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# SCRABULARY



## SCRABBLE SEVENTY YEARS HONG KONG CHALLENGE

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# LARGEST-EVER SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT IN HONG KONG TO BE HELD TO CELEBRATE THE GAME'S 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scrabble, Hong Kong Scrabble Players Association and Mattel Games are organising the Scrabble Seventy Years Hong Kong Challenge from 24 to 27 August this year! The Challenge consists of three tournaments: Warm-up, Main, and Extra. The Main tournament will be held in Lei Yue Mun Plaza.

Over 200 participants from Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Japan, and Malaysia will compete in this largest-ever Scrabble tournament. Among the participants are Karen Richards, the Chairperson of the WESPA Youth Committee, and Sanjay Gupta, one of the organisers of the World English-language Scrabble Players Association Championship 2019 in Goa, India.

The Challenge will undoubtedly be a great tournament to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scrabble, and we look forward to many more tournaments and many more 70 years for Scrabble!

## SCHEDULES

### **Division A**

Day 1 (25 Aug)  
09:00 Registration  
09:30 Round 1-3  
Lunch  
13:30 Opening Ceremony  
14:00 Round 4-8

Day 2 (26 Aug)  
09:30 Round 9-11  
Lunch  
13:30 Round 12-15  
17:30 Prize Ceremony

### **Division B**

Day 1 (25 Aug)  
13:00 Registration  
13:30 Opening Ceremony  
14:00 Round 1-5

Day 2 (26 Aug)  
09:30 Round 6-8  
Lunch  
13:30 Round 9-12  
17:30 Prize Ceremony

### **Division C**

Day 2 (26 Aug)  
10:00 Registration  
10:30 Round 1  
Lunch  
13:00 Round 2-4  
17:30 Prize Ceremony

### **Division D1**

Day 1 (25 Aug)  
12:00 Registration  
12:30 Talk  
13:30 Opening Ceremony  
14:00 Round 1-3  
18:30 Prize Ceremony

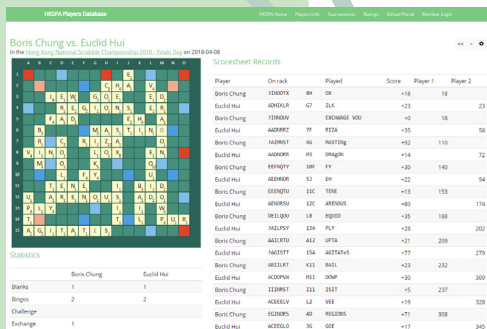
### **Division D2**

Day 2 (26 Aug)  
12:00 Registration  
12:30 Talk  
13:00 Round 1-3  
17:30 Prize Ceremony

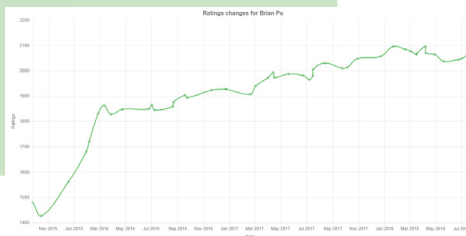
HKSPA is proud to announce our new players database [players.hkscrabble.org](http://players.hkscrabble.org).

The database also includes all the records of HKSPA-rated tournaments and selected HKSPA-recognised tournaments. The database provides comprehensive information about tournaments, including final standings, round-by-round scores, personal scorecards for players, statistics and rating changes. School rankings are available for major school tournaments and annotated games are available for selected annotated tournaments too.

Individual members can log in to the website to access Member Portal to access even more information about themselves and enroll events easier. To have your own personal statistics and game records visible, you must be an HKSPA individual member. You may fill in the membership form anytime and come to our membership counter to pay the membership fee in order to activate your membership status as well as your personal statistics webpage.



An annotated game between Euclid Hui and  
Boris Chung in Hong Kong National Scrabble  
Championship 2018 - Finals Day



The rating trend of Brian Po, one of the youth player in Hong Kong.



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# REVIEW OF MAJOR TOURNAMENTS IN 2017-2018

Throughout the year, HKSPA organised various tournaments aiming at players of different levels.

## Hong Kong Youth Scrabble Champions Tournament 2017

The annual Scrabble tournament for players aged under 18.

Champion: Boris CHUNG

1<sup>st</sup> runner-up: Calvin MA

2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up: HO Chun Hung



## Inter-School Scrabble Championship 2018 - Primary Category

### Headstart Cup Hong Kong Inter-Secondary School Scrabble Championship 2018

The biggest annual Inter-School Scrabble event for all Primary Schools and Secondary Schools in Hong Kong.

#### Primary Category:

Division A Champion: Ho Lap Primary School (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen)

Division A 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up: Methodist School

Division A 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up: PLK WWCWD Fung Lee Pui Yiu Primary School

Division B Winner: SKH Ling Oi Primary School

Division B 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up: Yuen Long Government Primary School

Division B 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up: SKH Wing Chun Primary School

#### Secondary Category:

Masters Division Champion: CCC Mong Man Wai College

Masters Division 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up: Queen's College

Masters Division 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up: Methodist College

Novice Division Winner: Wah Yan College, Kowloon

Novice Division 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up: Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club College

Novice Division 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up: King's College



## Hong Kong National Scrabble Championship 2018

The annual Scrabble tournament exclusively for Hong Kong players.

Division 1 Champion: Euclid HUI

Division 2 Winner: Charlie CHAN



# Association Cup Inter-School Scrabble Tournament 2018

An annual Inter-School Scrabble tournament after the school examinations.

## Primary Category:

School Champion: HKMLC Ming Tao Primary School

Individual Champion: Rex CHAN Hiu Cheung

## Junior Secondary Category:

School Champion: CCC Mong Man Wai College

Individual Champion: WONG Chun Ki

## Senior Secondary Category:

School Champion: CCC Mong Man Wai College

Individual Champion: Boris CHUNG



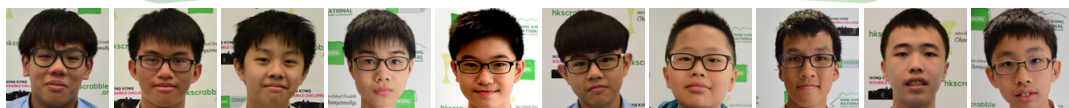
# HONG KONG YOUTH SCRABBLE TEAM 2018

Following the success in the Hong Kong Youth Scrabble Team in previous years, HKSPA will send a Hong Kong Team to the WESPA Youth Cup 2018 ("WESPAYC") to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 13 December (Thursday) to 15 December 2018 (Saturday). Also, the Association will send another team to Mattel® World Junior Scrabble™ Championship 2018 ("WJSC") to be held in Torquay, United Kingdom from 20 October (Saturday) to 22 October 2018 (Monday).

This year, 19 players participated in the qualification process, in which 5 players qualified via their Ratings while the other qualified from a fierce two-day qualifier. Here are the members of the Hong Kong Scrabble Team 2018:

## Hong Kong Youth Scrabble Team for WESPA Youth Cup 2018:

Boris CHUNG, Brian PO, Wesley CHOY Wing Chi, Thomson LAW Long Yin, Ernest SO Yat Long, HO Cheuk Yiu, SIU Chun Hong, FUNG Pak Man, LAU Wai Keung, Julian WONG Tsz Yu  
(from left to right)



## Hong Kong Youth Scrabble Team for Mattel® World Junior Scrabble™ Championship:

Jason TSANG Wai Yin, Ernest SO Yat Long





# INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF HONG KONG PLAYERS

Hong Kong players and the Team Hong Kong joined several international tournaments after the HKSPA founded. Let's see how well they played in the past 3 years!

Date	Tournament	Award	Player
2015 Oct	World Youth Scrabble Championship 2015 - Perth, Australia	Best Player from New Country	Lam Chi Ho Anson
2015 Oct	Side Tournament A of World Youth Scrabble Championship 2015 - Perth, Australia	Best Novice	Carson Ip
2015 Oct	Side Tournament A of World Youth Scrabble Championship 2015 - Perth, Australia	Second Best Novice	Douglas Tsang
2016 Dec	Causeway Scrabble Challenge 2016 - Johor, Malaysia	10 <sup>th</sup> place of Open Division	Douglas Tsang
2017 Apr	East Asian Scrabble Championship - Hiroshima, Japan	Champion	Team Hong Kong
2017 Nov	WESPA Youth Cup 2017 - Kuala Lumpur - Malaysia	Most Improved Player	Brian Po
2018 Mar	East Asian Scrabble Championship - Hong Kong	Champion	Team Hong Kong
2018 Apr	ASTAR Scrabble Challenge International 2018	U15 Category - 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner-up	Thomson Law Long Yin
2018 July	The 33rd BRAND's International Crossword Game - Bangkok, Thailand	Handicap Prize Winner	Jason Tsang Wai Yin





# 出國參與Scrabble比賽的二三事

Owen's Memoria

時光飛逝，HKSPA準備踏入第五個年頭，這四年HKSPA帶來最大的改變，必定是在2015年的夏天加入世界英語Scrabble玩家總會（WESPA）了。加入WESPA，意味著當時Hong Kong STUDENT Scrabble Players Association名稱中Student要被刪去，學生Scrabble選手也即將要走上一個更大的舞台——國際比賽。

青年代表隊2015年到澳洲珀斯，2016年到法國里爾，2017年到馬來西亞吉隆坡，還有大大小小的國際比賽，有人到過馬來西亞參與Astar Scrabble Challenge，有人到過新加坡參與新加坡公開賽，有人到過英國參與英國公開賽……而在2018年，就是我第二次到泰國曼谷參與King's Cup。

每年一次出國的比賽，都是抱著「跟著Scrabble去旅行」的宗旨，友誼和旅行第一，比賽第二。這次King's Cup之旅，認識了幾個分別來自英國及泰國的選手，在比賽前一起到夜市遊覽吃炸昆蟲，晚上一起看世界盃的賽事，凌晨四時也在越洋支持英格蘭國家隊，樂也融融，這些友誼亦成為了我堅持外出參賽和繼續努力練習的決心。

不過最後奉勸一句，到外國參加Scrabble比賽前一定要先好好練習，否則便會像我一樣了。



## EDITORIAL TEAM

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## 2018-19

## Student Membership

*For full-time primary, secondary and post-secondary students*  
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*Register and pay by 31-08-2018*

Regular subscription: **\$60**

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*Valid until 31-08-2019*

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- Eligibility to participate in the **Hong Kong National Scrabble Championship 2019**.
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- Speed application for selected events.
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