



Game Day: Scrabble® Sat., Nov. 1, 10:00 a.m.

Are you a word connoisseur? Join us for a competitive Scrabble tournament on Game Day at OMSI Nov. 1. Participation is free and prizes will be awarded to top players. Scrabble boards and clocks will also be available for those who want to play just for fun. **Beginner and advanced players are welcome.**

Tournament Overview

The seven-game round robin Scrabble tournament will begin at 10:00 a.m. (Registration starts at 9:30 a.m.) All tournament players must plan to participate in all seven games. All games are one-on-one and players will be matched based on their National Scrabble Association (NSA) rating. New tournament players are welcome and will be matched accordingly.

The primary difference between a tournament and playing at home is the use of a “chess type” clock. Each player has 25 minutes to make all of their plays. There are no restrictions on individual plays. If a player exceeds 25 minutes they lose 10 points for every minute or fraction of a minute they go over.

Tournament Rules

1. Players draw a tile from the bag to determine which player goes first. Blank tiles take priority otherwise the letter closest to A in the alphabet goes first. Repeat if a tie occurs. Return the tiles to the bag.
2. The player going first then draws seven tiles from the bag. When they begin to look at their tiles their opponent may start their clock and draw their seven tiles.
3. The procedure for making your plays is:
 - a. Place your word on the board
 - b. Announce your score (Note: both players need to keep track of each other's score)
 - c. Start your opponent's clock
 - d. Record the score from that turn and calculate the cumulative score
 - e. Draw replacement tiles
4. If you are unsure whether a word played by your opponent is acceptable, you can immediately “challenge” or request a “hold” in order to take more time to determine whether to challenge the word. Both actions must be taken before your opponent has begun drawing their replacement tiles. If a challenge is issued, the clock is neutralized and the adjudication is performed. The losing player then loses their turn.
5. At the end of the game, the player who uses all of their tiles first adds twice the total value of the tiles remaining on their opponent's rack to their final score.
6. If you are confused about a rule or procedure during a game, simply raise your hand and call for the director to resolve the situation.

7. Players are ranked according to their won/loss records; people with the same record are then ranked by the cumulative point spread of their seven games. (For example, if you were to win six games by 10, 20, 30, 20, 20, and 30 points, and lost one game by 50 points, your record would be 6-1 +80.)

Tournament rules are based on *National Scrabble Association Official Tournament Rules*. For complete tournament rules, please visit www.scrabble-assoc.com