

The 9th Shatin Inter-School Scrabble Competition (2025)

organized by SKH Tsang Shiu Tim Secondary School

A. Date, time, venue and dress code

Date: 3 May 2025 (Sat)

Time: 9:00 am – 5:30 pm (Registration starts at 8:45 am)

Venue: School Hall, SKH Tsang Shiu Tim Secondary School

Address: 6 Tak Hau Street, Wo Che Estate, Shatin

Dress code: School uniform

B. Eligibility and Application

The competition is open to all primary and secondary schools in Shatin, and any schools invited by the organizing committee.

There are two divisions in the competition: the Primary division and the Secondary division. Primary 1 to 6 and Secondary 1 to 6 students of all schools in Shatin are eligible. Each primary school can send a team of up to 6 players, while each secondary school can send a team of up to 9 players. Teams with at least 3 players are eligible for team prizes. All players can compete for individual prizes.

Schools wishing to send an extra number of players could make a special request. The organizing committee shall decide after considering the enrolment status.

The above rules of eligibility and application are subject to amendment without prior notice at the sole discretion of the organizing committee.

C. Format of Play

Each player will be given a total of 25 minutes in each game. ***Two-and three-letter word lists will be provided during all games.***

All competitors will play all **five** rounds of Scrabble individually in this competition, ***in the mixed division***.

Swiss Draw is used to determine the pairings for the first four games. In these four games, each player can only face each opponent up to once and players from the same school will not play against each other. King-of-the-Hill (KOTH) is used to determine the pairings for the final game, meaning it is possible for players from the same school to play against each other or face the same opponent from a previous game in the competition in the final round. Minor changes may be made to the pairings to ensure fairness.

Results will be collated for the top 3 finishers from each school for the school prizes. Schools with fewer than 3 players will not be counted. Only schools in Shatin are eligible for school prizes.

D. Rules and Dictionary

WESPA Rules Version 4 will be used with free challenge (i.e. no penalty for wrong challenges). Collins Scrabble Words 2024 (CSW24) will be used as the official dictionary.

E. Prizes and Titles

Primary Category

School Prizes

Champion	A trophy and certificates
1 st Runner-up	A trophy and certificates
2 nd Runner-up	A trophy and certificates

Individual Titles

Individual Champion	A medal
Individual 1 st Runner-up	A medal
Individual 2 nd Runner-up	A medal
High Word	A medal

High Game	A medal
Honorable Mention*	A medal

Secondary Category

School Prizes

Champion	A trophy and certificates
1 st Runner-up	A trophy and certificates
2 nd Runner-up	A trophy and certificates

Individual Titles

Individual Champion	A medal
Individual 1 st Runner-up	A medal
Individual 2 nd Runner-up	A medal
High Word	A medal
High Game	A medal
Bingo Machine (most bingos played in the five rounds)	A medal
Best Novice**	A medal
Honorable Mention	A medal

*The Honorable Mention medals will be given to

(1) the best player from a school, excluding the top 3 individual finishers, and if any medal remains,

(2) the highest ranked players excluding the top 3 individual finishers, the Best Novice and those who already have an Honorable Mention medal.

**Novice excludes players with an existing HKSPA rating, provisional or not.

Only schools in Shatin are eligible for team prizes. Schools not in Shatin invited by the organizing committee (if any) can only compete for individual titles.

In addition to the above titles, all players will receive a certificate of participation.

F. How to enter

The competition is open to primary and secondary schools in Shatin only. Please fill in the application form by scanning the QR code below, and email it to scrabbleteamskhtstss@gmail.com.

