

# SCRABBLE

## (INDIVIDUAL EVENT) OPEN

### ELIGIBILITY

Participants do not have to qualify through regional play-offs. Entries must be sent directly to the AAIM Games office. Entry forms may be obtained from the office or website.

### EVENT CLASSIFICATION

Placement of participants will be decided by the director of the tournament and be based on number of entries and the ratings of the participants. Participants must provide their rating on the entry form. If a participant does not have a rating they must state on the entry what they score on average when playing an opponent (ie. 150, 175, 250).

**MINIMUM # OF ENTRIES RECOMMENDED:** 10 Individuals

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

Governing Rules: The Official Scrabble Tournament Rule Book, issued by the National Scrabble Association will apply.

1. The Official Tournament and Club Word List (OWL) published by Merriam-Webster Inc., is the official reference for scrabble in conjunction with Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition (MW10).
2. One hour games will be played; number of games dependent on number of entries.
3. If both players have the same adjusted score, the game is ruled a tie. Each player is awarded  $\frac{1}{2}$  win.
4. The first place winner in each category shall have the most wins and the highest spread.
5. In the case of players with equal wins, the highest point spread declares the winner.
6. Round Robin pairing to be used for the first X number games.
7. The last two Swiss pairing decide the winner.
8. You are not eligible to enter the event if you have scored a rating of 1600 or more at any time.
9. Word judges shall rule on all words that are challenged as either acceptable or unacceptable.
10. If there is an uneven number of players, one player shall have a "bye" and be credited with a win and the player will be allocated points to his/her spread, based on the player's average spread from the other games played.

11. Timers will be used in divisions where all participants agree to use timers.
12. The Event Chair shall be the final decision-maker.

## EQUIPMENT

Participants are encouraged to supply their own scrabble boards.

## MEDALS

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded for first, second, and third place respectively. Medals will be presented immediately following the event or at a central location at a predetermined time.