

**HONG KONG SCRABBLE PLAYERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Inter-School Scrabble Championship 2025**  
**Secondary Category**

The Hong Kong Scrabble Players Association is delighted to announce the details of the **Inter-School Scrabble Championship 2025 – Secondary Category**. Details of the tournament is outlined as follow:

**About the Championship:**

	<b>Practice Match</b>	<b>Grand Final</b>
Date	26 April 2025	28 June 2025
Time	09:00 – 13:00 (Registration starts at 08:30)	09:00 – 17:00
Venue	Tsz Wan Shan Catholic Primary School	Methodist School

**Eligibility:**

All secondary schools in Hong Kong are eligible to send a team of 3 to 5 players from Secondary 1 to 6. Each team should contain at least one player from Secondary 1 to 3.

**Format:**

	<b>Practice Match</b>	<b>Grand Final</b>
<b>Number of Games</b>	3 Games	6 Games
<b>Pairing System</b>	Australian Swiss Draw and King of the Hill (KOTH) for last round (Players from the same school will not play against each other)	
<b>Challenge Rule</b>	Free Challenge	5-point unsubstantiated challenge penalty
<b>Time allowed</b>	25 minutes per player	
<b>Dictionary</b>	Collins Official Scrabble Words 2024 (CSW24)	
<b>Rules</b>	WESPA rules version 5.1	

The Championship will be HKSPA-rated.

**Mechanism:**

The Practice Match and the Grand Final are two separate events.

We encourage players to participate in the Practice Match if they do not have prior experience in playing competitive Scrabble. There will be at most 30 spots for the Practice Match. The result of the Practice Match will not count towards the result of the Grand Final.

**Prizes:**

<b>Practice Match</b>	<b>Grand Final</b>
<u>Individual prizes (Medals)</u> Most Valuable Player for each school Best New Player	<u>School prizes (Trophies)</u> Champion, 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner-up and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner-up.  <u>Individual prizes (Medals)</u> Individual Champion, Individual 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner-up, Individual 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner-up, High Word and High Game Most Valuable Player for each school

- *To compete for school prizes and Most Valuable Player Awards, each school must have at least three players participating in each round of the tournament.*
- *When calculating school ranking and awards, only the top 3 players from each school will be counted.*
- *Best New Player Award is eligible for players who are previously unrated in HKSPA Rating (including the provisional rating) on the day of the tournament.*

**Certificates:**

- Certificates of Participation will be issued to all participants separately for the Practice Match and Grand Final.

- Certificates of Award will be issued to participants after the tournament for those participants with school and individual awards on request subject to the prevailing charges by the Association.

**Entry Fees:**

- There is no entry fee for this tournament.

**Enrolment:**

- Enrolment will be served on a first-come-first-served basis and will be accepted on a school basis only. School teachers or coaches may sign up via the HKSPA Event Enrolment System. Teachers should submit separate enrolment forms for the Practice Match and the Grand Final.

**Deadline of Application:**

	Practice Match	Grand Final
Deadline of Application	7 April 2025	31 May 2025

**Change of players:**

- To change players before the enrolment deadline, please login to the HKSPA Event Enrolment Platform to submit the changes.
- If there are any special circumstances that change of player(s) is required after the deadline, please write to the organiser by email providing the details and the required change(s). Subject to the organisers' discretion, changes may be permitted. \$50 administrative charge will be levied per name changed to cover the administrative cost and printing cost incurred. Schools are normally not allowed to change the players within one week before the tournament.
- Players with symptoms of sickness should not participate in any tournaments. School teacher should notify the organiser if they are aware that any players will be absent from the event as soon as practicable. The school teacher may notify the organiser if his or her school would like to replace the sick player prior to the tournament. The administrative charge for such replacement will be waived under such circumstances. However, we are unable to print the Certificate of Participation on the day. Should the newly added player require a Certificate of Participation, we may issue one and send it to the school by post. The player concerned may be required to pay an administrative fee as stipulated in the Association's Guidelines on Issuance of Certificates.
- Should a school team fail to send the minimum required number of players to the Championship on the day, the team and its members will be ineligible for all school prizes (including the MVP award) of the Championship.
- Please let us know as soon as possible if you expect any player cannot attend the tournament for any reasons to facilitate our arrangement.

**Enquiries:**

For any enquiries, please email [info@hkscrabble.org](mailto:info@hkscrabble.org).

**Acknowledgements:**

We are grateful that Tsz Wan Shan Catholic Primary School and Methodist School offered us accommodation charges concession to make this event possible.

To maintain the fairness of the event, the venue providers are not responsible for any decisions regarding the tournament regulations and disciplinary actions during the championship.

## Remarks

Please note and observe the following policies BEFORE you enrol for this championship.

### Displayed name policy

- You are required to submit a displayed name for your student. The name will be recorded for identification and HKSPA rating purpose, and will be displayed publicly.
- You are highly recommended to use the name on their HKID card.
- Please follow the format of “English Name”, “SURNAME”, “Chinese Name”. e.g. Peter CHAN Tai Man / Ruben LOFTUS-CHEEK / YIP Yat Sum / Carson TSANG.
- The displayed name cannot exceed 20 characters (including spaces). e.g. Peter LEUNG Shou Chi contains 20 characters.
- Players who have played in any HKSPA-rated or WESPA-rated tournaments before should use the SAME displayed name as they used in any previous tournaments. They are normally not allowed to change their displayed name.

### Verification Policy

- To confirm the students you enrolled are studying in your school, please note that your student MUST bring their student card to the venue. You may use your student handbook instead of their student card if your school does not issue student card. We accept original of the document only. Personalized Octopus Card with Student Status or wearing school uniform are not acceptable forms of proof of identity.
- Players who forget to bring the necessary documents could show us a photo of the student card/student handbook for verification. They may be charged an administrative fee of HK\$50.
- You may not be allowed to play if you cannot prove their identity before the championship begins, even if you know the committee members personally.