



September 9 and 10 - Blankenberge Flanders Belgium

Youth Wheelchair Basketball Tournament

After a first edition in 2019 with four teams participating, we would be delighted to welcome you all.... Due to the pandemic the plans for a second edition in 2020 needed change and finally this year we can announce our 2023 edition. Once again we plan great wheelchairbasketball games, all taking place in one location very close to the Belgian seaside.

We hope to welcome you to our tournament. See you then!



In Short ... the when and the where ... the why

When – September 8-9-10 2023 – games on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th of September.

Where – **Sport Vlaanderen Blankenberge**

Our Goal – We target 4-6 competing teams from 3 nationalities, including our own youthteam. Currently we know that BC Ostend (Belgian team) will participate and hope to get team(s) from Germany, Netherlands, France and other ... to join. In order to be clear, we do not target “national selections” but are rather looking at teams of local clubs.

Blankenberge... Belgian coast

The venue is within easy reach using public transportation. The gym, the hostel and dining hall are all located at the same venue. All rooms have separate bathrooms, towels and sheets provided. The sports center is within walking distance from the railway station and approximately 600 m from the city centre, shops and the Belgian coast.

The accomodation itself disposes of 112 beds divided over 34 rooms. All rooms are located on the ground floor. The rooms are equipped for 2 or 4 persons. Each room has its own bathroom with sink, shower and toilet. Free wifi is provided in the hostel.

Ten rooms are fully adapted for wheelchair users !

Sport Vlaanderen Blankenberge has a large indoor sports hall of 46 by 32 meters, offering 3 courts. Here different sports can be practiced such as basketball, handball, volleyball, indoor soccer, badminton, volleyball, tennis, korfbal, ... and so much more.



About Leuven Bears On Wheels

Leuven Bears-on-Wheels (LBOW) is one of the senior teams of our parent club Stella Artois Leuven Bears competing in the National league and Regional level. In its history, LBOW won the Belgian Cup Final as well as the Cup of Flanders twice. This season we are playing with a core of players at National level and with a different mix in the Regional division. Our subdivision targeting Youth is called Junior Bears on Wheels (JBOW).

On a pure recreational level we added this team recently, we participate in recreational tournaments with upcoming players and those who choose to play sports for fun only.

LBOW consists of about 30 players ranging from beginners to highly experienced athletes. The most experienced players, supplemented by some promising youth players, compete in the National League. In the National competition we give the younger players the opportunity to gain experience on the court in order to further develop their technical skills. Youth players train very hard within JBOW (Junior Bears on Wheels – a sub-division of LBOW) and may eventually join our team in the National league or Regional division.

Our ambition is to raise the level of our team by continuous improvement of the technical skills and maybe even bring home another cup victory, National or Regional.



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