The Scrabble Association, Singapore proudly presents…
THE 2023 SINGAPORE NATIONAL SCRABBLE® CHAMPIONSHIP
Geylang East Public Library, 4–5 November

THE **2023 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 from the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority to live in Singapore for at least one year which is valid during the Nationals.

ORGANISERS: The Scrabble Association (SA) is the national body for tournament Scrabble in Singapore. 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 rating, visit the 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 the SA.

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STRUCTURE:

DIVISION	A (Master)	B (Intermediate)	C (Novice)
ENTRY FEE	$60	$50	$40
DISCOUNTS (can be combined)	$10 for SA members	$10 for SA members + extra $5 for youth* members	$5 for SA members + extra $5 for youth* members
ELIGIBILITY (based on SA ratings as at 1 September 2023)	OPEN TO ALL	Unrated players or rated below 1700	Unrated players or rated below 1400
REPORTING TIME	10:00 (4 and 5 November)	10:00 (4 and 5 November)	10:00 (5 November ONLY)
ROUNDS	16	16	7

Youth players are players below the age of 18 during the Nationals.

Players who register as a family will receive an additional discount of $5 per player (please apply the promo code "**FAMILYFUN**" before making payment); each player is free to play in any division. There is absolutely no limit to the number of players that can be included in

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family registrations; family members include children, grandchildren, grandparents, parents, siblings, and spouses.

See **Appendix A** for a full list of prizes and **Appendix B** for a tentative timetable, which also includes some information on the free side events that will be open to all non-participants of the 2023 Nationals.

The eligibility list can be found on the SA's website at https://www.toucanet.com/snsc23c.html. Past National champions are only eligible to play in Division A, <u>regardless of their current ratings</u>. See **Appendix C** for the list of past National champions.

REGISTRATION: Please sign up individually at https://scrabblenationals2023.eventbrite.sg. Alternatively, should you have any difficulty accessing the registration link, please email the organisers at nats@toucanet.com.

Each player who registers before **29 September 2023** will be entitled to receive a mystery gift.

Registration closes at 23:30 on **21 October 2023** or when we have received 130 paid registrations, whichever comes earlier.

Payment is to be made via Eventbrite. Please ensure that the correct amount is paid; refunds will only be considered in exceptional cases. Please contact the organisers if you require an alternative payment method. Registrations will only be confirmed after payment has been received and acknowledged by the organisers.

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 **family and team registrations**, please email your family/team details to the organisers below. You should include "Family/Team Registration" in your email subject and the email addresses used in the application of individual participants 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.

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APPENDIX A: PRIZES

All prizes will be in the form of NTUC FairPrice vouchers.

A.1. MAIN PRIZES

DIVISION	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	3RD PLACE	4TH PLACE	5TH PLACE
A	$500	$250	$150	—	—
B	$250	$150	$100	$70	—
C	$150	$100	$70	$50	$30

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)	$20
Highest scoring game (each division)	$20
Lowest scoring win (each division)	$20
Overperformer (Returning Players)*	$50
Overperformer (New/Active Players)	$50

* Please see Section A.3 for the definition of "Returning Players".

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.

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 (i.e. ranked the most places above his/her initial seeding) wins the Overperformer award. In the case of a tie, the award will be given to the player playing in the higher division. If there is a tie between players in the same division, the award will be given to the higher-placed player.

However, a player who is eligible for any of the main prizes, e.g. finishes in the Top 5 of Division C, is not eligible for the Overperformer prize, which will then be awarded to the next-best eligible player.

A.3. FIRST-TIME PLAYER (FTP) AND RETURNING PLAYER (RP) PRIZES

Additional prizes are available for first-time players (FTPs) and returning players (RPs), based on the following criteria:

1. FTPs are defined as players for whom the 2023 Nationals is their first SA-rated tournament. They must not have played in any offline SA-rated tournaments prior to the 2023 Nationals.
2. RPs are defined as players who have had tournament experience but who have not played in any offline rated Scrabble tournaments anywhere in the world since **1 January 2020**.
3. To qualify for the "Best Finish" prizes, players must win at least 1 game.
4. There is no requirement to win any games for other prizes such as Oldest FTP/RP.
5. FTPs and RPs are eligible for all other prizes, including main prizes and side prizes.

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CATEGORY	PRIZE
Best Finish (standing) among FTPs in Divisions A/B/C	$20 each
Youngest FTP in Divisions A/B/C	$10 each
Oldest RP in Divisions A/B/C	$10 each

The organisers reserve the right to amend all prizes and related details without prior notice.

The organisers would like to extend their gratitude to the National Library Board for sponsoring the tournament venue, as well as to the various individuals whose kind donations helped fund the above prizes: Dylan Sharma, Goh Jiang Pern, and Pradyot Anand.

APPENDIX B: TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Day 1

Do note that there will be side events on both days (including "Division F", a three-game unrated "mini" on Day 1) that will be free of charge and open to all non-participants of the 2023 Nationals.

Time	Main Hall		Activity Hall
	Divisions A and B	Division F	
10:00	Online Check-In		
10:15	Opening Remarks		
10:30	10:30 - Round 1		Workshop (To prepare first-time players for Division F)
10:45			
11:00			
11:15			
11:30	11:30 - Round 2		
11:45			
12:00		Lunch	
12:15			
12:30	12:30 - Round 3		
12:45		Registration / Check-In@ L3	
13:00			
13:15		Opening Remarks 13:15	
13:30	Lunch	13:30 - Round 1	
13:45			
14:00			
14:15	14:15 - Round 4		Word games, Scrabble Doubles, etc.
14:30			
14:45		14:45 - Round 2	
15:00			
15:15	15:15 - Round 5		
15:30			
15:45			
16:00			
16:15	16:15 - Round 6	18:00 - Round 3	
16:30			
16:45			
17:00			Awards Ceremony preparation

Time		
17:15	17:15 - Round 7	Awards Ceremony @ Activity Hall
17:30		
17:45		
18:00		
18:15	18:15 - Round 8	
18:30		
18:45		
19:00		

Day 2

Time	Divisions A and B	Division C	
10:00	Online Check-In	Online Check-In	
10:15	10:15 - Round 9	Opening Remarks	
10:30		10:30 - Round 1	Workshop (Parent & Child)
10:45			
11:00			
11:15	11:15 - Round 10		
11:30		11:35 - Round 2	
11:45			
12:00			
12:15	12:15 - Round 11		
12:30			
12:45		Lunch	Lunch
13:00			
13:15	Lunch		
13:30		13:30 - Round 3	Set-up Play Zone
13:45			
14:00	14:00 - Round 12		Play Zone (Word Games)
14:15			
14:30		14:35 - Round 4	
14:45			
15:00	15:00 - Round 13		
15:15			
15:30			
15:45		15:40 - Round 5	
16:00	16:00 - Round 14		
16:15			
16:30			
16:45		16:45 - Round 6	

17:00	17:00 - Round 15		
17:15			
17:30			
17:45	18:00 - Round 16	17:55 - Round 7	
18:00			
18:15			
18:30			
18:45			
19:00	Awards Ceremony	Awards Ceremony	
19:15			
19:30			
19:45			

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, 2022)
    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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Last year's champion Hubert Wee (centre), flanked by runners-up Toh Weibin (left) and Cheah Siu Hean (right). Let's add *your* name to the challenge shield this year! But really, when there's a full weekend of Scrabble to be enjoyed, everyone's a winner... Come join us this November!