Netherlands Diplomacy Championship 2025

What: A Diplomacy tournament for players of all experience levels and nationalities.
When: 10 & 11 May 2025 (welcoming dinner on Friday), welcoming dinner on 9 May
Where: Lust, Oude Kijk in Het Jatstraat 58, Groningen, the Netherlands
Who can help: TD is Jelte Kuiper, reachable at +316 11854463 or jelte.kuiper@upcmail.nl

1. Preamble

The purpose of this tournament is to create an event where everyone has a good time. While competing to win is admirable, it does not define the success of the tournament and we deeply encourage it not to define whether you as an individual have a good time either. Some of this is on you and the attitude you bring to the event; but some of it is on the organisers. This overview is designed to give you an idea of how we do that.

When reading this overview, it is most important to understand the hierarchy of importance that motivates the tournament:

Highest: The safety of attendees (and other people we may share the space with).

Second: The community of Diplomacy players.

Third: The fairness and competitiveness of the event.

There is a code of conduct (NDC Code of Conduct). Read it.

I also draw your attention to the full rules (NDC 2025 Tournament rules). While these rules are laid out for clarity and fairness, fairness is a third-order consideration. The tournament director will not hesitate to override any or all of the rules if it is to ensure a safe environment and the safety of attendees.

2. Introduction

On 10 and 11 May 2025, the Netherlands Diplomacy Association (NDA) will organise the Netherlands Diplomacy Championship. The event is open to people of all nationalities and experience levels, from first time player to world champion, and there is no entrance fee. You can register via https://forms.gle/ezbyNT49u981NKEe8

2.1 Venue, accommodation, food

The tournament will take place in *Lust*, in the *Oude Kijk in Het Jatstraat 58*, in the centre of Groningen. To access the playing site, enter the restaurant and walk up the stairs at the back. If you are unable to use stairs, please contact the Tournament Director beforehand. Accommodation is the responsibility of players. Some possibilities to be considered are, with an indicated price for a room for a night for 2 persons.

- Hotel Corps de Garde, located near Lust. https://www.hotelcorpsdegarde.nl/en/€180
- Garde Hotel Halbert, located near Lust. https://www.hotelhalbert.nl/en/ €150
- Bud Gett Hostels, farther from Lust. https://www.budgetthostels.nl €75
- Hotel LABnul50, only 1 and 4 person rooms. https://www.labnul50.nl/hotel €75 (1p)

If you cannot afford a hotel stay for one or two nights or wish not to do so based on your economic situation, please contact the Tournament Director to look at alternative options for accommodation.

On Friday, there will be a guided tour through Groningen starting 16:00 in front of the train station. The guided tour will take around 75 minutes and the walking distance is 2.3 kilometers through terrain as flat as you'd imagine in the Netherlands. If you are interested in participating: please contact Jelte beforehand, so the tour doesn't start without you! The welcome dinner on Friday will be held in the Satéhuis in Groningen starting at 18:00. Most main courses are priced between €18 and €25, if this would be an obstacle for joining the dinner, please reach out to Jelte Kuiper.

Food and drinks can be ordered at the bar below the playing space. While it is not mandatory, I request every attendee to have dinner in Lust for they allow us to make use of their space for the tournament. One can order burgers, salads, fries and desserts with a full dish ranging from €10 to €15 in price. If you are unable to afford this, please contact the Tournament Director.

3. Tournament Setup

The tournament follows a three-round setup. On Saturday, registration closes at 10:30, with games starting at 11:00 *sharp*.

- Round 1 start: Saturday 10 May, 11:00. Expected end time: +/- 15:00
- Round 2 start: Saturday 10 May, 16:00. Expected end time: +/- 20:00
- Round 3 start: Sunday 11 May, 10:30. Expected end time including awards: +/- 15:00

When tables do not have 7 players, some may be asked to play two games simultaneously, or to forego one of the games.

4. Tournament scoring

The best two games of a player count fully towards the tournament score while the third best game only counts half. Individual games are scored by C-diplo Namur scoring, overview tables of which will be provided at the tournament, whose incentives are summarised as follows:

- A first place is alway better than a shared first place

- A shared first place is alway better than a second place
- A second place is alway better than a third place
- If you do not finish with a third place or better, your score depends on the number of centres you survive with

5. Adjudication

Spring turns are 17 mins, Fall turns are 15 mins. Retreats and adjustments are on the clock. There is a 2 minute no-negotiation phase for writing orders at the event of each phase. Adjudication is done by the table when possible, by TD or ATD when requested by any of the players. For full details of regulations, please read the complete rules. The games end either when

- When a player achieves an 18-centre victory (solo).
- After fall of 1907
- When the tournament director determines a game must end for safety reasons.
- When all players who still hold a centre agree to a draw via a public vote.

6. International travel recommendations

By plane: Amsterdam (Schiphol) and Bremen (Flughafen Bremen) are the closest major airports to Groningen. There is an airport near Groningen (Groningen airport Eelde) as well, but that is not accessible from most airports.

A one way train ticket from Schiphol-Groningen costs €30 and can be booked via https://www.ns.nl/en. I sincerely recommend buying a physical or downloadable ticket rather than something which has to be connected to a 'travel product'.

The tickets from Bremen Flughafen to Groningen take two transfers and should be ordered via https://int.bahn.de/en. I do recommend setting a minimum transfer time and making use of the option "show our best prices" to find those. While the prices vary, I expect one way tickets to be available for about €20.

By train: If you would be travelling through Germany, I recommend finding a ticket using https://int.bahn.de/en since they have the best website for booking tickets. If you are not, compare the offers of the Dutch, Belgian and - depending on where you are coming from - French and Spanish railway companies and choose the best option. In general, it is cheaper to buy one big ticket for the journey than several small ones.

By car: There are several locations outside of the city where you can park your car for free and buy a €6 bus ticket to the city centre. Use Parking | Gemeente Groningen for the complete information.