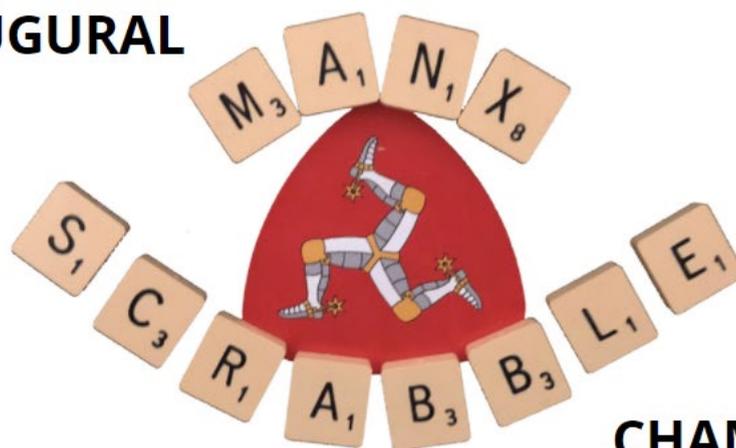


THE INAUGURAL



CHAMPIONSHIP

15* ABSP RATED GAMES 25 MINUTES P/P 2-3 DIVISIONS BY NUMBERS & RATINGS

A-DIVISION - 5PP

B&C- DIVISIONS - FREE CHALLENGE

WHERE: SEFTON HOTEL, HARRIS PROMENADE, DOUGLAS IM1 2RW, ISLE OF MAN

WHEN: 7-8 MAY 2022 PLUS OPTIONAL SCRABBLE ACTIVITIES ON FRIDAY 6TH MAY

PRIZES: A RANGE OF CASH (NOT LESS THAN £2500 TOTAL) AND NON-CASH

PRIZES WILL BE OFFERED IN ALL DIVISIONS

Timings: TBA. According to ferry and flight times as of November 2021, it is advisable to plan to arrive on Friday evening and leave on Monday unless pre-Covid travel frequencies are reinstated. Entrants will be informed if services change to allow arrivals on Saturday morning or departures on Sunday evening. *If leaving on Monday is too much of a barrier for too many participants, we could look at reducing the number of games from 15 to 11 to allow for Sunday afternoon departures. Watch this space!

Equipment: Please bring a rotating board and clock if you can. An advantage of coming by ferry is no luggage limit plus you can have a few games on the way.

Catering: Tea, coffee and finger lunches (Chef's Selection of sandwiches & chips) plus Saturday's evening meal, are included in the entry fee*. On Saturday evening, players will have a choice of lasagne or fish pie with garlic bread and salads.

Please provide allergy advice. Within reason, attempts will be made to cater for all. Breakfast is included if you stay at the Sefton. Elsewhere, check whether breakfast is included as some are "B & no B"s. For self-catering, Marks and Spencers Food Hall is open till 6pm, Co-op is open till 10pm Friday and Saturday (6pm Sunday) and there are plenty of restaurants and take-away options. On Friday and Sunday evenings please make your own catering arrangements.

Entry Fee: Thanks to support from visitisleofman.com, entry fees have been reduced from £95 to *£75 pp (including meals listed) - Non-ABSP members** pay a levy of £2 - A discount of £5 will be given to anyone who brings a rotating board and clock.

Cancellations: The tournament entry fee is refundable up to 14 days before the tournament. After that an admin fee of £10 will be deducted from the refund. Expenses relating to travel and accommodation are your responsibility. Travel insurance is recommended.

The online entry form (preferred) is at <https://forms.gle/K4fEXTc9WbWYCK3P7> or you can complete a hard copy and mail to Manx Scrabble, 20 Richmond Grove, Douglas IM1 3JZ, Isle of Man

GENERAL INFORMATION

Come earlier or stay a little longer if you can, the Island is full of intriguing quirks and places of interest. Bring friends and family for a Spring Holiday - See <https://www.visitisleofman.com/> for plenty of information.

Travel to the Island by sea or air: Ferries operate from both Liverpool and Heysham. There's no limit for luggage on the ferries and they are a great way to ease into that Scrabble holiday spirit with plenty of time and room to play a few practice games. Look up **Steam Packet Company** for times and more details. Cars can be brought on the ferries; deals vary according to the number of passengers. For a short visit, it is easy to get around without a car and the Sefton Hotel is very central for everything you should need. Direct flights are available from various cities in England and Ireland and are cheapest if booked well in advance.

Transport on the Island: The ferry terminal is about a ten-minute walk along the seafront to the Sefton Hotel, or you can catch Bus Vannin along the prom every 15-20 minutes. Buses from Ronaldsway airport to Douglas (approximately every 20 minutes) take about 30 minutes to get to the Sefton Hotel on Harris Promenade and are only a few pence each way, or you can opt for a Go-Card to use throughout your stay. Other transport includes a steam train to the South of the Island, a horse tram and a 120-year-old tram that goes to the North of the Island and up Snaefell Mountain. A 3, 5 or 7 day Go-card, available from the airport and sea terminal, will give you access to all of these, or you can pay per trip. For more detail look up Isle of Man transport. There are also a few taxi companies.

Accommodation: Please make your own arrangements. The Sefton Hotel, where the event is being held, is offering a good deal for people attending the tournament, especially if you are sharing a room: £85 per room per night for up to 3 nights for 1 OR 2 people includes breakfast. For the special rate, call +441624697070 and mention that you are coming for the Scrabble Tournament. There are also plenty of options available nearby including self-catering and guesthouses. For self-catering I have had good reports of the Cunard Apartments on Loch Promenade, less than a 5-minute walk from the Sefton. There are also cheaper B&Bs around that may suit those on a budget who don't want to share a room. Broadway below Victoria Road, Loch Promenade, Harris Promenade or Central Promenade are all an easy walk to the Sefton. If you are fit enough for a steep hill, Bucks Road is close too.

Telephones and Wi-Fi: Please note that the Isle of Man is neither part of the UK nor the European Union and is not bound by their laws. Some UK phone companies charge roaming rates here and some don't. Please check with your phone company before you leave if coming from the UK. There are two phone companies (Manx Telecom and Sure) on the Island if you wish to get an Isle of Man sim card while you are here. The Sefton Hotel has free Wi-Fi for guests. Free Wi-Fi is also available at the Sea Terminal and airport, as well as many cafes.

Inaugural Manx Scrabble Championship 2022 Entry Form

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7th & 8th May 2022

Sefton Hotel, Harris Promenade IM1 2RW

Manx Scrabble contact: manxscrabble@manx.net

Your Email address: (VERY clear if handwriting please!) *

Contact details will only be used for correspondence relating to the Manx Scrabble Championship

Surname *

First Name

Address

Phone number (Please include Country Code)

Are you an ABSP Member? (£2 surcharge for non-members). Join at <https://www.absp.org.uk/>

*Tick one

Yes

No

I can bring a rotating board and clock suitable for tournaments and reduce my entry fee by £5 (please note, Scrabble equipment on the Island is very limited, please bring one if you can) *

*Tick one

Yes

No

Current ABSP and/or WESPA Rating (please specify), or No Rating. Divisions will be determined by ratings. Three levels A, B & C are anticipated according to number of entries. You do not need to have a rating to enter. You may choose to play in a higher division than C if unrated. *

Fee is reduced from £95 to £75 thanks to Visit Isle of Man support (includes meals listed in Info leaflet). Deduct £5 if bringing board and clock, add £2 if not an ABSP member) I will pay by:

Tick one.

Bank transfer to Manx Scrabble, Sort Code:20-26-74 Account: 33461432. Include your name under Reference. For international payments: Barclays Bank, Barclays House, Victoria Street, Douglas IM99 1AJ. Swiftbic: BARCGB22. IBan GB68 BARC 2026 7433 4614 32.

Cheque / Postal Order payable to "Manx Scrabble" and posted to Manx Scrabble, 20 Richmond Grove, Douglas IM1 3JZ, Isle of Man

I have already paid for the postponed 2020 Tournament

Do you have any dietary restrictions?

Expression of Interest Survey: Would you participate if Scrabble was offered on the ferry to the Isle of Man. Please tick ALL options that would interest you if available:

Tick all that apply.

- From Heysham Friday 6 May, 12 noon - 14:15
- From Liverpool Friday 6 May, 19:30 - 22:15
- To Heysham Monday 9 May 8:00 - 10:15
- To Liverpool Monday 9 May 15:30 - 18:15

I agree to abide by any Covid-19 related requirements of the venue and/or the Isle of Man Government at the time of the event

- Please tick

I understand that photos and/or videos may be taken during the event and I will be given an opportunity to let the photographer know, and avoid the camera, if I do not want my photo included. Please choose an option below. *

Mark only one oval:

- I prefer not to be photographed and will do my best to help the photographer achieve my exclusion

Please read and check ALL boxes below *

- I understand that I am responsible for my own travel, accommodation and travel insurance, and that the Sefton Hotel is offering a reduced rate for participants
- I understand that cancellation is free with a full refund up to 10 days before the tournament. After that a £10 admin fee will be deducted.
- I understand that Manx Scrabble accepts no liability for illness or injury of participants

Is there anything else you would like us to know

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