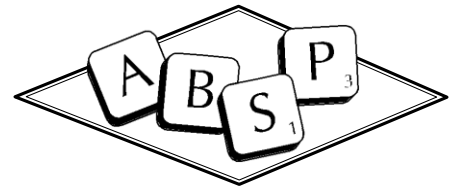


THE 2026 BRITISH MATCHPLAY SCRABBLE® CHAMPIONSHIPS



HOLIDAY INN (J28 M1), CARTER LN EAST, SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE DE55 2EH.
BMSC Main Event: Saturday 29th – Monday 31st August
+ BMSC Warm Up Event Friday 28th – Saturday 29th August

Venue : Holiday Inn Sth Normanton. It is easily accessible by road. It is around just off Junction 17 of the M1. The closest station is Alfreton which is around 8 minutes in a taxi. Alfreton is on the East Midlands Line and can be accessed via Nottingham.

Format: One open division for players rated **160** or above, or by choice. Repeats will be used where appropriate. Other players will be placed in partial round-robin (RR) groups, though if numbers dictate there may be one or more larger groups with Swiss pairing. Repeats may also be used in RR groups. The winner of the open division will be the BMSC Champion. All divisions should play 23 games.

Challenges: The Open Division will be 5p/word Penalty Challenge. All other divisions will be Free Challenge. The event will use self-adjudication throughout (except where players have mobility difficulty).

BMSC Warm Up Event: 10 games over Friday pm/Saturday am. There will be 1 or 2 divisions with prizes for top 3 plus ratings. All divisions are free challenge. There is a £10 discount for entering both the Warm Up and Main Events.

Prize Fund: The total BMSC prize fund will be dependent on entrants. Trophies will be given to the top five in the Open division and top three in RR divisions. All events are ABSP and WESPA rated. The ABSP reserves the right to refuse entrants, to change the size of the divisions as necessary, to use discretion in placing unrated players, or to decline a player's request to play in the Open Division.

Lunches on Friday and Saturday: Lunch Friday & Saturday can be purchased at the bar – lunch is included for Saturday for those in the warm up event only.

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Retain the top of this form for reference and send this part, duly completed (both sides), to:

Wayne Kelly (BMSC) 17 Cossack Avenue, Warrington, WA2 9PB

Phone Wayne on 07773 027274 or email waynekelly74@aol.com

Cheques payable to 'ABSP'

To pay direct to the bank, the account number for BMSC Entry payments is Bank Sort Code 77-76-25 A/C No. 75279668 Account name 'ABSP' adding your name for reference AND email Wayne with your requirements

Please give an email address for confirmation or send SAE (9"x4") to receive by post.

Closing date for entries is July 31st

CONTACT NAME : _____

ADDRESS : _____

_____ PHONE _____

CLUB _____ EMAIL _____

If sharing - with whom _____

Registration from 11:30am: All players MUST have registered for the main event by **2.15pm.**

Residents : includes en suite accommodation with breakfast and all meals mentioned in the timetable except lunches on Friday. Saturday lunch only included for those in the warm up.

Non-residents: All meals included except breakfast and Friday and Saturday lunches which can be purchased in the bar.

Accommodation: Most of the rooms available are double rooms for single or double occupancy, however do book early if you require accommodation before or after the event.

Extra Nights : There rooms available on the Thursday and Monday nights at £89 per night for single, £99 per night 2 people in a double room.

Tea and Coffee : This will be free-flow during the event.

Cancellations: If it is necessary for you to cancel, we will attempt to refund the full amount paid, however at short notice this may not be possible.

Dietary requirements: Please list below and give plenty of notice

Playing room: The playing room is the Derbyshire Suite for the whole weekend. This is on the ground floor.

Quiz: There will be a quiz on the Sunday evening.

EVENT SCHEDULE	
BMSC WARM UP	BMSC MAIN EVENT
FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Registration - 11.30 - 13.00	Registration -13:00-14:15
From 12:30 < PAYG lunch>	14:30 Round 1
13:15 Round 1	15:30 Round 2
14:15 Round 2	From 16:20 <break>
15:15 Round 3	16:40 Round 3
From 16:15<break>	17:40 Round 4
16.25 Round 4	From 18:40 <dinner>
17.25 Round 5	19:45 Round 5
From 18:20 <dinner>	20:45 Round 6
19.30 Round 6	
20.30 Round 7	
	SUNDAY
SATURDAY	09:00 Round 7
09:00 Round 8	10:00 Round 8
10:00 Round 9	From 10:45 <break>
From 10:45 <break>	11:10 Round 9
11:15 Round 10	12.10 Round 10
12.30 Presentation of Warm Up	From 13:00 <lunch>
From 12:30 <lunch>	13:45 Round 11
	14:45 Round 12
	15:45 Round 13
	SUNDAY Cont'd
	From 16:45 <break>
	16:55 Round 14
	17:55 Round 15
	From 18:50 <dinner>
	8.00 Quiz
	MONDAY
	09:00 Round 16
	10:05 Round 17
	From 10:55 <break>
	11:15 Round 18
	12:20 Round 19
	from 13.00<lunch>
	14:00 Round 20
	15.05 Round 21
	From 15:50 <break>
	16.10 Round 22
	17.15 Round 23
	18:25 Prizegiving
	18:35 Departure



Accommodation	Double room -Single occupancy	Double/Twin sharing	Non-Resident	Non-ABSP Member*	Agreed Helper	Total £
BMSC Warm Up	£155	£130	£95	£2	Free	
BMSC Main Event	£285	£245	£165	£10	Free	
Main Event - Open/Round Robin (please indicate)	Discount for both events			-£10		
Non-player reductions	Deduct £30 from Warm Up Event, £50 from Main event (RR)					
Extra Nights	£89 per night (single)/£99 per night per double room					Day(s)
Total						

ABSP Membership: Membership for 2026 is £17.50 for printed OnBoard/£12.50 for online copies (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 ourourke114@btinternet.com.

Vegetarian or vegan option / food allergies/ room requirements (please list here):