

# BEST 2018

## *British Isles Elimination Scrabble Tournament*

BEST is a **KNOCKOUT** tournament, where matches are contested over a number of games against a single opponent. Scrabblers may play their match wherever they wish, and on any date or dates before the deadline. Fixtures are manually drawn to minimise travel and produce as many competitive matches as possible, **all abilities** are invited to take part.

The ABSP are generously supporting the 2018 event. It is **ONLY £10 to enter**, no matter how many rounds you play. £12 for non-members. The prize fund will include ALL of the entry fees, plus an additional £200.

All matches are **5 point penalty** challenge. No concessions allowed. Normal ABSP rules apply. All matches are ABSP rated. Players draw to determine the first game, with the starter alternating. If a deciding game is required the player who is ahead in the scoreline starts. To complete a best of 9 games match a player must win 5 or 5.5 games, or be decided by spread in the unusual event the score finishes 4.5-4.5. The same principle applies with best of 11, 15 etc. games.

All entries in by 3rd March. Follow online: <http://www.absp.org.uk/play/best2018.shtml>

**ABSP Membership:** Membership for 2018 is £15 (cheques payable to ABSP). Electronic/online membership is £10 If you would like to join, or to receive further information, please write to the Membership Secretary, Sue Bowman, Membership Secretary, 12 Canvey Close, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, BS10 5DD or contact by email via [bowman\\_sue@hotmail.com](mailto:bowman_sue@hotmail.com)

The organisers reserve the right to refuse entries and to adjust the regional groupings. The decision of the organisers in any matter is final. Entry to the tournament constitutes acceptance of these rules.

Please report individual game scores and who started each game to Craig Beevers. Annotated games, match reports, board photos and anything else much appreciated.

Cheques made payable to Craig Beevers and sent to Craig Beevers, 12 Osprey Close, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees, TS20 1SE. Entry fees can also be passed on in person at a tournament. Bank transfers to Barclays Bank, Account Name: Craig Beevers; A/C No: 50419834; Sort Code 20-82-18. Please ensure I know your address and contact details. Calls and texts to 07928 816577. Email [dark\\_elf\\_1998@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dark_elf_1998@yahoo.co.uk)

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ABSP Rating .....

All entries in by Saturday 3rd March

Round 1 completed by 1st April – best of 9 games

Round 2 completed by 29th April – best of 9 games

Round 3 completed by 27th May – best of 11 games

Round 4 completed by 1st July – best of 11 games

Regional final completed by 5th August – best of 15 games

England quarter-finals completed by 2nd September – best of 15 games

Ireland/Scotland final completed by 2nd September – best of 17 games

England semi-finals completed by 30th September – best of 17 games

Ireland v Scotland and England final by 11th November – best of 19 games

BEST final completed by 16th December – best of 19 games

In exceptional circumstances, and with the organiser's permission, these dates can be extended. However it is strongly recommended that they are kept to. If it turns out to be impossible for both players to agree on a date for their match the game will be awarded to whichever player was willing to play on the closing date for the round. Players withdrawing from the tournament without playing their match risk forfeiting prize money for which they are eligible.

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