

# **FEBRUARY 2020 – JULY 2020**



# THE SCRABBLE SHOOTOUT, SINGAPORE IS BACK

A QUICK GUIDE TO SSSg 2020

### INTRODUCTION

The Scrabble Shootout, Singapore (SSSg) is the only knockout Scrabble tournament on the local scene, where participants are paired off in a best-of-*n* knock-out match, to be played at a time and place of their mutual agreement. Winners will proceed to the next round where the next month they will be paired with other winners, and so on until an eventual champion emerges to join the likes of GM Tony Sim, GM Hubert Wee Ming Hui, and GM Goutham Jayaraman!

TIMEFRAME	FEB 2020 TO JULY 2020		
FORMAT	SINGLE-ELIMINATION		
ELIGIBILITY	OPEN ONLY TO MEMBERS OF THE SCRABBLE ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE (SA)		
FEES	SGD20 PER ROUND (SGD15 FOR YOUTHS ONLY)		

ALL SSSg GAMES WILL BE RATED BY THE SA.

## **PAST \$556 CHAMPIONS**







2014: TONY SIM ★ 2015/16: HUBERT WEE ★ 2017: J GOUTHAM

### PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Closing date for entries: 29 January 2020

Pairings will be announced online by 30 January.

ROUND	FORMAT	DURATION
QUALIFYING ROUND	BEST OF 7	31 January to 12 March
ROUND OF 16	BEST OF 7	13 March to 16 April
QUARTERFINALS	BEST OF 7	17 April to 21 May
SEMI-FINALS	BEST OF 9	22 May to 25 June
FINALS	BEST OF 11	26 June to 26 July

### **PRIZES**

While the exact prize structure is dependent on the number of entrants, and additional prizes (High Game, High Word) may be announced after registration closes, we will guarantee the following prizes and quantums:

Prize	QUANTUM	SAMPLE DISTRIBUTION <sup>1</sup>
First	Equivalent to or greater than 40% of the prize pool	\$276
Second	Equivalent to or greater than 28% of the prize pool	\$193
Overseed <sup>2</sup>	Equivalent to or greater than 20% of the prize pool	\$138

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sample prize distribution is based on 24 youth entrants for ease of calculation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The winner of the overseed will be the player with the biggest positive difference between their initial ranking and their eventual finish (ties between those eliminated during the same round will be broken by wins then spread from games during that round).

Equivalent to or greater than the total entry fees paid by the player	-
the player	

Players are not eligible for multiple prizes, e.g. a youth who wins the ratings prize will not qualify for the youth prize.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

We're going back to basics in 2020! The following are the most important changes from the previous edition's format:

- 1. Single division, single elimination. #SingleLife
- 2. Best-of-7 for all matches before Semifinals, followed by a Bo9 Semifinals and a Bo11 Finals; no more 3rd place play-off.
- 3. 3-game-per-session minimum. (This is a requirement imposed by the SA. For more information see Annex A, section 5.)

### **REGISTRATION AND ENQUIRIES**

REGISTER NOW AT <u>tinyurl.com/sssg2020</u> and follow all proceedings at <u>facebook.com/SSSqHome/!</u>

For more details on any aspect of the tournament, please refer to <u>Annex A.</u> If you still have any questions, please do not hesitate to email the SSSg Organising Team at <u>sssg.adm@gmail.com</u>.

For registration, please make payment to Ryan Wee via PayNow or PayLah at **91016969**.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Born 1st Jan 2002 or later.