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# WELCOME TO HELMOND

## H.W.C. THE HELMVAARDERS

The club organizing the 2011 EK is H.W.C. the Helmvaarders. This canoe club has been involved in canoeing since 1935. With 140 members the Helmvaarders is a small club. Nevertheless, the Helmvaarders produces every year a number of slalom champions. With regard to canoe polo, the club is best known for it's organization of the annual HIT tournament. Every year in April approximately 60 teams from 6 to 8 European countries come to Helmond to compete for the titles. The organization of this tournament brought Helmond to the attention of the ECA. We are very proud to organize for the first time, a large international tournament, the ECC Canoe Polo.

## HELMOND

Helmond is a regional city with a population of approximately 90,000. The city has a rich industrial past and became large through the textile en metal industry. In the last decade, Helmond has, as part of the de Brainport region, developed to an innovative trend setter with respect to mobility. The strong economical sectors of the city are the automotive industry and food technology.

Recently this brainport region is called out the smartest region in the world 2011 by the Intelligent Community Forum!

The city centre of Helmond houses a medieval castle. This castle, which has been a town hall for many years, will be the place where the official opening ceremony, the team captains meeting and the referee's meeting will be held.



*Helmond Castle*

On the other side of the "Zuid Willemsvaart", the canal which played an important role in the economical development of the city, is the current town hall, Boscotondo. This building is not only functional as town hall, but also has a cinema and exhibition centre. The dominant workmanship of the building (built in 2004) was developed by the Italian architect Adolfo Natalin.



*Boscotondo*

## FOOD AND DRINK

There are many diverse restaurants in the centre of Helmond. There are Italian restaurants on de Steenweg ('Sicilia') and the Havenplein ('La Perla'), Chinese restaurant on de Markt ('Kota Radja') and de Marktstraat ('Indrapoera') a Greek restaurant on Zuid Koninginnewal. For French cuisine, there are restaurants on de Markt (Hotel Lambert), on de Steenweg (Hotel West Ende), on de Koninginnewal (Charlie Browns Place) and on Steenweg (het Parlement). At het Havenplein are also many restaurants.

## **TOURISM**

In case you are staying in Helmond, the Tourist information (VVV) is open during working days and Saturday mornings. The tourist information is located at de Markt 33

## **MARKET**

On Saturday is it especially busy in the centre of Helmond. This is when the weekly market is held. This market starts at 8:00am and is finished by 4:00pm.



*Market van Helmond*

## **ILLNESS OR INJURY**

During the tournament, there are medical officers present (first aid). In case urgent medical assistance is needed, one can easily be taken into the Elkerliek Hospital. In this hospital, surgeons and/or doctors will provide the help that is required, depending upon the degree of the injury. There is also a chemistry. The telephone number of the Emergency office of the hospital is : 0900-8861. If there is direct and urgent medical help needed, the ambulance can be contact via emergency number 112.

## **PARKING IN THE CITY HELMOND**

You can park in the centre of Helmond in one of the many parking garages. The garages are located on het Doorneind (Molenstraat), de Watermolenwal (City-sporthal), de Elzas Passage, Boscotondo (entrance via Steenweg).

You are required to pay to use the parking garages in the city. Take good care to parking fees and the times that you are required to pay.

## **POLICE**

If necessary, the organization will help you in situations where the police are needed. If you would like to personally contact the police, you can call them on 0900-8844. If you required urgent and direct help, you can also call the emergency number 112.



## SCHEDULE (PROVISIONAL)

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 – 22:00hrs	Free training
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 – 22:00hrs	Free training
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 – 16:00hrs	Free training
	15:00 – 22:00hrs	Accreditation
	15:00 – 22:00hrs	Equipment control
	19:00 – 20:00hrs	Grand opening!
	20:00 – 21:00hrs	Referees meeting
	21:00 – 21:30hrs	Team leader meeting
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	08:00 – 19:00hrs	Games 1 <sup>st</sup> round
	18:00 – 23:00hrs	Buffet and socialize
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	08:00 – 14:00hrs	Games
	14:45hrs	Women's Final
	15:30hrs	Men's Final
	16:30hrs	Prize giving ceremony



## REGISTRATION

**Form 1** team registration

**Form 2** accommodation, travelling and catering

Every team contains a maximum of 10 players.

A team is obliged to register at least 2 non playing referees!

Please make your registration complete by returning both forms before:

**August 15**

Send these forms to: ECC Canoe Polo 2011

By e-mail: [joris.heesakkers@zonnet.nl](mailto:joris.heesakkers@zonnet.nl)

By mail: HWC de Helmvaarders  
Postbus 1022  
5700 BA Helmond, The Netherlands

## PAYMENT

The entry fee for each team is € 100.00

With form 2 you can make the additional reservations.

The total cost must be paid by bank transfer before **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

Bank account	HWC de Helmvaarders	
	Rabobank Helmond	15.86.00.843
	BIC / SWIFT	RABONL2U
	IBAN	NL88 RABO 0158600843
Description:	ECC2011 + "team name"	

all info at:

[www.ecc-canoepolo2011.com](http://www.ecc-canoepolo2011.com)

## ACCOMMODATION

There are two hotels which are suitable to stay in, and are close to the playing fields. The hotels are located in the city and only 5 minutes ride from the competition venue:

### Hotel West Ende ([www.goldentulipwestende.nl](http://www.goldentulipwestende.nl))

#### Room rates

Standard room (TWN) single	€ 99,00
Standard room (TWN) double	€ 106,00
Deluxe room (DLX) single	€ 109.00
Deluxe room (DLX) double	€ 116.00

#### Not included:

Breakfast	per person	€ 13.95
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### Hotel Lambert ([www.st-lambert.nl](http://www.st-lambert.nl))

#### Room rates from Monday to Thursday

Single room (during the week)	€ 69.50
Double room (during the week)	€ 93.50
Double room (for one person)	€ 83.00
Triple room (during the week)	€ 120.00

#### Room rates from Friday to Sunday

Single (weekend)	€ 59.50
Double (weekend)	€ 78.50
Double (for one person) (weekend)	€ 66.40
Triple (weekend)	€ 96.00

All prices include breakfast

#### Not included:

Extra bed	€ 10.00
Breakfast and dinner (no lunch)	€ 24.50

\* check-in from 12.00 until 22.00, check-out before 11.00

Make your own reservation using the hotel's website.

#### **Good alternatives:**

Hotel De Brug in Mierlo (via [www.carlton.nl](http://www.carlton.nl))

- 10 minutes ride from the competition venue

Holiday park Bikkels in Vlierden (via [www.roompot.nl](http://www.roompot.nl))

Holiday park Wolfsven in Mierlo (via [www.roompot.nl](http://www.roompot.nl))

- These two holidays parks are within 15 minutes ride from the competition venue.

## CAMPING

It is also possible to camp (basic conditions) at the venue free of charge. There are toilets and showers available for use during your stay.

This campsite is only accessible to accredited team members and clear of cars.

Supporters and visitors who want to camp should contact the competition organization;

[joris.heesakkers@zonnet.nl](mailto:joris.heesakkers@zonnet.nl)

## CATERING

At the venue food (sandwiches, snacks etc.) and beverages will be sold during the day

Breakfast buffet (detailed menu will follow):

bread, eggs and bacon, cereals

Dinner buffet (detailed menu will follow):

Pasta's and salads

Breakfast buffet on Saturday morning € 7.50

Dinner buffet on Saturday evening € 10.00

Breakfast buffet on Sunday morning € 7.50

Prices are per person. Breakfast and buffet at the venue has to be ordered and paid in advance.

Use the registration *form 2*

## TRANSPORT

Check the website for all the transport possibilities. [www.ecc-canoepolo2011.com](http://www.ecc-canoepolo2011.com)

If you need transport from Eindhoven Airport to the venue and/or your hotel, please specify your request on registration *form 2*

## EINDHOVEN AIRPORT

This airport is nearby (20 minutes drive). [www.eindhovenairport.com](http://www.eindhovenairport.com)

Direct Flights are possible from e.g.: Barcelona, Madrid, Girona (Barcelona), London City, London Stansted, Milan Bergamo, Rome, Dublin, Faro, Porto, Praag, Stockholm, Warschau, Zurich.

Airlines: transavia, ryanair, wizzair