

The UK Scrabble Open 2025 **and Associated Events**

Venue for all events: The Holiday Inn Reading South, M4 Junction 11, Basingstoke Road, Reading, RG2 0SL

Nearest train station: Reading - with the hotel served by a direct regular bus service from the station.

Nearest Airport: London Heathrow, with trains direct to Reading. Also accessible from London Gatwick, Bristol and Southampton.

Organiser: James Burley - +44 (0)7825 153 842, ukopen2025@gmail.com

Events and formats – all events will be both ABSP and WESPA rated

1 - The Early Bird: Friday 3rd January to Saturday 4th January. Ten games, starting at 13:30 on Friday 3rd and finishing 12:30 on Saturday 4th January.

- Divisions of 10 where possible.
- Round Robin, followed by one King Of The Hill round.
- "A" Division will play to five point penalty challenge per word.

2 - The Warm Up: Saturday 4th January to Sunday 5th January. 14 games, starting at 14:00 on 4th and finishing 17:45 on Sunday 5th January.

- Divisions of 14 players where possible.
- Round Robin, followed by one King Of The Hill Round
- "A" Division will play 5 point penalty challenge per word. All other divisions free challenge.

3 - THE UK OPEN: Monday 6th January to Wednesday 8th January. 27 games, starting at 11:30am on 6th and finishing at 18:30 on 8th January.

- Two divisions.
- Division A = open to all with 5pp challenge per word.
- Division B = open to players rated 154 and below (at the time of the event). Free challenge.

4 - The Final Fling: Thursday 9th January to Friday 10th January. 16 games, starting at 11:30 on Thursday 9th and finishing by 17:15 on Friday 10th.

- One free challenge division.

Optional activities will be provided for players on the evenings of Sunday 5th and Wednesday 8th January. Details will be provided nearer the time.

N.B - The organiser reserves the right to refuse entry and, where necessary, to adjust divisions to ensure the smooth running of each event.

Costs

The UK Open Main event:

Double occupancy (based on two players sharing accommodation), cost per player: £240

Single occupancy (one person in a single room) cost per player: £275

Non-resident £185 (dinner not included – can be purchased for £25.00 per dinner)

All side events (Early Bird, Warm Up, Final fling) - COSTS PER EVENT:

Double occupancy per player: £130

Single Occupancy: £150

Non-resident: £90 (dinner not included – can be purchased for £25.00 per dinner)

If you are doing consecutive events, the night between events is already included in the 24hour rate price (dinner, bed and breakfast).

Three payment methods:

1. Paypal - pay securely by this link: [PayPal.Me - paypal.me/ukopen2025](https://www.paypal.me/ukopen2025) - please add name and event(s) entered as reference
2. BACS Transfer to Stella Burley: Sort Code 40-02-31, Account No. 51233602 (For International payments, IBAN GB02HBUK40023151233602, BIC HBUKGB4106G) please add name and event(s) entered as reference
3. Cheques - Payable to Stella Burley and sent to 18 Markwells, Elsenham, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire CM22 6LT

How to enter

Click on [THIS LINK](#) to complete an online entry form for the event, one form per person.

Secure your place today with a non-refundable deposit, which is the same amount no matter if you enter 1 or 4 events:

£50 deposit per player if you pay by 30th June 2024

£75 deposit per player if you pay by 31st July 2024

£100 deposit per player if you pay by 31st August 2024

PAYMENTS ARE DUE IN FULL BY 1ST DECEMBER 2024. THOSE WHO HAVE PAID DEPOSITS WILL RECEIVE MONTHLY REMINDERS OF WHAT IS OWED AND CAN PAY IN ANY AMOUNT OR SERIES OF AMOUNTS UP TO 1ST DECEMBER 2024.

Alternative ways to enter:

- 1) Complete the attached form and send to: Stella Burley, 18 Markwells, Elsenham, Bishop's Stortford, HERTFORDSHIRE, CM22 6LT (UNITED KINGDOM)
- 2) Email the details from the attached form to ukopen2025@gmail.com

Prizes

These prizes are based on a minimum of 40 entrants for each side event, and 60 for the UK Open main event (on the assumption of 30 in each division). Additional prizes will be added and prizes will increase in value if the number of entrants exceeds this at any point:

Early Bird/Warm Up/ Final Fling (per division):

1st - £200
2nd - £150
3rd - £100
Ratings prizes - at least one per division: £50

Main event (per division):

1st - £600
2nd - £400
3rd - £200
Ratings (at least three ratings prizes per division): £100 each

ENTRY FORM

Either:

- a) Complete [this online form \(click here\)](#) to enter
- b) Email the information required below to ukopen2025@gmail.com and then make payment via your chosen method
- c) Complete the form below, detach and send to Stella Burley, 18 Markwells, Elsenham, Bishop's Stortford, HERTFORDSHIRE CM22 6LT - UNITED KINGDOM

Name: _____

Contact number: _____

Email address: _____

Events entered:

1 - Early Bird

2 - Warm Up

3 - UK Open

4 - Final Fling

Do you require accommodation for the event? Yes/No

Please state if you require accommodation for either the night before or after your chosen event

Please state double or single occupancy: _____

Please state dietary requirements: _____

Chosen method of payment: _____

Pay in full or deposit/instalments? _____

TIMETABLE OF ALL EVENTS

Early Bird

Friday 3rd January 2025

ALL PLAYERS MUST REGISTER BY 13:00

1.30pm games 1-3

Tea/coffee

4.45pm games 4-5

6:30pm onwards – dinner

7:45pm games 6-7

Saturday 4th January 2025

09:15am games 8-9

Tea/coffee

11:30am game 10

12:45 Presentation

1pm – lunch for those staying for the Warm Up

UK Open Warm Up

Saturday 4th January 2025

ALL PLAYERS MUST REGISTER BY 13:30

2pm game 1-2

Tea/coffee

4.15pm games 3-5

7pm onwards – dinner

8:10pm games 6-7

Sunday 5th January 2025

9:15am games 8-9

Tea/Coffee

11:30 am games 10-11

1pm onwards – lunch

14:20 games 12-13

Tea/Coffee

16:30 game 14

PRIZEGIVING

UK Open

Monday 6th January 2025

ALL PLAYERS MUST REGISTER BY 11:00

11:30am games 1-2

1:15pm lunch

2:15pm games 3-4

Tea/coffee

4:30pm games 5-6

6:15pm Dinner

7:15pm games 7-9

Tuesday 7th January 2025

09:10am games 10-11

Tea/coffee

11:25am games 12-13

1pm lunch

2:15pm games 14-15

Tea/Coffee

4:30pm games 16-17

6:15pm Dinner

7:30pm games 18-19

Wednesday 8th January 2025

9:10am games 20-21

Tea/Coffee

11:25am games 22-23

1:10pm lunch

2:10pm games 24-25

Tea/coffee

4:20pm games 26-27

6:30pm prizegiving

Final fling

Thursday 9th January 2025

ALL PLAYERS MUST REGISTER BY 11:00

11:30am games 1-2

1:15pm lunch

2:15pm games 3-6

Dinner 6pm

7pm games 7-9

Friday 10th January 2025

9:10am games 10-11

Tea/coffee

11:20am games 12-13

1pm lunch

2pm game 14-16

5:10pm – Prizegiving and home