



Invitation

Open World Championships Stratego 2012

24, 25 en 26 August in Haastrecht, the Netherlands

*Individual WC Seniors, Individual WC Juniors
WC National Teams & Open Haastrecht/Gouda*



Preface

From 24 August 2012 on the 15th Stratego World Championship will be held in the Dutch town of Haastrecht. Haastrecht is located near Gouda (which in turn is located in between Utrecht, Rotterdam and Amsterdam). It will be an open WC in which everyone can participate. Young and old players, beginners and advanced players; everyone will meet an opponent on more or less the same level. Fun, excitement and the chance to gain eternal fame will be central themes of the Stratego WC. Apart from that there will also be game prizes, cups, medals and several monetary prizes to be won.

Stratego is one of the most popular board games of all times. All over the world more than 20 million Stratego board games have been sold. Many generation have grown up with this amazing game where players with red and blue armies try to out-manoeuvre each other with strategically and tactically superior moves. Ever more often Stratego is also played online. Because of its popularity, in 2012 the game creator Jumbo has launched www.stratego.com, an international online Stratego game.

Every year the International Stratego Federation (ISF) organises the WC Stratego via one of its associated countries. In 2012 the Dutch Stratego Federation has the honour to organise the WC. We chose the Cultureel Centrum Concordia in Haastrecht as our venue. Haastrecht is a very traditional Dutch village with a very central location in the conurbation "Randstad". It offers a very comfortable atmosphere for playing a good tournament while enjoying refreshments and having fun.

Jumbo is the main sponsor of the WC Stratego 2012. We appreciate that Jumbo supports the WC. With this support we can offer a top notch tournament at a great location, without having to increase the registration fee. The cooperation between Jumbo has been renewed in 2012. We are looking forward to a sustainable extension of this cooperation in the long run.

At the end of August we will know if Adrian Hangg (world champion of the juniors) and Richard Ratcliffe (world champion of the seniors) are able to successfully prolong their titles. Or if there will be a new champion on the podium. And we will know which strategists in 2012 have made the most progress. On behalf of the International Stratego Federation, Strategobond Nederland invites everyone to show that they dare join the battle of the Stratego World Championship 2012. See you at the WC!

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Venue

• *Cultureel Centrum Concordia (see picture)*
Concordiaplein 1, 2851 VV Haastrecht (near Gouda)
Telephone 0031 (0)182 502202, www.cultureelcentrumconcordia.nl
Concordia can be reached quite easily by public or private transportation and parking is free of charge.

In the Concordia's Grand Cafe you can get coffee, tea, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages at relatively low cost. During lunch time warm meals are available. On the small menu you can also find sandwiches and Dutch snacks. On Saturday there will be the possibility to join the common dinner (buffet) for only € 15. In the surroundings of the Concordia there is ample opportunity to relax in your spare time. We will make sure that there will be at least one football available.



Program and registration fees

• *Program*

Friday 24 August: Individual WC Seniors, rounds 1-5
Saturday 25 August: Individual WC Seniors, rounds 6-10
Saturday 25 August: Individual WC Juniors, rounds 1-7
Sunday 26 August: WC for National teams
Sunday 26 August: Open Haastrecht/Gouda

• *Registration fees*

Individual WC Seniors: € 20 p.p.
Individual WC Juniors: € 10 p.p.
WC for country teams: free
Open Haastrecht/Gouda: free

Trophies

On the events of the WC the following special WC trophies, cups, medals and prize money can be won:

Individual WC Seniors

- 1st place: Special WC trophy and € 250
- 2nd place: Special WC trophy and € 150
- 3rd place: Special WC trophy and € 100
- 4th - 10th place: Cup
- Best relative performance: € 100

How this relative performance is to be evaluated will be communicated during the WC.

Individual WC Juniors

- 1st place: Special WC trophy and € 50
- 2nd place: Special WC trophy and € 25
- 3rd place: Special WC trophy and € 15
- 4th and 5th place: Cup

WC for country teams

- 1st - 3rd place: 4 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze medals

Open Haastrecht/Gouda:

- 1st - 3rd place: Cup



Route Description

• *Public Transportation*

Take the train to the railway station Gouda (not Gouda Goverwelle). Take bus 180 to Haastrecht. Get off at the fourth stop (Haastrecht dorp). The bus station is on the city centre ("centrum") side of the railway station. On Fridays and Saturdays the bus departs twice per hour, at .01 and .31. On Sundays the bus departs once per hours, at .37. People who come from outside the Netherlands can buy a ticket on the bus.

• *By car from Utrecht (A 12)*

Leave the A12 at the exit Woerden (exit 14). At the end of the exit you turn to the left in the direction of Linschoten/Montfoort via the N 204. After 6km you turn to the right at the roundabout and take the N 228 in the direction of Oudewater, Haastrecht and Gouda. After 13km you will arrive in Haastrecht. On the big roundabout you take the third exit in the direction of Vlist. After 75m you arrive at the Concordia (on your right). For the Concordiaplein (main entrance and parking lot) you have to keep driving for 150m and then enter the residential area to your right. Keep to the right until you arrive at the Concordia parking area.

• *By car from Rotterdam (A 20)*

Leave the A 20 at the exit Moordrecht (exit 18). At the end of the exit take the N 456 in the direction of the roundabout which you will see at an approximately 50 meters' distance. Take the second exit of the roundabout in the direction of Gouda on the N 456. Then keep to the right at the roundabout and turn on the N 207 in the direction of Gouda/Haastrecht. At the end of the N 207 (via the outer edges of Gouda with the river Hollandse IJssel to your right) turn to the right onto the Haastrechtse Brug (bridge) over the water in the direction of Haastrecht/Oudewater and after 100 meters you will see another roundabout. Take the third exit of the roundabout via the N 228 in the direction of Haastrecht. After 4 km you are entering Haastrecht. Take the first exit to the right on the big roundabout. After 75 meters you arrive at the Concordia (on your right). For the Concordiaplein (main entrance and parking lot) you have to keep driving for 150m and then enter the residential area to your right. Keep to the right until you arrive at the Concordia parking area.

• *By car from The Hague (A 12)*

Leave the A 12 at the exit Gouda (exit 11). At the end of the exit you turn to the right into the Goudse Poort (gas station to your right). At the second crossing you turn to the left onto the Burgemeester Jamessingel (train tracks to your right). Pass the train station (to your right) and you can drive into the rail tunnel via the Spoorstraat. After the tunnel you turn to the left onto the Blekersingel which will become the Fluwelensingel. At the end of the Fluwelensingel you turn to the left in the direction of N 207 Goejanverwelledijk. At the end of the N 207 (via outskirts of Gouda with the river Hollandse IJssel to your right) turn to the right onto the Haastrechtse Brug (bridge) over the water in the direction of Haastrecht/Oudewater. After 100m you will arrive at a roundabout. Take the third exit via the N 228 in the direction of Haastrecht. After 4km you will arrive in Haastrecht. At the big roundabout you will take the first exit to the right. After 75 meters you arrive at the Concordia (on your right). For the Concordiaplein (main entrance and parking lot) you have to keep driving for 150m and then enter the residential area to your right. Keep to the right until you arrive at the Concordia parking area.

Staying Overnight

• *Hotel Over de Brug, Veerlaan 1 Haastrecht*

We have made reservations for our foreign guests in this hotel.

Please book via Lenno Veerman, 0031 (0)6 51 321 299.

Costs: € 210 for a 2 person room for 3 nights including breakfast.

• *Hotel de Keizerskroon, Keizerstraat 11-13 Gouda*

Tel. 0031 (0)182 52 80 96. Hotel in Gouda City Centre.

Costs: € 88 per night for a two person room including breakfast.

Parking available on the parking lot of the Vest te Gouda

for € 7,50 a day. Please consult the hotel reception.

• *Hotel Utrechtse Dom, Geuzenstraat 6 Gouda*

Tel. 0031 (0)182 52 88 33. Hotel in Gouda City Centre.

Costs: € 88 per night for a two person room including breakfast.

Parking available on the parking lot Klein Amerika te Gouda

for € 7,50 a day. Please consult the hotel reception.

• *Best Western Hotel, Gouda*

Tel. 0031 (0)348 41 25 15 (until 13 August), 0031(0)182 86 00 86.

This new hotel in the city centre of Gouda opens on the 13th

of August. Costs: € 95 per night for a two person room including

breakfast.

• *Hotel Campanille, Kampenringweg 39/41 Gouda*

Tel. 0031 (0)182 53 55 55. Hotel located at the periphery of Gouda.

Costs: appr. € 70 per night for a two person room including breakfast.

Free parking available on the hotel's parking lot.

• *Hotel Abrona, Broeckerstraat 20 Oudewater*

Tel. 0031 (0)182 56 74 66. Hotel in the atmospheric Oudewater, at an

appr. 8km distance from Haastrecht and 14km from Gouda. Costs:

€ 90 per night for a two person room including breakfast.



Tournament regulation

- The Open WC Stratego 2012 will be held according to the ISF Tournament Regulations and ISF Game Rules, which are available at www.isfstratego.com
- Every player who knows the basic Stratego rules is qualified to participate. These rules will be explained before the tournament.
- The tournament will be accompanied by an Organisation and Referee Team. Their orders are binding and participants have to be acted upon immediately.
- Seniors will play with old pieces. Juniors (born in 1998 or later) will play with the new pieces.
- The WC will be played according to the Swiss Perfect System. This means every participant will play all 10 rounds (7 rounds for Juniors) of the tournament (no Knock-Out system).
- Players will play against participants of more or less equal strength.
- The game time for seniors is 60 minutes plus 5 minutes setup time. The time on the clock is 16.04 (16 minutes personal thinking time, 4 seconds are free per move). After 60 minutes the game ends in a draw.
- The game time for juniors is 40 minutes plus 5 minutes setup time. The time on the clock is 10.04 (10 minutes personal thinking time, 4 seconds are free per move). After 40 minutes the game ends in a draw.
- The game time for the Country teams WC and Open Haastrecht/ Gouda is 50 minutes plus 5 minutes setup time. The time on the clock is 12.04 (12 minutes personal thinking time, 4 seconds are free per move). After 50 minutes the game ends in a draw.
- Both Seniors and Juniors are allowed to play without clocks only if both players agree. If one player would like to play the game with using the clock, then both players have to use the clock during the game.
- After the Individual WC Stratego Seniors, the best four players of each country will qualify for the WC Team Competition. Each national team will consist of at least 3 participants.



Individual WC Seniors

• Friday 24 August, day 1 (round 1-5)

8:30 - 9:30	Meeting Organisation and Referee Team
9:30 - 10:30	Arrival/Registration of participants
10:35 - 11:00	Reception of participants. Introduction of and announcements from WC Organisation and Referee Team. Explaining Tournament and game rules
11:00 - 11:20	Group photo
11:20 - 11:30	Pairing 1st round and game preparation
11:30 - 12:35	1st round
12:40 - 13:45	2nd round
13:45 - 14:45	60 minutes break
14:45 - 15:50	3rd round
15:55 - 17:00	4th round
17:00 - 17:15	15 minutes break
17:15 - 18:20	5th round
18:25	End of day 1

• Saturday 25 August, day 2 (round 6-10)

9:30 - 10:30	Meeting Organisation and Referee Team
10:30 - 10:45	Reception of participants and pairing 6th round
10:45 - 11:50	6th round
11:55 - 13:00	7th round
13:00 - 14:00	60 minutes break
14:00 - 15:05	8th round
15:10 - 16:15	9th round
16:15 - 16:30	15 minutes break
16:30 - 17:35	10th round
17:35 - 18:20	45 minutes break
18:20	Awards ceremony and the end of WC Seniors

Individual WC Juniors

• *Saturday 25 August, round 1 up to 7*

9:30 - 10:00	Arrival and registration of participants
10:00 - 10:30	Reception of participants. Introduction of and announcements from WC Organisation and Referee Team. Explaining Tournament and game rules
10:30 - 10:45	Group photo
10:45 - 10:55	Pairing 1st round/game preparation
10:55 - 11:40	1st round
11:45 - 12:30	2nd round
12:30 - 13:30	60 minutes break
13:30 - 14:15	3rd round
14:20 - 15:05	4th round
15:05 - 15:20	15 minutes break
15:20 - 16:05	5th round
16:10 - 16:55	6th round
16:55 - 17:10	15 minutes break
17:10 - 17:55	7th round
17:55 - 18:20	25 minutes break
18:20	Awards ceremony and the end of WC Juniors

WC National Teams

• *Sunday 26 August*

10:00 - 10:15	Reception qualified participants National Teams
10:15 - 10:30	Group photo
10:00 - 16:00	WC National Teams (the exact game schedule will be announced on Sunday 26 August, depending on the number of participating countries)
16:10	Awards ceremony WC National Teams

Open Haastrecht

• *Sunday 26 August, round 1 up to 5*

9:00 - 9:15	Meeting Organisation and Referee Team
9:15 - 9:45	Arrival / Registration of participants of the Open Haastrecht
9:45 - 10:00	Reception participants Open Haastrecht and pairing first round
10:00 - 10:55	1st round
11:00 - 11:55	2nd round
12:00 - 12:55	3rd round
12:55 - 13:55	60 minutes break
13:55 - 14:50	4th round
14:55 - 16:00	5th round
16:10	Awards ceremony Open Haastrecht

Organisation

Lenno Veerman: Main organiser/referee

Tim Slagboom: Organiser (before tournament)

Dieter Krapp: Main referee/organiser

Ruka Silke Jungblut: Referee

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