

Hong Kong Scrabble Players Association
Hong Kong National Scrabble Championship 2016



Information to Participants (Main Round) – MUST READ

Date, time and venue:

Main Round			
Date:	24 April 2016 (Sun)	Time:	9:30 – 20:00 (Registration starts at 8:30)
Venue:	Room 6603, 6605 and 6606, Academic 2, City University of Hong Kong (How to get there: http://www6.cityu.edu.hk/wayfinder/GettingToU/bymtr-kt1.htm#ac21)		

Before the Championship:

1. You are advised to master the 2-letter words in advance.
2. For teachers: please make sure that all of your students know the basic game rules, tournament rules and etiquette.
3. Please fill in the membership online application form on or before 22 April 2016 if you want to join HKSPA Individual membership. We will not accept fresh applications on that day.

Before you leave home on 24 April:

1. You **MUST bring your HKID card** to the venue for verification purposes. You will NOT be allowed to play if you failed to present your HKID card under any circumstances, even if you know the committee members personally. If you do not have an HKID card, bring your birth certificate.
2. Students **MUST bring their student card** to the venue. If you failed to show us your student card, you have to **pay the original price** (members: HK\$110, non-members: HK\$130) and will not be allowed to compete for school prizes.
3. Please prepare enough money for paying the entry fees (and T-shirts). You will NOT be allowed to play if you failed to pay before the tournament.
4. Bring your own pen and other necessary stationery. We won't be able to provide a pen for every participant.
5. Registration starts at 8:30 am. All players must arrive by 9:00 am. If you

are going to be late, please give us a call (9442 6463, Mr. Lau), or we will remove your name from the score program.

When you arrived:

1. Pick a queue and queue up. There are two queues: one for whose names on HKID card start with an A to K, one for those start with L to Z.
2. Give your HKID card and student card (if any) to our staff. We will check your 1) HKID name, 2) HKID number, 3) date of birth (for youth players only), and 4) student card (for school players only).
3. If any of your registered information does not match with the ones you present, you will have to wait till everyone finishes their registration for a second verification. We reserve the right of not allowing you to play.
4. Pay the amount the staff tells you to.
5. You will receive 1) a name tag (please wear it throughout the competition), 2) a copy of the latest issue of Scrabulary (not for public distribution – only given to the National participants), 3) twelve score sheets (keep them carefully – no extra score sheets will be given), and 4) if you ordered online before, T-shirts.
6. You can choose to **keep the plastic name tag as a souvenir for HK\$5**. You can keep the paper inside the tag for free. You need to decide whether to keep the plastic tag or not during registration.
7. Please wait patiently after the registration.
8. The games will start after the opening ceremony.

During the games:

1. The pairings of each game will be shown on the screens/computers. Please check the pairings yourself.
2. Self-adjudication will be used.
3. Some reminders for the rules:
 - a. Challenge penalty: 5 points per word
 - b. When one player has played out, his or her score is increased by twice the value of the opponent's unplayed tiles, and the opponent's score is unchanged
4. Please raise your hand if you encounter any problems immediately. Remember to pause the clock during dispute resolution. Result slip is final once signed (refer to WESPA Rules Version 3 – 5.4.1).
5. Do not pause the clock unnecessarily. The tournament director has the power to **stop your game if you are playing unreasonably slowly** compared to others.
6. The number on your name tag is your player number. You have to write that on the result slip after every game. The organizer reserves the right to **disqualify players who recklessly write a wrong player number** more than once.
7. After finishing your game, please fill in the result slip before you leave. **Please fill in the result slip with your displayed name and player number.** (For example, if your chosen displayed name is Chan Tai Man, write Chan Tai Man. Don't write Peter Chan; we (and the score program) don't know who is Peter!) It is the winner's responsibility to hand in the result slip to the designated score counter.

8. To compete for the High Word prize, write your high word on the “High Word Sheet” at the score counter **with your opponent**. Please write 1) **ALL the words formed** in that move (e.g. READING/HAD), 2) the score of that move, 3) game number, 4) your name, 5) your opponent’s name, 6) your signature, 7) your opponent’s signature. The highest word at the moment will be announced from time to time; you do not need to write a word with a lower score on the High Word Sheet; there is only one High Word prize.
9. Please do not conduct discussions or game analysis while others are still playing. Those still playing might be distracted, benefitted or disadvantaged by your discussions. Please comply with WESPA Rules Version 3 – 6.4.3 Observational Etiquette.
10. There will be a 45-minute lunch break at about 1 pm. Details will be announced on the day.
11. Enjoy the best Scrabble experience in Hong Kong!

After all the games:

1. The prize presentation ceremony will be held shortly after the last game (game 9). Please wait patiently while the scores are being calculated.
2. The certificates of participation will be distributed after the ceremony.
3. Respect the ceremony. Do not play Scrabble during it.
4. Please stay for the group photo taking.
5. Return the plastic name tag before you leave if you did not choose to keep it. You can keep the paper inside the plastic tag for free. HKSPA will **reserve all rights of actions if you take away the plastic tag without authorization**.

After you go home:

1. “Like” the Facebook page of “Hong Kong Scrabble Players Association” for the photos on that day!
2. Visit our website (<http://hkscrabble.org/hong-kong-national-scrabble-championship-2016/>) for the full results.
3. Stay tuned for our future events!