

Continental Scrabble Championship 2019

7 - 8 September 2019, Amsterdam

Introduction

This is the the 9th Continental Scrabble Championship, and is being held in the beautiful and vibrant city of Amsterdam! This is the perfect opportunity to combine Scrabble with a holiday, because Amsterdam has so much to offer!

Organiser

This event is being organised by Anand Buddhdev in a personal capacity.

Venue

The tournament will be held at Volkshotel. The building was formerly used by the Dutch newspaper, De Volkskrant. Later it was renovated and converted into a hotel, and features many rooms of varying sizes, as well as some special rooms with themes.

The hotel's address is [Wibautstraat 150, 1091 GR Amsterdam](#). Click on the address to open it in Google Maps.

For more information about the venue, check out its website:
<https://www.volkshotel.nl/en/>

Format

There will be a single open division, of 15 rounds. The maximum number of players will be 48. The games will be played to the latest version of WESPA rules, with 25 minutes per game. The dictionary will most likely be CSW19 (if it is published on target in May 2019). If there are delays with the dictionary publication and adoption, then it will be CSW15. The penalty for an unsuccessful challenge will be 5 points PER CHALLENGED WORD.

Ratings

The tournament will be rated both by the Association of British Scrabble Players (ABSP) and the World English Language Scrabble Players Association (WESPA).

Registration

Indicate your intention to play by emailing Anand Buddhdev at aabdnn@gmail.com. Your intention will be recorded, but your entry will not be confirmed until you have paid the entry fee. Once 48 players have paid, no more entries will be accepted.

Fee and prizes

The entry fee will be €85. This will cover the cost of the venue, 4 rounds of refreshments, ratings levies and other miscellaneous costs. If at least 40 players take part, the prize fund will be about €700. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 positions. There will also be at least one ratings prize and some spot prizes.

The entry fee can be paid in the following ways:

- Bank transfer to Anand Buddhdev, IBAN **NL45 ABNA 0577 1393 71**
- Paypal **€89** to Anand Buddhdev - the fee is higher because of Paypal's fees

Equipment

I have a limited number of Scrabble sets here, so it's important that you bring a set with you, so that we have enough. When you register, please let me know whether you'll be able to bring a set or not.

Accommodation and meals

Players have to organise their own accommodation and meals. You may stay in Volkshotel, or in one of the nearby hotels. There are at least 2 within walking distance of Volkshotel. Another option is AirBNB. You may even stay a bit further away, and take public transport, because Volkshotel is right next to Wibautstraat metro station.

Schedule

The following schedule is subject to minor changes, but we will not start before 09:00 on Saturday, and finish no later than 17:00 on Sunday.

Saturday	Sunday
09:00 Welcome	
09:15 Round 1, 2	09:00 Round 10, 11
BREAK	BREAK
11:20 Round 3, 4	11:15 Round 12, 13
BREAK	BREAK
14:00 Round 5, 6	14:00 Round 14, 15
BREAK	BREAK
16:05 Round 7, 8, 9	16:15 Prize-giving

ABSP membership

Membership for 2019 is £15 (cheques payable to ABSP). If you would like to join, or to receive further information, please write to the Membership Secretary, Nuala O'Rourke, **22 Kestrel Road, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6BU** or contact by email via orourke114@btinternet.com

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