

Dear School Heads, Panel Heads, Co-ordinators and Teachers,

The 9th C.C.C. Inter-school Scrabble Tournament

You are cordially invited to participate in the competition organised by the Association of Principals of Secondary Schools, HKCCCC on 11 May 2019. Details of the event are as follows:

Date:	11 May 2019 (Saturday)
Time:	9:30 am – 5:00 pm
Venue:	CCC Kei San Secondary School, 8 Wu Tip Shan Road, Fanling, N.T.
Objectives:	To provide a platform for Scrabble players to play competitively and foster friendship among C.C.C. students through playing this exciting word game. To boost students' interest in English through this tactical spelling game.
Tournament Mechanics and Rules	See Appendix 1
Prizes	Team Prizes : Champion, 1 st runner-up, 2 nd runner-up and 3 rd runner-up Individual Prizes : High Game, High Word, Best Player of each school
Enrolment	See Appendix 2
Deadline for enrolment:	29 March, 2019 (Friday)

This year, a learning workshop will be provided by C.C.C. Mong Man Wai College. The details are as follows:

Scrabble Learning Workshop (See Appendix 3)

Date: 13th April 2019 (Sat)

Time: 10:00 – 12:00; (Registration starts at 9:45a.m.)

Venue: Rooms 101 and 102, C.C.C. Mong Man Wai College, 20, Hiu Ming Street, Kwun Tong, Kln.

We look forward to seeing you in the competition. For enquires about the tournament or the learning workshop, please feel free to contact Ms Winnie Cheung Wai Yin of C.C.C. Kei San Secondary School (Tel: 26693906 Email: cwy@ks.edu.hk) or Mr. Ho Man Kai of C.C.C. Mong Man Wai College. (Tel : 27276372 Email : mmw-hmk@cccmmwc.edu.hk) Thank you.

Best regards,

The English Activities Group for Students

The Association of Principals of Secondary Schools, HKCCCC

Appendix 1: Tournament Mechanics, rules and important information

1. Tournament Mechanics

- The tournament will mainly be a single-round robin tournament.
- If there are more than 8 entries, schools will be split in to more than 1 group to compete with knock-out rounds for the last 2 rounds.

2. Scoring System

- Each team is composed of 5 to 15 members from the same school (Form 1 to Form 6 students).
- Each team will have 5 participants in each round. Each team will play 5 one-to-one games against its opponents in each round. If a school has got 3 wins, 4 wins and 5 wins in each round, it will be counted as a school win.
- If there is a draw game, 0.5 wins will be counted. As such, if in any round that there is 2.5-2.5 for the 2 schools involved, it will be counted as 0.5 school wins.
- If more than one schools obtain the same school WINS, at the end of the whole tournament, the final team ranking will be determined as follows:
 1. Number of individual wins
 2. Number of spread*
- * 'Spread' refers to the difference between the total points scored by two opposing players/teams.

Examples of score calculation and rank allocation

		School Wins	Individual Wins	Spread
Group 1	School A	3	15	+796
Group 1	School B	2	9	+1000
Group 1	School C	1	5	-500
Group 1	School D	0	1	-1296

Group 2	School E	2.5	12.5	+764
Group 2	School F	2.5	12.5	+763
Group 2	School G	1	5	-838
Group 2	School H	0	0	-689

Ranks after the first 3 rounds

Rank	Group 1	Group 2
1	School A	School E
2	School B	School F
3	School C	School G
4	School D	School H

3. Information for participating Schools

- All players representing their schools should have prior knowledge to play the game and must have read the Tournament Rules.
- Any form of Scrabble word list and/or tiles/letters tracking devices in any manner is not allowed during the competition to ensure that fair play is adopted.
- No matter they are taking part in the Tournament directly/indirectly, all participants should agree that they will not hold the Organiser(s) responsible for any accidents/ mishaps/ misdemeanors that may occur during the course/leading to the course of/after the event.

4. Tournament Rules

- As this will be a HKSPA-recognised tournament, all rules adopted will be complied with the related regulations of the Hong Kong Scrabble Players Association (HKSPA). By that, the WESPA (World English-language Scrabble Players Association) rule version 3 is adopted. You may go to <http://www.wespa.org/rules/index.shtml> to download and study the rule.
- Time allowed : 25 minutes per player,
- Dictionary : CSW15
- Challenge penalty : 5 points challenge penalty per challenged word
- Two- and three-letter word lists will be provided during all games. Players are allowed to refer to it but they are not allowed to write on it. They cannot bring in their own word list too.

5. Matters in Dispute

All questions of eligibility, legitimacy in the progress and outcome of the game including walkover, forfeiture of game, alteration in the number of games played, annulment and/or invocation/reversal of final result, interpretation of rules as well as all other matters in dispute not covered in the abovementioned rules and regulations shall be referred to the Organizing Committee whose powers are that of an arbiter and whose decision is FINAL.

6. Prize

- Team Prizes
 - (1) Champion
 - (2) 1st Runner-up
 - (3) 2nd Runner-up
 - (4) 3rd Runner-up

- Individual Prizes
 - (1) High Game (the highest score in a game)
 - (2) High Word (the highest score in a move)
 - (3) Best player from a school

7. Tentative Championship Schedule

09:30 - 09:45	Registration
09:45 - 10:00	Welcome and briefing
10:00 - 11:00	First Round
11:00 - 11:10	Break
11:10 - 12:10	Second Round
12:10 - 13:10	Lunch
13:10 - 14:10	Third Round
14:10 - 14:20	Break
14:20 - 15:20	Fourth Round
15:20 - 15:30	Break
15:30 - 16:30	Fifth Round
16:30 - 16:45	Tea Break
16:45 - 17:00	Announcing result , prize presentation and photo taking

8. Acknowledgement

Special thanks to the Hong Kong Scrabble Players Association (HKSPA) for recognise this tournament and provide technical to this tournament.