

The Scrabble Association, Singapore proudly presents...  
**THE 2026 SINGAPORE NATIONAL SCRABBLE® CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Heartbeat@Bedok, 4–5 July



THE **2026 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. To learn more about SA membership or your divisional eligibility, please 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 5.1 ([Game Rules](#)), with a five-point penalty per unsuccessfully challenged word. The word source will be Collins Official SCRABBLE™ Words 2024 (“CSW24”). All games in Division A - C will be rated by the SA.

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## STRUCTURE:

DIVISION	A (Master)	B (Intermediate)	C (Novice)	D (Beginner)	Visually Handicapped*
ENTRY FEE	\$70	\$60	\$40	\$5	Registration is free!
DISCOUNTS (can be combined)	\$10 for SA members + extra \$5 for youth players	\$10 for SA members + extra \$5 for youth players	\$5 for SA members + extra \$5 for youth players	-	-
ELIGIBILITY	Rated players rated 1400 & above	Rated players rated below 1700	Unrated players or rated below 1400	Unrated players or rated below 1300	Open to all visually handicapped players
REPORTING TIME	09:00 (4 and 5 July)	09:00 (4 and 5 July)	09:00 (5 July ONLY)	13:00 (4 July ONLY)	13:00 (4 July ONLY)
ROUNDS	16	16	7	3	3

- Early bird discount of **\$10** is available until the **31st of May**
- Youth players are those who are born on **1st January 2009 or later**
- Games in both Division D and the Visually Handicapped Division will be **unrated**
- Players eligible for **Division D (4 July)** can also take part in **Division C (5 July)**
- The cutoff date for rating is **30 April 2026**

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We are thrilled to hold the Visually Handicapped Division, in which games will be played using braille Scrabble sets. Please register via the Singapore Association Of The Visually Handicapped (SAVH) or email us at [nats@toucanet.com](mailto:nats@toucanet.com) for more information.

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 2026 Nationals.

The eligibility list can be found on the SA's website at (TBC). 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.

**REGISTRATION:** Please sign up individually at [Singapore National Scrabble Championship 2026 Tickets. Saturday, July 4-Sunday, July 5 • 9:30 AM-7:30 PM | Eventbrite](#) or scan the following QR code:

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Should you have any difficulty accessing the registration link or QR code, please email the organisers at [nats@toucanet.com](mailto:nats@toucanet.com).

Each player who registers by the end of **31 May 2026** is eligible for a **\$10 discount**.

Registration closes at 23:30 on **21 June 2026**.

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.

**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

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	OTHER PRIZES
A	\$1000	\$500	\$220	\$150	\$100	—
B	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$150	\$100	—
C	\$200	\$120	\$90	\$70	\$50	—
D	\$50	\$30	\$20	—	—	*
Visually Handicapped	\$100	\$60	\$40	\$20	\$20	\$20 (6th & 7th)

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.

\* Top two Bedok residents from the Beginner division will receive medals in addition to the cash prizes on offer

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## A.2. SIDE PRIZES

The best-performing primary school student and the five best-performing secondary school students will each be awarded a medal. (Priority will be given to those who participate in the higher divisions. For instance, if three primary school students choose to join Division A, they will all be guaranteed a medal each regardless of where they finish within that division.)

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 (each division)	\$50

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 ranking 1st in A, 3rd in A, 5th in B and 2nd in C, will have a score of  $1+2+3=6$ .
- A team of 5 players with members ranking 2nd in A, 7th in A, 2nd in B, 1st in C and 10th 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 their initial seeding (i.e. ranked the most places above their 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.

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### 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 2026 Nationals is their first SA-rated tournament. They must not have played in any offline SA-rated tournaments prior to the 2026 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 2023**.
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.

CATEGORY	PRIZE
Best Finish (standing) among FTPs in Divisions B/C	\$40 each
Youngest FTP in Divisions B/C	\$20 each
Oldest FTP in Divisions B/C	\$20 each
Oldest RP in Divisions A/B/C	\$20 each

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

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## APPENDIX B: TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

### Day 1 - Saturday 04 Jul 2026

Function Room 1 & 2		Classroom 1
Div A & B	Div VH & Div D (Beginner)	Workshop#
09:00 - Check-In		
09:15 - TD Brief		
09:30 - Round 1		
10:30 - Round 2		
11:30 - Round 3		
12:30 - 13:30 Lunch		
13:30 - Photo Taking		
13:45 - Round 4		
14:45 - Round 5		
15:45 - Round 6		
16:45 - Round 7	13:00 - Check-In @ Classroom 1	10:00 - Check-In
17:45 - Round 8	13:30 - TD Brief	10:15 - Workshop
	13:45 - Round 1	
	15:00 - Round 2	
	16:15 - Round 3	
	17:30 - Awards Ceremony @ Classroom 1	

### Day 2 - Sunday 05 Jul 2026

Function Room 1 & 2	
Div A & B	Div C
09:00 - Check-In	09:00 - Check-In @ Classroom 1
09:15 - Round 9	09:15 - TD Brief
10:15 - Round 10	9:30 - Round 1
11:15 - Round 11	10:35 - Round 2
12:15 - 13:15 Lunch	11:40 - Round 3
13:15 - Round 12	12:45 - 13:45 Lunch
14:15 - Round 13	13:45 - Photo Taking
15:15 - Round 14	14:00 - Round 4
16:15 - Round 15	15:05 - Round 5
17:15 - Round 16	16:10 - Round 6
Tabulation of results / set up for Awards Ceremony	
18:30 Awards Ceremony	

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## APPENDIX C: PAST SINGAPORE NATIONAL SCRABBLE CHAMPIONS

(alphabetised by last name)

- a. **CHEAH SIU HEAN** (2007, 2017)
- b. **GOH JIANG PERN** (2005, 2006)
- 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, 1981)
- h. **MARLON PRUDENCIO** (2014)
- i. **RICKY PURNOMO** (2002)
- j. **SEOW TUAN KOK** (1984)
- k. **TONY SIM** (1989, 1991, 1993, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2010)
- l. **AUSTIN TAN KIAT HING** (1997)
- m. **MICHAEL TANG** (2009)
- n. **TEO HOCK WAH** (1987)
- o. **TOH WEIBIN** (2011, 2015, 2023, 2025\*)
- p. **HUBERT WEE MING HUI** (2018, 2022)
- q. **WONG POH HIM** (1979)
- r. **WONG ZHI YUAN** (2013)
- s. **WOO JUN HOWE, MARC** (2019)
- t. **ROGER YEO** (1978, 1983)
- u. **YONG JIAN RONG** (2024)

\* Defending Champion

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