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# SCRABBLE RULES

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All participants must be at least 55 years of age by December 31 of the year of the games.

## **AGE CATEGORIES / EVENTS:**

AGE	EVENTS	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PER PROVINCE/TERRITORY
55+	Category A (1100+ Points)	3
55+	Category B (700-1099 Points)	3
55+	Category C (0-699 Points)	5
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PER PROVINCE/TERRITORY = 11</b>		

## **RULES AND PLAY-OFF INFORMATION**

1. The *Official Tournament & Club Word List*, latest Edition (*OWL*), published by Merriam-Webster, Inc, contains ALL acceptable 2- to 9- letter words and their inflections. The *Long List* contains ALL acceptable words of ten or more letters which are not listed in the *OWL*. Approved Software Self-Lookup programs for adjudicating challenges are posted on the North American Scrabble Players Association website.
2. Twelve (12) one hour games shall be played.
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. Players with equal wins, the highest point spread declares the winner.
6. Round Robin pairing to be used for the first six games.
7. The last game (12<sup>th</sup>) will be "King of the Hill" pairing.
8. Word judges shall rule on all words that are challenged as either acceptable or unacceptable.
9. If there are an uneven number of players in any division, one player shall have a "bye" and be credited with a win and a +50 point of spread added to the player's total spread.
10. The Event Coordinator shall be the final decision maker.