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2nd WESPA Championship (WESPAC) - Kenya

Scrabble Kenya in conjunction with WESPA is pleased to announce the 2017 World English-Language Scrabble Players Championship (WESPAC) which will be held in Nairobi this year

Dates: 6th to 12th November, 2017

Location: Nairobi, Kenya (accessible via Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [JKIA])

Venue: The Kenyatta International Convention Centre (Tsavo Ballroom)

<http://kicc.co.ke/facility/room?name=Tsavo%20Ballroom%20A>

Meals: Lunch and tea shall be provided to all participants

Format: The tournament will retain the traditional Last Chance qualifier (LCQ) event and have additional 3 other events

Dictionary: Collins Scrabble words 2015 (CSW2015)

Challenge rule: 5 points per challenged word

Tournament Director: Professor Wilma Vialle

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WESPA Championship

Qualification through country specific team selection criteria as based on the country quotas circulated after the 2015 championship in Perth.

- Countries that had 1 slot previously will have 2 slots in this year's edition.
- Countries participating for the first time should liaise with WESPA on selection criteria by 31st March, 2017
- Wildcards to the championship & revised country's quotas are listed here:
<http://wespac2017nairobi.com/player-3-columns>
- 32 games over four days (Wednesday to Saturday 8th to 11th November, 2017) will be played to select the top 2 finalists who'll compete in a best of 7 final on Sunday the 12th
- Registration fee USD 200 (the first 100 entries get a USD 50 discount courtesy of the WESPA president Elie Dangoor)
- Prize fund USD 50,000 for the top 15

Last Chance Qualifier (LCQ)

- The LCQ is an 8 game 1 day event on Tuesday the 7th November, 2017 open to those who didn't make the country quotas.
- Registration fee USD 50.
- Top 10% qualify for the WESPA Championship proper
- Top 3 youth players under 18 years qualify to the main event

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Kenya International Open Warm Up

- This is an 8 game 1 day tournament on Wednesday 8th November, 2017
- Open to all not in the WESPA Championship
- Entry fee USD 50
- Prize fund to be determined by entries

Kenya International Open

- This is a 3 day 24 game event on Thursday to Saturday 9th to 11th November, 2017
- Open to all
- Entry fee USD 150
- Prize fund to be determined by entries minimum USD 6000

Nairobi International Youth Championship

- 3 day 21 game event on Thursday to Saturday 9th to 11th November, 2017
- Open to players born on or after 1st January, 2000
- Reg fee USD 50
- Prize fund to be determined based on entries received

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Nairobi International Open

- One day 8 game event on Sunday 12th November, 2017
- Open to all
- Entry fee USD 50 (free for all those who play in the championship, Open and Youth events)

Registration

- Online registration for all events opens on 1st March, 2017

Where to stay

Scrabble Kenya has negotiated discounted event rates with the hotels listed below.

Number	Hotel	Rating	Rate in USD
1	Stanley Sarova Hotel	5 star	Single 200 Double 250
2	Hilton Hotel	5 star	Single 130 Double 170
3	680 Hotel	3 star	Single 70 Double 100
4	Stadion Hotel Kasarani	2 star	Single 50

NB: Links to book with the negotiated rates will be available on the event website once registration opens <http://wespac2017nairobi.com/>

- This list will be updated as SK concludes MOU signing with other hotels

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Visa Processing

People traveling to Kenya can apply for Visa online prior to travel or get one on arrival at the airport

The link for online Visa application is <http://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html>

Safari

Scrabble Kenya is negotiating for discounted safari packages for players who want to combine play with the Safari experience

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