XXIV

Netherlands, Amsterdam

Tolhuistuin

IJpromenade 2, 1031 KT Amsterdam

Thursday, 10th of August -

Sunday, 13th 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
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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. Registration fees are paid to the organisation by cash only.

Address

IJpromenade 2, 1031 KT Amsterdam



Events & Schedules

World Championship Events

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

Date	Day	Event(s)	Costs
August 10 th	Thursday	WC Barrage	€ 10
August 11 th	Friday	WC Classic Day 1/2 (5 games)	€ 35
August 12 th	Saturday	WC Classic Day 2/2 (5 games)	
August 13 th	Sunday	Open Amsterdam 2023 Classic (5 games)	Free
August 13 th	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

Thursday, 10th of August:	Begin	End
Barrage		
Google DeepMind Presentation (Page 8)	13:00	13:30
<i>Player registration</i>	13:30	14:00
Round 1	14:00	14:25
Round 2	14:25	14:50
Round 3	14:50	15:15
<i>Break</i>	15:15	15:30
Round 4	15:30	15:55
Round 5	15:55	16:20
Round 6	16:20	16:45
Round 7	16:45	17:10
<i>Break</i>	17:10	17:25
Round 8	17:25	17:50
Round 9	17:50	18:15
<i>Prize ceremony</i>	18:20	18:30
Wanted 5 Games Stratego Online Presentation Drinks & Social (Page 8)	18:30	

Friday, 11th of August: WC Classic (Day 1 of 2)	Begin	End
<i>Player registration</i>	10:30	11:30
<i>Introduction</i>	11:30	11:45
<i>Group picture</i>	11:45	11:50
Round 1	11:50	12:55
<i>Round 2</i>	13:00	14:05
<i>Break</i>	14:05	15:20
Round 3	15:20	16:25
Round 4	16:30	17:35
<i>Break</i>	17:35	17:50
<i>Round 5</i>	17:50	18:55
Start partner program Zaanse Schans (Page 8)	11:00	

Saturday, 12th of August: WC Classic (Day 2 out of 2)	Begin	End
Round 6	11:30	12:35
Round 7	12:40	13:45
<i>Break</i>	13:45	14:45
Round 8	14:45	15:50
Round 9	15:55	17:00
<i>Break</i>	17:00	17:15
Round 10	17:15	18:20
<i>Prize ceremony</i>	18:40	19:00

Sunday, 13th of August: Open Amsterdam	Begin	End
<i>Registration</i>	09:30	10:00
Round 1	10:05	11:00
Round 2	11:05	12:00
<i>Break</i>	12:00	13:00
Round 3	13:00	13:55
Round 4	14:00	14:55
<i>Break</i>	14:55	15:10
Round 5	15:10	16:05
<i>Prize ceremony</i>	16:25	16:45

Sunday, 13th of August: WC Country Teams

For the world country teams we will base the schedule on participation. We will announce the times (roughly equal to the Open Amsterdam) on Saturday.

Special Events

Google DeepMind – Stratego AI

A delegation from Google DeepMind will be at the World Championship to meet the world's top Stratego players. On Thursday, 10th of August 2023 (13:00 – 13:30) an expert from Google DeepMind will talk about AI and Stratego.

During the World Championships there will be opportunities for players and visitors to play against the Stratego AI agent on a laptop provided by Google DeepMind.

It is prohibited to make recordings or photographs and such of the Stratego AI agent. Other special rules apply.

Wanted 5 Games – Stratego Online

On Thursday, 10th of August 2023 (starting 18:30) there will be a Meet the Development Team event organized by Wanted 5 Games. At this event there will be opportunities to see more about the upcoming Stratego Online project and discuss the beta testing and other topics with the Wanted 5 Games team.

The Wanted 5 Games team will be hosting this event with some drinks.

Partner Program – Zaanse Schans

On Friday, 11th of August 2023 (starting 11:00), a partner program is available. This partner program is a train trip to the Zaanse Schans. At the location, there will be a walk featuring classic Dutch windmills and other buildings (<https://www.dezaanseschans.nl/>).

Transport and (if applicable) entry fees are paid by the participants.

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

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:

- 1) Send an e-mail to strategobondnederland@gmail.com containing the same information as within the registration forms
- 2) Sign up during one of the playing dates (standard 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

For this event all participants of the WC Classic will play in the same event. Junior players have their own prize category (top three).

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: http://www.strategobond.nl/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Quick-guide_EN.pdf

Dutch version: http://www.strategobond.nl/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Quick-guide-NL_29_10_2018.pdf

Note that in case of contradicting information, the rules are published on: <https://isfstratego.kleier.net/docs/rulreg/isfgamerules.pdf> & <https://isfstratego.kleier.net/docs/rulreg/isftournamentregulations.pdf> 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 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 event, that fulfils all requirement, they may enter this player instead. Priority still goes to those who did participate during the WC Classic event.

Clock times

Event	Setup time	Playing time	Clock	Free
WC Barrage	1 min	9 min	2.03 min	3 seconds
WC Classic	5 min	60 min	16.04 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

Barrage

The top three will receive prizes.

First place: Special Stratego Trophy – 3D Printed by CT3d.nl

Places 2 & 3: Medals

WC Classic

The top seven will receive prizes.

Top three: Special Stratego Trophy (Gold, Silver, Bronze) – 3D Printed by CT3d.nl

Places 4 – 7: Trophies

For junior players in this event, we have trophies for the top three.

Open Amsterdam

The top three will receive prizes.

Top three: Trophies

WC Country Teams

The top three countries will receive prizes.

Top three: Medals for each player per country (4x Gold, 4x Silver, 4x Bronze)

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: <https://www.holland.com/global/tourism/getting-around/information/public-transport/ov-chip-card-5.htm>

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

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: <https://9292.nl/en>

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: <https://www.ns.nl/en/season-tickets/campaigns/other/intercity-direct-supplement.html>

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 <https://www.mobian.global/en/product/mobihub-pr-adam-toren-f8ba757cc06c4392bb812c9086da29ee>

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 <https://amsterdam-maps.bma-collective.com/embed/parkeren/tarieven/> 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 strategobondnederland@gmail.com