

 55th Edition

# EMPA **Tournament**

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# EMPA Greetings



Dear colleagues,

First of all, an extra special word of welcome for all our football loving friends and colleagues who have traveled far and wide to take part in this friendly competition. We literally appreciate you going the 'extra mile'.

This year we are particularly grateful to have you all here in the beautiful city of Antwerp, the second largest port in Europe and the city where EMPA was founded in 1963. The port of Antwerp is a unique deepsea port as it is located 80 kilometres inland, enabling faster and more sustainable transport into the European hinterland. The Port Authority building, dubbed the 'diamond ship', was designed by Dame Zaha Hadid and refers to Antwerp as the 'diamond city'. It rests on top of a replica of a 16th century warehouse and points towards the river Scheldt. Antwerp is also the home of the Kieldrecht Lock, the largest lock in the world, ensuring the ability to accommodate the ever larger ships calling at the port.

The port of Antwerp counts on specialised pilots with considerable experience and knowledge of the port infrastructure and its regulations in order to be able to provide advice on navigating and manoeuvring vessels. These are only a few of many factors that have contributed considerably to Antwerp developing into a leading world port.

I hope that you will enjoy our stay and that we will strengthen the bonds and the enthusiasm for pilotage that binds us all together. It is inspiring to have so many people here and I'm delighted to see the passion you have for football and for pilotage.

On behalf of EMPA, I wish you all the best of luck.

Aileen Van Raemdonck  
Secretary General EMPA



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# Welcome

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of LOODSWEZEN dab, it is my pleasure to welcome you all to the 55th EMPA football tournament. We are very proud of welcoming you in Antwerp, Europe's second largest seaport, and within the top 20 globally. With a total of 346 pilots we guarantee safe & smooth piloting of vessels from and to the Flemish Ports. The city is also known for its diamond industry and trade. Furthermore Belgium is also a well-known foodie destination. Just indulge in one of our waffles, a Belgian beer or a box of chocolate and you'll know what I'm talking about. I hope that you will have an opportunity to enjoy and discover this great city and its surroundings.

Antwerp hosted the 1920 Summer Olympics, the first games after WWI, and the only Olympic games to be hosted in Belgium. The streets of Antwerp were used for the road cycling events, while the boxing and wrestling events were staged at the Antwerp Zoo. Since 1880 Antwerp is also home of football club Royal Antwerp F.C.. It goes without saying that Belgians like sports, especially football. Therefore it is no surprise that the EMPA takes place in Antwerp this year. During this annual tournament pilots from all over Europe come together to informally strengthen the bonds, an initiative that must last.

I would like to thank the organization for making this year's EMPA tournament happen and make it once more a big success. May the best team win!

Herman Van Driessche  
Director Loodswezen dab

# In tune with the world



# Tournament Schedule

## Thursday 16 May

3:00 pm - Arrival at hotels

7:30 pm - Captain's meeting at Horta

8:00 pm - Welcome drawing party at Horta

## Friday 17 May

### >Football

8:15 am - Transfer to the football pitches

9:30 am - Start of first games at Park Groot Schijn

11:30 - 12:30 Lunch

2:45 pm - Small final

3:30 pm - Final

4:00 pm - Happy Hour

5:00 pm - Return to hotels

### >Ladies Tour

9:00 am - Start of the Ladies Tour Experience at hotel lobby

12:30 pm - Lunch at Café Storm (situated at MAS)

2:15 pm - Departure by bus to fields or  
public transport to hotel

**7:00 pm - Dinner party at**

**Astrid Radisson Blu Ballroom**

## Saturday 18 May

Enjoy the city of Antwerp and have a safe trip home



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# Thank you

Dear Colleagues,

Because our pilot football tournament has its roots in Belgium, we are very proud to host edition number 55 again in our country. We are pleased to welcome you in the beautiful city of Antwerp, although the organisation is a joint venture between the 3 pilot sport associations of Ostend, Ghent and Antwerp.

Since 2010 we are playing as one Belgium team because we had difficulties to find enough players to form two teams. And the last few years there are more and more teams having the same problem. That is why we are very happy and proud that there are 168 players this year representing 8 different nations! We especially welcome the Antwerp dock pilots, who are here with a full team for the first time.

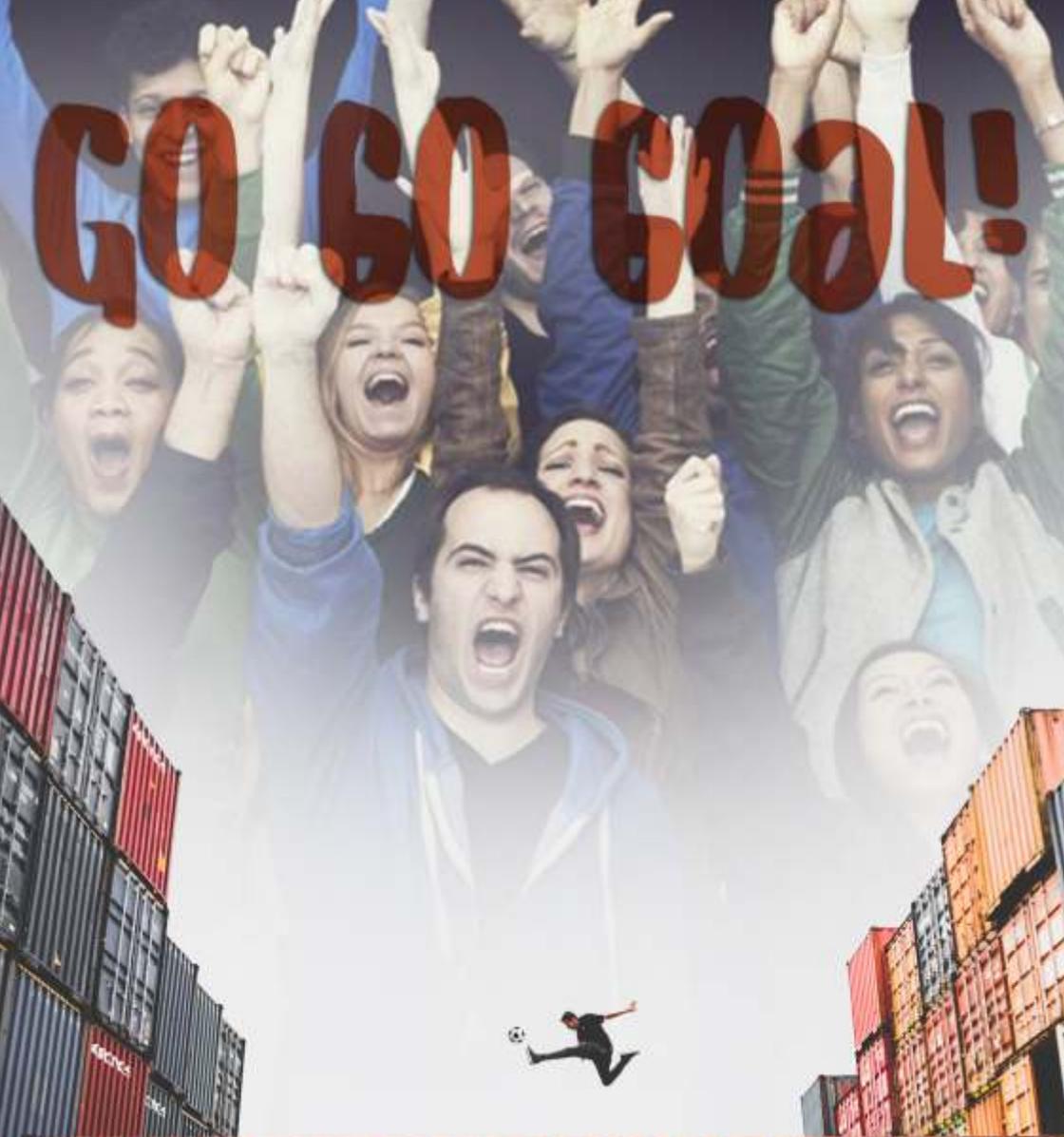
Of course everybody is here for the tournament but if you have some spare time I hope you can visit some of the city. Central Station, De Meir, De Groenplaats, the Cathedral and off course the River Schelde are just a few beautiful places but there are many more...

Finally I would like to thank everybody from the organising committee and all the volunteers. Also a very big thank you to all our sponsors and especially to Multraship!

Hopefully you all enjoy yourself and may the best team win!!

Dirk D'hondt  
President Pilot Sport Association Antwerp.

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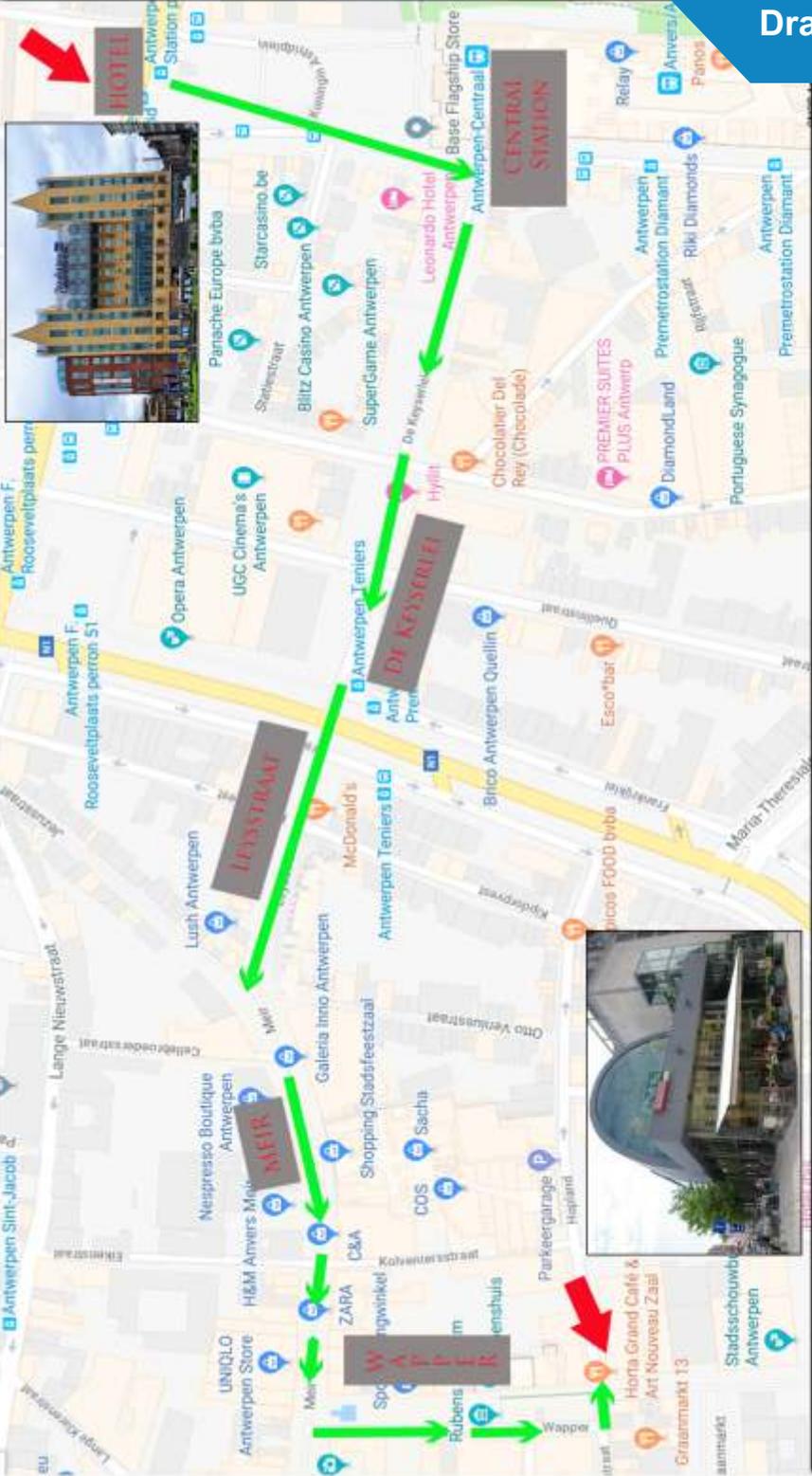


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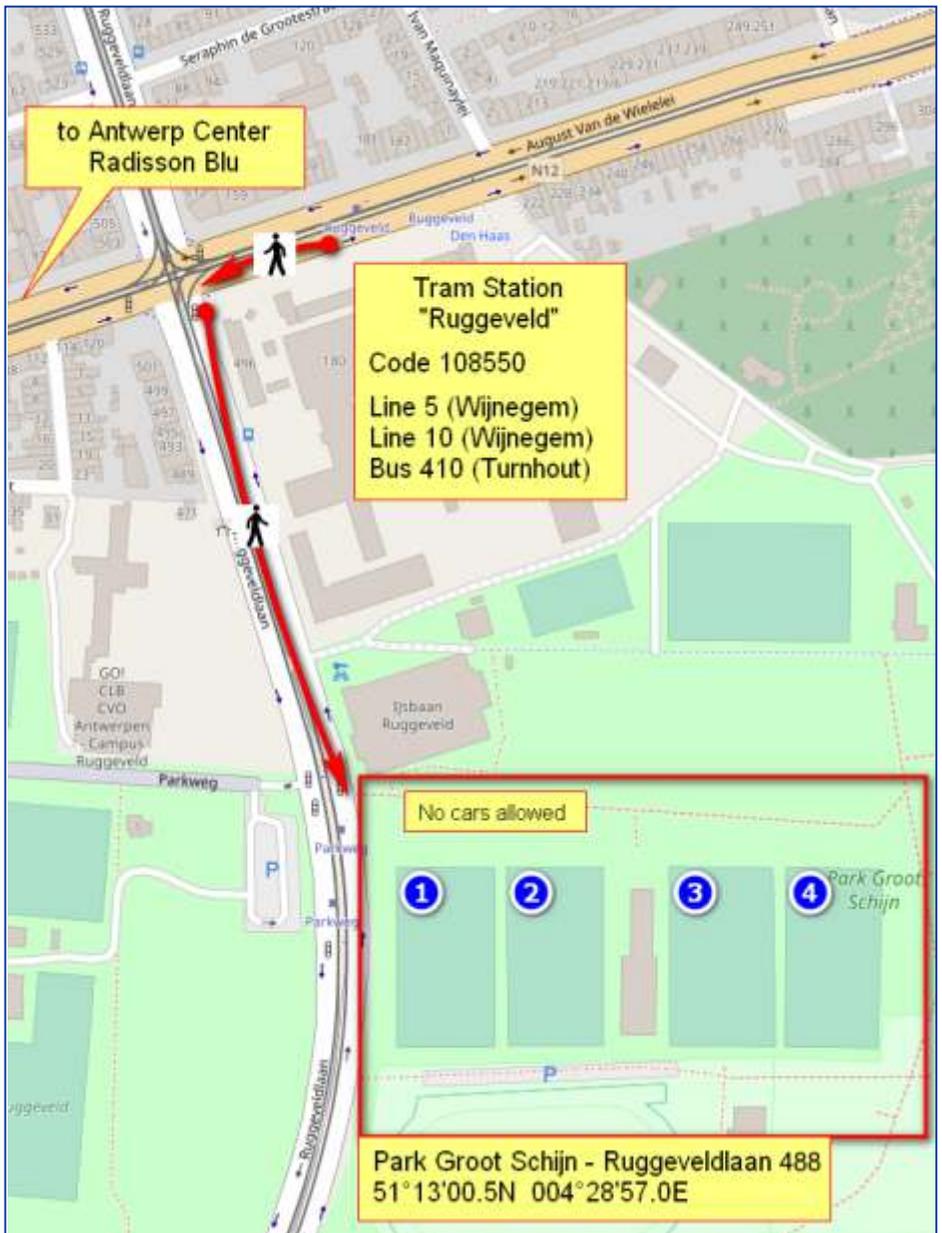


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# Competition Rules

First of all: the main directive is '**FAIR PLAY**'

The usual FIFA rules apply. **11 players** per team. No VAR.

Each game **2x15min**, an additional minute to shift sides.

Substitutions may be made at **any time** according referee acceptance on the middle line. **No limit** to the number of substitutions.

Yellow card will result in a **3 min time penalty** for a player.

Red card will result in a **suspension** for the player until the end of the match.

The following rules will determine the team position of the group:

- **Win: 3pts, draw: 1pt, loss: 0pt**
- When teams have equal points, the position is decided on **goal difference**.
- If goal difference is equal, the **total goals scored** will count.
- If goals scored are equal, then **5 penalty kicks** will take place (then one by one until difference).
- If final games (final/small final) end in a draw, **2x5 min extra** will be played. If still equal, penalty kicks will apply as per above.

During all games, the **referees decisions are final**. There will be no linesmen present, except during the small final and the final.

In case teams are wearing similar colours, the first mentioned team will wear extra sports shirts.

The organizing team reserves the right to alter the program if necessary, and to rule on any matter not provided in the rules above.

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# Ranking & Pools

TEAM/YEAR	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	RATING	RANK
ROTTERDAM	1	1	1	6	2	9	4	1	5	5	3.5	1
WESER-EMS	6	6	3	1	3	1	7	3	7	3	4.0	2
UK	8	4	4	5	4	2	3	9	1	1	4.1	3
VLISSINGEN	5	7	8	3	6	3	1	2	10	2	4.7	4
NORWAY	@	@	@	@	@	7	2	7	2	6	4.8	5
ITALY	4	8	5	9	1	4	8	@	6	7	5.8	6
NOK/BALTIC	@	@	@	2	7	6	5	8	4	11	6.1	7
FRANCE	9	2	@	8	10	@	10	6	3	4	6.5	8
AMSTERDAM	3	5	6	4	9	10	9	5	11	10	7.2	9
KIEL	2	9	2	12	8	8	6	10	8	12	7.7	10
BELGIUM	7	3	9	11	5	5	11	11	12	9	8.3	11
HAMBURG	10	10	7	10	@	@	@	@	@	@	9.3	12
EMPA	12	@	10	@	@	@	12	12	9	8	10.5	13

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D

Pool W	Pool X	Pool Y	Pool Z

Final - 1st & 2nd Place		
Time	against	Score
15.30 - 16.00		-

Small Final - 3rd & 4th Place		
Time	against	Score
14.45 - 15.15		-

Field 1 - Matches in Pool A		
Time	against	Score
09.30 - 10.00		-
10.15 - 10.45		-
11.00 - 11.30		-

Field 2 - Matches in Pool B		
Time	against	Score
09.30 - 10.00		-
10.15 - 10.45		-
11.00 - 11.30		-

Field 3 - Matches in Pool C		
Time	against	Score
09.30 - 10.00		-
10.15 - 10.45		-
11.00 - 11.30		-

Field 4 - Matches in Pool D		
Time	against	Score
09.30 - 10.00		-
10.15 - 10.45		-
11.00 - 11.30		-

Field 1 - Matches in Pool W		
Time	against	Score
12.30 - 13.00		-
13.15 - 13.45		-
14.00 - 14.30		-

Field 2 - Matches in Pool X		
Time	against	Score
12.30 - 13.00		-
13.15 - 13.45		-
14.00 - 14.30		-

Field 3 - Matches in Pool Y		
Time	against	Score
12.30 - 13.00		-
13.15 - 13.45		-
14.00 - 14.30		-

Field 4 - Matches in Pool Z		
Time	against	Score
12.30 - 13.00		-
13.15 - 13.45		-
14.00 - 14.30		-

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when the ship will arrive...



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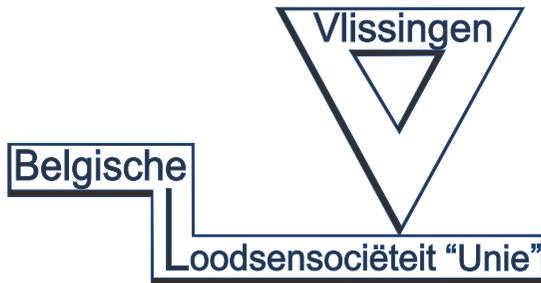
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