

The Scrabble Association, Singapore presents...

## THE 2022 SINGAPORE NATIONAL SCRABBLE® CHAMPIONSHIP

Singapore Sports Hub Library, 12–13 November 2022

THE 2022 SINGAPORE NATIONAL SCRABBLE® CHAMPIONSHIP (“the Nationals”) is open to **all Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents, and Long Term Residents**. A Long Term Resident is defined as a person with a permit, pass or other permission to live in Singapore from the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority which is valid during the Nationals.

**ORGANISERS:** The Scrabble Association (SA) is the national body for tournament Scrabble in Singapore, and the organisers of the Nationals. For more information to sign up for membership to be eligible for entry fee discount, and to check your divisional eligibility if you are unsure of your SA ratings, visit SA’s website at <https://www.toucanet.com> .

**RULES:** The Nationals will be played to World English-Language Scrabble Players Association (WESPA) Rules Version 4.0 ([Game Rules](#)), with a five-point penalty per unsuccessfully challenged word. The word source will be Collins Official SCRABBLE™ Words 2021 ( “CSW21” ). All games will be rated by SA.

**STRUCTURE:** The Nationals participants will play in three divisions, with details below.

DIVISION	A (Master)	B (Intermediate)	C (Novice)
<b>ENTRY FEE</b>	\$50	\$40	\$30
<b>DISCOUNTS</b> (can be combined)	\$10 for SA members	\$10 for SA members \$5 for youth* players	\$10 for SA members \$5 for youth* players
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b> by SA ratings at 18 Sep 2022	Open to all	Unrated players or rated below 1700	Unrated players or rated below 1400
<b>REPORTING TIME</b>	8.30 am Saturday 8.45 am Sunday	8.30 am Saturday 8.45 am Sunday	8.30 am Sunday
<b>ROUNDS</b>	16	16	8

\* A youth player is defined as a player who is below 18 years old as of 13 November 2022.

There is also a prize for Best Team, and other side individual prizes. See **Appendix A** for a list of prizes and **Appendix B** for a full timetable. Eligibility list can be found in SA’s website.

Past National champions are only eligible to play in Division A, regardless of their current ratings. See **Appendix C** for the list of past National champions.

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**REGISTRATION:** Please sign up individually at [www.tinyurl.com/scrabblesg2022](http://www.tinyurl.com/scrabblesg2022) . Alternatively if you face any issues with accessing the form, please email the organisers (contact below) and we will be happy to assist.

*(17 Oct: We have updated the closing date from 6 November due to overwhelming demand)*  
Registration closes on **21 October 2022** or when we received the **70th paid registrant**, whichever happens first. Subsequent registration would be put on a waiting list on a first-come-first-served basis.

Each player who registers before **17 October 2022** is entitled to receive an “early bird” gift of **a personalised Scrabble tile rack** bearing the Nationals logo and the player’s name. The organisers will reach out to the early birds for further details.

Payments are to be made via PayNow to **Ricky Purnomo** using the QR code on the registration form prior to submission. Please contact the organisers if you require an alternative payment method. Registrations will *not* be confirmed until payment has been received and acknowledged by the organisers.

Youth players will be issued a certificate of participation / achievement. If you are not a youth and require a certificate, please inform the organisers when registering.

The organisers will accept entries on a first come, first served basis, and reserve the right to decline entries as they see fit or if capacity is exceeded. The organisers also reserve the right to request proof of eligibility for participation and/or discounts such as residency status and birth dates.

For **team registration**, please email your team details to the organisers below. You should include “Team Registration” in your email subject and the email addresses used in the application of individual participants, and a team name in the email. Teams can consist of 3 to 5 people.

**CONTACT:** If you are facing any issues or have further enquiries, please contact the organisers at [nats@toucanet.com](mailto:nats@toucanet.com).

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## APPENDIX A: PRIZES

### A.1. MAIN PRIZES (updated as of 5 November 2022)

DIVISION	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	3RD PLACE	4TH PLACE
A	\$300 (+trophy)	\$200 (+trophy)	\$100 (+trophy)	\$50
B	\$200 (+trophy)	\$100 (+trophy)	\$75 (+trophy)	\$35
C	\$100 (+trophy)	\$75 (+trophy)	\$50 (+trophy)	\$25

The winners of Divisions A and B will also receive the Teck Ghee Challenge Shield and the Douglas Reyes Challenge Shield respectively to keep until the subsequent Nationals, and have their names memorialised on the Shields.

### A.2. SIDE PRIZES

Prizes will also be given out for the following categories:

CATEGORY	PRIZE
Dream Team	\$75
Highest scoring play (each division)	\$25
Highest scoring game (each division)	\$25
Lowest scoring win (each division)	\$25
Overperformer (one each for active and ex- players)	Harry Potter Special Edition Scrabble Set
Special prize: duplicate bingos	\$25

Further details on some of the categories:

#### **Dream Team**

This prize is for those that signed up as a team. A team's score is the sum of the 3 best divisional ranks of its members. The team with the lowest score wins the Dream Team prize.

Some calculation examples:

- a team of 4 players with members result of rank 1 in A, rank 3 in A, rank 5 in B and rank 2 in C, will have a score of  $1+2+3 = 6$
- a team of 5 players with members result of rank 2 in A, rank 7 in A, rank 2 in B, rank 1 in C and rank 10 in C will have a score of  $2+2+1 = 5$

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## Overperformer

All players will be given a seeding based on their latest ratings prior to the Nationals. The player who performed the best relative to his/her initial seeding (eg ranked the most places above his/her initial seeding) wins the Overperformer award.

Two separate Overperformer awards will be given:

1. for players who have last played an SA-rated tournament before 2019
2. for players who have played an SA-rated tournament in 2019 or later; and players who have not played an SA-rated tournament before.

A player who finishes in the top 3 of his/her division is not eligible for the Overperformer prize, which will then be awarded to the next best eligible Overperformer.

## Duplicate Bingos

If there are players who played the same bingo (ie words using all 7 tiles on the player's rack) more than once in the Nationals, they are eligible for the Duplicate Bingos prize.

If there are multiple eligible players, there will be drawing of lots to determine the winner. Division C players will get two lots as opposed to Division A/B's one lot, to balance out the fewer number of games they play.

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## A.3. FIRST-TIME PLAYER (FTP) PRIZES

Additional prizes are available for first-time players FTPs, based on the following rules:

1. Only for those for whom the Nationals 2022 is the first rated tournament they signed up for
2. To qualify for Best Finish Prizes, player must win at least 1 game
3. There is no requirement to win any games for other FTP Prizes
4. FTP Prize winners are eligible to win any other prizes

The prizes are as below:

CATEGORY	PRIZE
Best Finish (standing) in div B/A among all FTPs	\$20
Best Finish (standing) in div C among all FTPs	\$20
Most Number of Valid Bingos played by FTP (all div combined)	\$20
Highest Game Score of FTP (all div combined)	\$20
Youngest FTP (all div combined)	\$10
Oldest FTP (all div combined)	\$10

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In the event of a tie for

- Most Number of Valid Bingos: the player with the highest scoring valid bingo wins
  - Highest Game Score: the prize will be equally shared
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The organisers reserve the right to amend all the prizes and details above without prior notice.

The organisers would like to extend their gratitude to donations of various individuals which go into the prizes above: Michael Tang, Pradyot Anand, Ricky Purnomo, and an anonymous sponsor.

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## **APPENDIX B: TENTATIVE TIMETABLE**

### **DAY ONE (12 November 2022)**

0830 to 0845: Registration (Divisions A and B)

0845 to 0900: Opening remarks

0900 to 1200: Rounds 1 to 3

1200 to 1310: Lunch

1315 to 1815: Rounds 4 to 8

1830 to 1930: Trivia Night

### **DAY TWO (13 November 2022)**

0830 to 0900: Registration and briefing (Division C)

0900 to 1200: Rounds 9 to 11 (1 to 3 for C)

1200 to 1310: Lunch

1315 to 1815: Rounds 12 to 16 (4 to 8 for C)

1815 to 1930: Awards Ceremony

## **APPENDIX C: PAST SINGAPORE NATIONAL SCRABBLE® CHAMPIONS**

(alphabetised by last name)

- a. CHEAH SIU HEAN (2007, 2017)
- b. GOH JIANG PERN (2005–06)
- c. MARCUS DAVID GOH (2008)
- d. LAI YEW KONG (1982)
- e. LEE GUAN HUI (2016)
- f. LIEW KIAN BOON (2012)
- g. MOHAMMAD BIN OTHMAN (1980–81)
- h. MARLON PRUDENCIO (2014)
- i. RICKY PURNOMO (2002)
- j. SEOW TUAN KOK (1984)
- k. TONY SIM (1989, 1991, 1993, 1999, 2001, 2003–04, 2010)
- l. AUSTIN TAN KIAT HING (1997)
- m. MICHAEL TANG (2009)
- n. TEO HOCK WAH (1987)
- o. TOH WEIBIN (2011, 2015)
- p. HUBERT WEE MING HUI (2018)
- q. WONG POH HIM (1979)
- r. WONG ZHI YUAN (2013)
- s. MARC WOO JUN HOWE (2019)
- t. ROGER YEO (1978, 1983)

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