

# XLth French NDC (2024)

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## What are you talking about?

To keep on with a long tradition established in 1985 and more or less kept active since that date (outside of the health context), the 40th French NDC will take place between the 22nd & 24th of November 2024. In this year which saw the renewal of the international Diplomacy Hobby, and the rebirth of face to face play everywhere in Europe, we will be happy to host you in the hotel La Louisiane in the heart of Paris.

## Where does it take place ?

At the hotel La Louisiane, at [60 rue de Seine in Paris](#).

Website : <https://hotel-lalouisiane.com/fr>

Phone : +33(0) 1 44 32 17 17

Metro : Mabillon (line 10) or Saint Germain des Prés (line 4)

RER (speed train) : Saint Michel Notre Dame (line B or C)

## Why should I come ?

Regardless of your level, Diplomacy is first and foremost a game. But not any game : despite being more than 65 years old, it still has all its teeth, for instance through the recent boom of [Virtual Face to Face](#) or a very active [American editor](#) which will provide a new version next year.

The word "Championship" should not deter you : Despite its high-sounding title, the tournament is open : it is not necessary to qualify to participate, anyone is welcome, beginners as experienced players. It is not necessary to participate in all rounds. So whether you are an old-timer who wants to play one more game in remembrance of good times (and why not grab a best country award in the process) or you are here for the week-end and the whole thing including the Gunboat Open on the

Fridy evening, or even if you just want to pop in and say hello without playing (we will be happy to see you), if you happen to be in the area and you are free that week-end, you have no excuse not to come.

In addition, the convention doesn't stop after the games. Many players enjoy socializing, analyze their games for hours, discover who is the person behind the player you just spent 3h with and remake the World. Located in one of the most animated area of Paris, you'll have plenty of opportunities to eat, share a drink or party.

So come and face the top european and french players, (finally) meet face to face your online or virtual opponents, or just to enjoy the game. Regardless of your motivation you'll have a fantastic time. Diplomacy, you come for the game, you come back for the players.

## What's the program ?

### **Friday, November 22nd**

From 6pm : player gathering in hotel La Louisiane  
7.30pm – 9pm : 1st round of Paris Gunboat Open  
9.30pm – 11pm : 2nd round of Paris Gunboat Open

### **Saturday, November 23rd**

10am – 1.30pm : 1st round of French NDC  
2.30pm – 6pm : 2nd round of French NDC  
A restaurant will be organised the Saturday evening with a depart from the hotel around 7pm. Please contact the organisers to adjust the reservation.

### **Sunday, November 24th**

10.30am – 2pm : 3rd round of French NDC  
2.30pm : Awards Ceremony

## How do I win ?

### **Paris Gunboat Open**

Game length : 7 years (or less in case of unanimous vote of survivors)  
The scoring system of the Paris Gunboat Open is the [Win-Namur \(in French\)](#)  
You will then be ranked based on the sum of your 2 results.

### **French NDC**

Game length : 7 years (or less in case of unanimous vote of survivors)  
The scoring system of the French NDC is the [C-Diplo de Namur \(in French\)](#)

If less than 7 games took place during the first 2 rounds :

- No top board. the 3rd round take place normally.
- Your final ranking is the sum of 100% of your best 2 scores + 50% of your worst score (if you have played all 3 rounds, otherwise just sum of your scores)
- The player with the most points wins the tournament.

If 7 games or more took place duting the first 2 rounds :

- A top board will be organised
- The 7 players with the best scores adding the results of their 2 games are qualified for the top board (it is possible to qualify with a single game if you have enough points)
- The winner of the top board will be the winner of the tournament
- All players not qualified on the top board can also play during the last round
- Only the 1st place is guaranteed to the top board, but participant of the top board get a bonus for their final ranking points, that is to say that their score is the sum of 100% of their 3 results (no 50% discount for their worst result)

## who's coming?

- Yann Clouet *Champion du Monde 2004 Champion d'Europe 2003*
- Emmanuel du Pontavice "*Super51*" *Champion de France 2014/2015*
- Christophe Borgeat "*Barjo*" (ch) *Champion d'Europe 2022*
- Lei Saarlainen "*lei*" *Champion d'Europe 2018*
- Kevin Lecoq "*Kakitaievitch*" *Champion de Bretagne 2021*
- Maaïke Blom (nl) *Vice championne du Royaume-uni 2024*
- René Van Rooijen (nl) *Champion des Pays-bas 2008*
- Steve Personeni "*full of hate*" (ch)
- Sacha Massicart "*Supersacha*"
- Sylvain Pradallier
- Olivier Prigent "*flasheur*"
- Eric Le Morvan "*gokimines*"
- Erik Roeloffzen
- Lothaire Girault
- Lonia Romas
- Flavian Rautureau

.... more to come

## Contacts

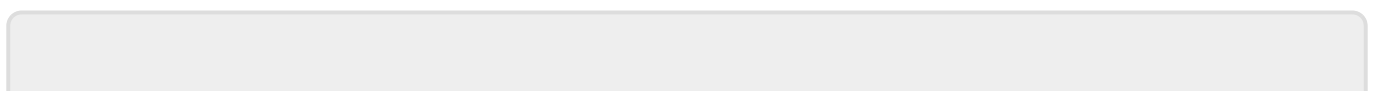
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Contact us if you wish to register on the WhatsApp group of participants, to receive regular news of the tournament and the surprise we will be preparing for you, and to exchange with the other player attending (for instance to discuss accomodation, or off-schedule activities for those who arrive earlier or leave later)



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