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Marten Walinga against Folkert Groenveld



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Our Mission

The aim of the WFD Foundation is to turn Frisian Draughts into a sport that is played internationally – by professionals, and amateurs alike, at regional and national levels in various countries, and by anyone around the world who loves challenging, strategic board games.

Strategy

The activities of the WFD Foundation comprise of building an international network of partner organisations, the study of Frisian Draughts and draughts in general, the development of tools for learning and practising Frisian Draughts and the organisation of draughts events.

Organisation

The WFD Foundation is associated with the World Draughts Federation FMJD. Frisian Draughts is recognised by the FMJD as an international mind sport.

Websites

www.frisiandraughts.com

www.lidraughts.org

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■ The match for the second world title in Frisian draughts

Walinga versus Groenveld

The match for the Frisian draughts world title will be played in the Harlingen Town Hall from 10 to 22 August 2021. It is the first time in history that a match will be played for this prestigious title. After a total of 11 games, the individual who has reached the highest total (with a minimum of 6 points), will be announced the winner.

In 2018, Marten Walinga was the first world champion who gained this title after the finals tournament in Leeuwarden. He had to play a deciding game against Alexander Georgiev, after they both reached a tie. In this play-off, he won against Georgiev.

In 2020, during the Fryslân Open 2020 tournament, Alexander Georgiev and Folkert Groenveld tied again in the final rounds, and there was yet another play-off. This time Groenveld won, making him the challenger in the upcoming match against Walinga.

During the match (which will be streamed on Twitch), there will be various online tournaments with good prize money. All tournaments will be played on the online platform www.lidraughts.org. The precise links to all those tournaments are in this booklet.

If you want to visit Harlingen during the match, you will likely not be allowed to visit the location of the match, due to pandemic regulations. However, 'Het Brouwdok' brewery will be showing the match on a big screen. There you can take part in the online tournaments and discuss all games of the match, whilst enjoying a pint of locally brewed beer.

For all visitors, in-person and online, we would like to say, Enjoy the games and have fun taking part in the tournaments, and to both players we say: "May the best man win!"

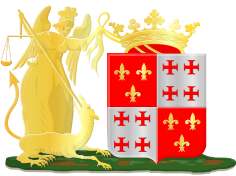
See you all in Harlingen, on www.frisiandraughts.com, or on the gaming platform www.lidraughts.org.



■ Tuesday 10 August

- 2.00 p.m. Press conference from the Board of WFD
- 2.30 Presentation of the players and pairing up
- 2.35 Photo session in the Town Hall
- 2.45 A walk to Het Brouwdok
- 3.00 Unique demonstration of a FRYSK! game at Het Brouwdok
- 3.30 End

■ Wednesday 11 August The Harlingen Game



Harlingen is of course the Frisian city with the most outspoken individual character; a seafaring, independent city focused on the rest of the Netherlands, and more. Here is where a combined Dutch championship for Frisian and international draughts was held for the first time. We are very proud that Harlingen is our host for the first world championships match of Frisian Draughts!

Referee: Liuwe Westra
Livestream: Frederik Bos and Hans Jansen

- 1.50 p.m. Start of the livestream
- 2.00 First move of the match by Harry Boon, Alderman of Harlingen
- 2.30 - 3.15
<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/OK3I6G6H>
The Siebolt Foundation Online FRYSK! Tournament (resulting in the first 3 finalists)
- 3.15 Commentary from Hans Jansen
- 3.30 - 4.15
<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/059nxdTj>
The Van Heloma Stichting Online Frisian Classic Tournament (resulting in the first 3 finalists)
- 4.30 Commentary and analysis from Hans Jansen and both players



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■ Thursday 12 August The Franeker Game



Franeker is the oldest University city in Fryslân, this is where you will also find the oldest roots of Frisian draughts. Did an ingenious student expand the earlier 64 square board to one of 100? The fact is, the oldest draughts boards originate from the surrounding areas of this academic city. It is not for nothing that Franeker has been the host of the Fryslân Open and Grandmaster tournaments, the only international tournament of Frisian draughts in the world, for more than ten years!

Referee:

Fedde Wiersma

Livestream:

Siep Buurke and Hans Jansen

6.50 p.m.

Start of the livestream

7.00

Start of the second game

7.30 - 8.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/ucAzUXRg>

The Gasunie Online FRYSK! Tournament (resulting in three more finalists)

8.15

Commentary from Hans Jansen

8.30 - 9.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/kqNxXHGS>

The Frisian Draughts Federation Online Frisian Classic Tournament (resulting in three more finalists)

9.30

Commentary and analysis from Hans Jansen and both players

■ Friday 13 August The Dokkum Game



Dokkum is the most northern city of Fryslân, and the Netherlands. Funnily enough, there is no (longer) a Draughts club here. This is strange because the north of Fryslân is usually where the strongest clubs were active. However, this is also the area hardest hit by emigration and depopulation from the countryside. Nevertheless, a certain determined mentality is still present here. What would happen if Dokkum were to begin with Frisian draughts again?

Referee:

Piet Sikma

Livestream:

Siep Buurke and Hans Jansen

6.50 p.m.

Start of the livestream

7.00

Start of the third game

7.30 - 8.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/WcqROWZC>

The Rederij Bakker Terschelling Online Tournament FRYSK! (resulting in another three finalists)

8.15

Commentary from Hans Jansen

8.30 - 9.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/qaOTvF8A>

The WON77 Online Frisian Classic Tournament (resulting in another three finalists)

9.30

Commentary and analysis from Hans Jansen and both players

■ Saturday 14 August The Leeuwarden Game



Leeuwarden is the capital of Fryslân. We wanted to organise our first ever Frisian draughts World Championships here, during the year that Leeuwarden was European Capital of Culture, and we were successful! Now the journey through the Eleven Cities continues. However, the name of Leeuwarden, after 2018, will always remain special.

Referee:

Piet Sikma

Livestream:

Siep Buurke and Hans Jansen

1.50 p.m.

Start of the livestream

2.00

Start of the fourth game

2.30 - 3.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/3dINLK7p>

The De Nije Silen Online FRYSK! Tournament (resulting in the last three finalists of the first semifinals)

3.15

Commentary from Hans Jansen

3.30 - 4.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/Ljl5WILK>

The WON55 Online Frisian Classic Tournament (resulting in the last three finalists of the first semifinals)

4.30

Commentary and analysis from Hans Jansen and both players

■ Sunday 15 August The Sneek Game



Sneek is the capital of the municipality of Súdwest-Fryslân. This municipality is not only the largest in terms of area size, but also holds the most clubs that still practise Frisian draughts. The Frisian Súdwesthoeke area miraculously survived the dramatically declining interest in Frisian draughts, which took place in the 60's. A coincidence? Perhaps not, as in 1932 the Frisian Draughts Federation was founded in Sneek.

Referee:

Siebren Dyk

Livestream:

Frederik Bos and Hans Jansen

1.50 p.m.

Start of the livestream

2.00

Start of the fifth game



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2.30 - 3.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/l8lrKm4R>

First Online FRYSK! semifinals (12 finalists, with prize money of € 400)

3.15

Commentary from Hans Jansen

3.30 - 4.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/tylgJHSc>

First Online Frisian Classic semifinals (12 finalists, with prize money of € 400)

4.30

Commentary and analysis from Hans Jansen, Jean Marc Ndjofang

■ **Tuesday 17 August The IJlst Game**



IJlst is one of the four smaller Frisian cities that follow after Sneek. However, as a centre of the wood industry, it has played an essential role for the game of draughts. Where would we be without the historic De Rat sawmill, where literally the foundations of hundreds of draughts boards and thousands of checkers were made.

Referee:

Sjouke Attema

Livestream:

Siep Buurke and Jelle Wiersma

1.50 p.m.

Start of the livestream

2.00

Start of the sixth game

2.30 - 3.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/ZxhGluQJ>

The LO17 Online FRYSK! Tournament (resulting in three new finalists)

3.15

Commentary from Jelle Wiersma

3.30 - 4.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/hhBYLHIS>

The Doarpshûs De Nije Haven Online Frisian Classic Tournament (resulting in three new finalists)

4.30

Commentary and analysis from Jelle Wiersma and both players

■ Wednesday 18 August

The Sloten Game



Sloten is also one of the smaller Frisian cities. It was, however, the final Frisian city to surrender to Dutch authority in 1523. It is also one of the few cities that the Spanish actively tried to conquer and fought for. It is rumored that these Spaniards took a draughts board to the north for the first time, could it be that this is where the origins of draughts in Fryslân lie?

Referee: Piet Sikma

Livestream: Siep Buurke and Jelle Wiersma

6.50 p.m. Start of the livestream

7.00 Start of the seventh game

7.30 - 8.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/rS6WoreX>

The Van der Meulen Woudsend Online FRYSK! Tournament (resulting in another three finalists)

8.15 Commentary from Jelle Wiersma

8.30 - 9.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/jEGHhTOE>

The SCH10 Drie Gebroeders Online Frisian Classic Tournament (resulting in another three finalists)

9.30 Commentary and analysis from Jelle Wiersma and both players

■ Thursday 19 August The Staveren Game



Traditionally, Staveren is the Frisian royal city. Mythical figures like Redbad and Aldgils ruled from here. This is where, in 1345, a large invasion force of Dutch and Hainaut noblemen were defeated. Partly due to 'Starum', the Frisians gained the reputation to be coarse and uncivilised. Consequently Frisian Draughts was barely taken seriously in Holland. Luckily the Dutch draughts players know better by now...

Referee: Piet Sikma

Livestream: Jouke Algra and Jelle Wiersma

6.50 p.m. Start of the livestream

7.00 Start of the eighth game

7.30 - 8.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/VzID324U>

The Makelaardij De Lange Online FRYSK! Tournament (resulting in another three finalists)



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8.15 Commentary from Jelle Wiersma

8.30 - 9.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/HTJn6Lrl>

The European Data Conversion Online Frisian Classic Tournament (resulting in another three finalists)

9.15 Commentary and analysis from Jelle Wiersma and both players

■ **Friday 20 August The Hindeloopen Game**



Hindeloopen distinguishes itself by its unique culture and language. The proper Hindeloopen's language (Hylpers) is even difficult for Frisians to understand. This is the result of being isolated for more than 300 years, similarly to Afrikaans. With this in mind, it is interesting to see that the Hylper draughts terminology is the same as in Frisian. Here, a king is called a 'wolve'. Indirect proof of the age of Frisian Draughts!

Referee: Liuwe Westra

Livestream: Frederik Bos and ...

6.50 p.m. Start of the livestream

7.00 Start of the ninth game

7.30 - 8.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/LLcvjnIU>

The Scheepswerf Harm Visser Online FRYSK! Tournament (resulting in another three finalists)

8.15 Commentary from Frederik Bos

8.30 - 9.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/VAUXdrW2>

The Narwal Innovatie Online Frisian Classic Tournament (resulting in another three finalists)

9.30 Commentary and analysis from Frederik Bos and both players

■ Saturday 21 August The Workum Game



Workum is a pearl on the old Zuiderzee. Its rich history is expressed through an artistic and entrepreneurial mentality. It is therefore not a coincidence that the draughts club in Workum (along with Bolsward) was first to take part in the Frisian Draughts club championship.

Referee: Liuwe Westra

Livestream: Siep Buurke and ...

1.50 p.m. Start of the livestream

2.00 Start of the tenth game

2.30 - 3.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/F2vjpmAp>

Second Online FRYSK! semifinals (12 finalists, with prize money of €400)

3.15 Commentary from Frederik Bos

3.30 - 4.15

<https://lidraughts.org/tournament/m52MDKHH>

Second Online Frisian Classic semifinals (12 finalists, with prize money of €400)

4.15 Commentary and analysis from Frederik Bos and both players



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■ **Sunday 22 August** **The Bolsward Game**



Bolsward has its entrepreneurial and cosmopolitan character in common with other Hanseatic cities and trade towns. It is the only city with a draughts club that consists only of youth team members. These club team members consistently perform highly at competitions, and have even taken part in a residential exchange in Italy.

Referee:	Liuwe Westra
Livestream:	Frederik Bos and ...
9.50 a.m.	Start of the livestream
10.00	Start of the eleventh game
10.30 - 11.15	https://lidraughts.org/tournament/xClt7V4o Online finals between the two winners of the FRYSK! semifinals
11.15	Commentary from Frederik Bos
11.30 a.m. - 12.15 p.m.	https://lidraughts.org/tournament/z9KWG4JM Online finals between the two winners of the Frisian Classic semifinals
12.30 p.m.	Commentary and analysis from Frederik Bos
2.30	The award ceremony with Mrs. Ina Sjerps, the Mayor of Harlingen, as a special guest

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■ Marten Walinga

Marten Walinga was born on 28 March 1967 in Oudega in the municipality of Súdwest-Fryslân. He is the first Frisian Draughts World Champion (2018). In 2000 he was already national champion of Frisian Draughts, while often taking second place in other years. He is director of Narwal Innovation, an innovative company that focuses on ship navigation systems for commercial and pleasure craft. He lives in Waaksens. In 1991 he joined the board of the Frisian Draughts Federation, and served as chairman from 1992 until 2000. The WFD Foundation, of which Marten is currently chairman, organized the first Frisian Draughts World Championship in 2018, based on a number of qualifying international draughts tournaments. He is looking forward to the match with his opponent in the second World Championship, Folkert Groenveld. Both players are great propagandists of the game and have written extensively about it.

Marten learned playing draughts at the age of four, from his father Hiele. "He taught me, and started the youth course. He removed the bottom and top row of checkers, five men each side. No theory. That is where my strength comes from to discover combinations hidden in the game." He thinks the combinational element of the Frisian game is one of the most beautiful things. Like Folkert Groenveld, Marten is also an important theoretician of the Frisian game. He has competed at the highest level since 1992. In 1993 he competed in the champion



class for the first time. In 1994 he came second. You don't have young champions in the Frisian game, according to Walinga, you need quite a lot of experience in the game to become a champion.

However, today it can also be different. Marten: "The SCAN program that you can play and train against is so incredibly strong, it shows you the way in the game. If you train with that for a few months, play hundreds of games, you will be at a high level in no time. But you have to have find the time, as we are not professional players. We have a regular job, we have come this far because we have been playing for a long time. We have to work hard in preparation." Marten plays a few games every day. "Really studying it and coming up with surprises to win a match takes a little more time."

Marten admits that his opponent Folkert Groenveld has better theoretical knowledge than he does. So Marten prefers to deviate from the theory as quickly as possible. "I am a deep and creative calculator." The computing power between Walinga and Groenveld will not differ that much. With the endgame included, it is sometimes possible to calculate 20 to 25 moves deep. It is important to calculate the position effectively, at the right moment. "I can think about a move for 45 minutes to make a decision, what is right or wrong about 10 or 15 moves. During the World Cup I had a five to five position against Jelle Wiersma with plenty of time, that was the moment to calculate deeply. But when I discovered I had only one second left on the



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clock, it was too late. When I go in depth, I sometimes forget the time. You should not waste your time.”

Marten has striking preferences for Frisian players. “I have the most respect for Jurjen Tolsma (Sint Jabik, champion Frisian draughts 1933-35). That is my example, a genius player. Jelle Wiersma has often been a Frisian champion, I think he is currently stronger than Taeke Kooistra. On the internet, the 11-year-old youth talent from China Xiao Fei is currently the strongest. He is almost impossible to beat and also has the highest rating.” Marten also thinks that Folkert and he are evenly matched and that the chances are fifty-fifty. Marten thinks he will use new variants against Folkert. “He can expect something very unexpected from me.”

It is only a matter of time before a Chinese, a Russian or a Belarusian will compete for the title. Alexander Georgiev, the former classical draughts World Champion from St Petersburg came closest. He has had chances against both players of the match. Marten: “I had to go very deep against Georgiev. I could estimate in the game how deep he could calculate, I could calculate just a little deeper. The Frisian game is more important for me than for him.” When Marten played the World Cup in 2018, he played it professionally. The World Cup was in Leeuwarden, but he stayed in the hotel and did not go home. He trained all day during the tournament in addition to playing, getting up at 5 every morning and starting training. In any case, it did not do him any harm. Marten: “In Frisian draughts, the path is always very narrow. It is always balancing on a tightrope avoiding falling. I like that, walking that narrow path.”

Siep Buurke
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■ Folkert Groenveld

Folkert Groenveld was born on 8 September 1961 in Sneek and raised in Sandfirden. In 1990 Folkert started with Frisian draughts. From 1998 to 2010 he was director and secretary of the Frisian Draughts Federation. He is an important theoretician of the game. For example, he wrote the standard work on the opening theory of the Frisian game and writes a column once every two weeks in the Friesch Dagblad. He became the challenger of Marten Walinga by winning the World Championship candidates tournament in March 2019 in Franeker, after an exciting final regulation match against world champion international draughts Alexander Georgiev. Folkert Groenveld is an economics teacher at a secondary school in Sneek, he is married and has three daughters. In March he caught the corona virus. Physically, his strength is not yet back. Not so on the checkerboard. He plays a lot on Lidraughts with the highest winning percentage there. Folkert: "Draughts is going well, I feel strong."

25 to 30 people live in Sandfirden. In the village, a quarter of the inhabitants play Frisian draughts (there are also many skaters for the "Eleven Cities Tour"). They were focused on Oudega for draughts with a draughts tournament every year. Folkert started with international draughts. He played against Bauke Bies, Rein van der Pal, Sietse Nagel, Jannes van der Wal in Heerenveen in the Posthoorn where the Frisian championships were held. He started playing Frisian draughts after 1990. Marten Walinga's father, Hiele Walinga, made Folkert enthusiastic about the Frisian game. He has always been at the top from the start.

The win in the Candidates Tournament is a definite highlight in his draughts career. That was a blood-curdling tournament. "I escaped against Georgiev. In the regular tournament I should have won. In the regulation match I was hanging by a thread. Then I knew I was going to win. I had the upper hand mentally, he had missed his chances. I could feel him becoming insecure. I rate Konstantsin Nord from Belarus higher than Georgiev. I can see him doing well in the future." He says about his opponent in the duel: "Marten is a dangerous player. We respect each other. I have often won the mutual games, but he also won against me. He is not a fearmonger for me, nor am I for him. Neither of us like a defensive game. Then you'll never create one. Of course you have to take risks in order to win. I think Marten sometimes takes too much risk. But he's a dangerous lad. I'm very interested in this fight. I have everything to gain."



Folkert is thoroughly preparing for the match. Especially on the openings. "At Lidraughts an analysis program called Scan runs in the background, that is fantastic and incredibly strong. That offers the opportunity to discover something in the opening. While a gambit is not very common, sometimes the software discovers a novelty. You can also gain more insight with Scan. There is still far too little literature. You can replay



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the games of the last 20 or 30 years on a tournament basis, which also makes a difference." Folkert is an important opening theorist. "I have breathed new life into the Koopmans opening and benefited a lot from that. Others now know a lot about that too."

He is not very busy with his opponent for the upcoming match. "Basically, I know how he plays." He estimates the chances for the title at 50%. Folkert considers Jelle Wiersma the strongest player in Frisian draughts. He also still highly values Taeke Kooistra, especially now that he has plenty of time because of his retirement. "Jelle, Taeke and Marten have been the top three for years at the Frisian championships."

Although there are 11 rounds to be played in this match he would have preferred to play 20. He talks about the game with enthusiasm: "Even with draughts men each, there is still a lot in it." If he had to describe his skill in the game, it is his excellent opening theory knowledge. He almost never comes at a disadvantage in the midgame. His disadvantage is that he is not always able to exploit this advantage. He also sometimes sees ghosts, yet with better concentration there is still something to gain. "Make quick decisions. Check it out quickly. This is also apparent when I analyze it with Scan." He has certain openings in his head where he can think 20 moves ahead. His thinking ability is still optimal. In the endgame he can count up to 15 moves deep. This is not possible in the middle game because of the many possibilities. "It's very important: not to move too many pieces, just one or two. I do have a great idea behind my opening repertoire. I also have things ready that have never been played before."

According to Folkert, there is still plenty of unexplored territory in the game, especially in the endgame. He has variants in store that he will apply in the match against Marten Walinga. In the meantime, he has become so experienced that he no longer thinks he will be cramped for time. He now has the experience, combined with his brainpower that is still present, he is at the peak of his abilities in the Frisian draughts game. He only started playing Frisian draughts around his 30th birthday. Normally that is too late to be able to play at the top level. In that sense he is a remarkable player, comparable in international draughts to Marcel Deslauriers who became world champion at the age of 51.

Siep Buurke

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■ Rules for the match

- 1) On the opening day, lots will be drawn to decide who will play with white in the first game. After that, the players will switch colours in each game.
- 2) The playing time for each game is 90 minutes per player, with 30 seconds extra time for each move, following the Fischer system.
- 3) In principle, the most recent playing rules of the Frisian Draughts Federation apply, unless stated otherwise in the regulations stated in this document.
- 4) The players will play on a classic chequered board using draughts pieces. After completing a move, each player will log their move in the tournament database using a tablet. The referee will also log the moves on paper, during the game. If one of the players is about to run out of time, the referee or a referee appointed volunteer will be able to log the move on the tournament database instead.
- 5) Players can only use regular moves during the game. If a move proves to be irregular when logged on the tournament database, then the move will not be valid and must be redone.
- 6) When a player has run out of time, then the game is over, and the player in question has lost. Alternatively, if a player has captured or blocked his opponent's remaining piece(s), then he has won the game.
- 7) If a player has any queries, or if there are any other irregularities during the game, then each player has the right to stop the clock. If necessary, the referee will make a ruling, after which the players have a right to challenge this ruling via a committee, consisting of three WFD board members.
- 8) If a tie is reached after 11 games (5½-5½), then there will be two deciding games played with shortened playing times (ten minutes per player, per game and with five seconds per move, following the Fischer system). If the score is then still tied, then the former champion will retain his title. With the shortened playing time, players do not have to log their moves themselves, as the match will be filmed and logged by a volunteer.
- 9) The WFD board members reserve the right to change or add any regulations they deem necessary.



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■ **Main meeting point for all visitors: Het Brouwdok**

Since 2018, the brand new Havenbrouwerij is housed within the former Hubert Jans Loods. The old wood storage has had a lot of building work done in the past few years, and we will steadily continue to do this in the coming years. We love growing, experimenting and discovering. Our journey has only just begun, and it looks like there are endless tasty dream destinations on the horizon. And finally, we have added a fantastic new balcony with an unbeatable view.

COME AND GIVE IT A TRY!

Would you like to experience brewing magic first hand?

You are welcome! We organise beer tasting on a regular basis, but you can of course also request one. This is a good place to organise a work do, or parties for family and friends (with a minimum of 20 guests)!

During our daily tour we will reveal the secrets of brewing beer, you can experience what water, barley, yeast, and hops can do for your beer, you will be able to taste various beers, take part in a tour of the brewery, and on top of this you will also have the chance to brew your own beer.



Het Brouwdok
Nieuwe Willemskade 8
Harlingen



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The Frisian Draughts World Championships will be held in the beautiful Harlingen Town Hall: a national monument with great significance, and great beauty. A building which the residents of Harlingen are extremely proud of. Since 2013, it became known that Harlingen would remain an autonomous municipality, the Town Hall therefore could retain its function as the seat for the City Council. In 2015-2016, the Town Hall underwent a large restoration project. The exterior has been restored to its former glory, with the interior especially experiencing a large transformation too. The current colour scheme of the building is largely inspired by the colours of the 18th century. Prior to the restoration, the archives provided interesting information, making its history tangible. The Town Hall lives and has a future! Which is why the municipality is delighted that the Frisian Draughts World Championships will be held here.



Ina Sjerps has been the Mayor of Harlingen since May 2021. She studied Political Science and Law in Amsterdam, and has worked at the Ministry of Social Services and Employment, and at the municipalities of De Ronde Venen, Apeldoorn, and Amsterdam. She is a highly experienced council member and in Harns/Harlingen she is responsible for public security, communications, events and international cooperation, among other things. The WFD Foundation is very honoured to have her addressing the champion and runner up on the final day of the tournament, and presenting the trophy to the Champion!



Harry Boon has been a Alderman of Harlingen for a number of years, and in 2018 he did much to provide hospitality for the first Frisian Draughts Dutch Championship. At the time he even offered us his own room in the Town Hall for the fortnight! It is brilliant to have a council member with such a passion for the sport, and the WFD Foundation Board decided, unanimously, that he deserves the honour of opening the first game of the match!





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■ Online tournaments 11 to 22 August

There will be four online tournaments, both for each Frisian Draughts variant (Classic and FRYSK!) from 11 to 14 August, ending in semifinals for the best 12 players, on 15 August. From 17 to 20 August there will be another four online tournaments for each variant, ending in semifinals again on 21 August. The two winners of the semifinals will play a finals game on Sunday 22 August.

All draughts players around the world can participate in one or more tournaments in this series. The only thing you need is a valid account on the Lidraughts website (www.lidraughts.org). We strongly recommend, however, to take a special 'WFD team' account: <https://lidraughts.org/team/wfd>. In future, it will only be possible to participate in official WFD tournaments and games with such an account.

The playing time in the FRYSK! tournaments will be 1 minute with 2 seconds for each move (Fischer system); for Frisian Classic tournaments, it will be 2 minutes with 2 seconds for each move. In the finals, it will be 2 minutes with 4 seconds and 4 minutes with 4 seconds, respectively.

The finalists will receive a password to participate in the semifinals. The winner of the first semifinals cannot participate in the second semifinals.

In each of the four semifinals, there is prize money of €400 (winner €100, descending down to €5 for last place). In both finals there is prize money of €200 (winner €120, runner up €80). Moreover, the winners of the finals will receive a free ticket to the next Fryslân Open Tournament (Classic) and for the next FRYSK! World Championships, both planned for the Spring of 2022.

Prize money is only payable either into a bank account in euros within the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA), or on a paypal account, or in person at a later date. Payments by way of an intermediary are at the receiver's risk.

The winners' names will be published on the WFD Foundation website.



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