



The UK Scrabble Open 2026 and associated events

Events	<p>3rd to 5th January 2026: The UK Open Main Event (24 games) 6th to 8th January 2026: The UK Open Midweek Triple (22 games) 9th to 10th January 2026: The UK Open Final Fling (15 games)</p>
Venue:	<p>The Holiday Inn Reading South Junction 11, Reading, RG2 0SL Nearest station: Reading Nearest Bus connection: Number 6 – outside hotel Most accessible local airports: London Heathrow, London Gatwick and Bristol – Direct trains from London Gatwick Airport to Reading</p>
Formats:	<p>All tournament games will be played to CSW24 dictionary and latest Wespas Rules (5.1 at time of event launch). Clocks will be set to 25 minutes per player per game. ALL EVENTS TO BE BOTH ABSP AND WESPA RATED.</p> <p>Main Event: 24 Games with at least 3 divisions. Division A will be an open division, open to all players and compulsory for players rated 160+ at the time of the event. Division A only will be 5-point penalty challenge per word.</p> <p>Midweek Triple: 22 rounds of Scrabble split into two separate 11 game tournaments with all divisions playing to 5-point penalty challenge per word. Divisions to be split strictly by rating. At the end of the first tournament, the top three players from each division except A will be promoted. The bottom three players from each division except the final one will be relegated! Two chances to win a tournament here, as well as a prize for the best performance over the two events!</p> <p>Final Fling: 15 games A Division will be an open division (players rated 150 and above at the time of the event will be required to play in A). All other players will be split into equal divisions. A division only will play to 5-point penalty challenge per word.</p>
Entry Costs:	<p>Main Event: £125 (non-members of ABSP = £130) Midweek Triple: £100 (non-members of ABSP = £105) Final Fling: £90 (non-members of ABSP = £95) Cost to include all games and associated levies, lunches provided each day, free-flow tea and coffee, other select refreshment, exclusive use of the bar area as a break-out/spectator zone, and contribution to the prize fund.</p>
Prizes	<p>Main Event: Top 5 in Open division with the winner receiving a minimum of £1000, top 3 in all other divisions, with the winner receiving a minimum of £600. At least two ratings prizes of at least £100 in the open division and at least one ratings prize of £100 in each of the other divisions.</p>



<p>Prizes continued</p>	<p>Midweek Triple: Prizes for the top 3 in each division at the end of each of the two 11 game tournaments. These divisions will be small, round-Robin sized.</p> <p>Final Fling: Prizes for the top 4 in the Open division with a substantial Ratings prize. Prizes for the top 3 in other divisions with ratings prizes.</p> <p>The Holiday Inn Reading South are also kindly providing trophies, to be presented to the winners in the main event, as well as free overnight stays, which will be presented to each divisional winner in the main event, the best performer overall in the Midweek Triple (across both events) and the highest place player in the Open division of the final fling who has not yet won another prize.</p>
<p>Payment</p>	<p>*PAYMENT OF £75 (REGARDLESS OF YOUR TOTAL AMOUNT) BY WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2025 GUARANTEES YOUR PLACE*</p> <p>BACS Transfer Preferred Mr RP Mackenzie Sort Code: 83-27-09 Account Number: 18964313 IBAN: GB16RBOS83270918964313</p> <p>Please put reference as UKO followed by: ME (for main event), MT (for midweek triple), FF (for final fling), ALL (if entering all three) or any combination of the above two if entering too (e.g. MEMT for main event and midweek triple.</p> <p>Cheques, made payable to Ross Mackenzie, should be sent to Ross Mackenzie, 39c Dumbarton Road, Stirling, SCOTLAND FK8 2QJ</p> <p>Should any other payment method be required, please contact James Burley at burleyjames@hotmail.co.uk</p>
<p>Deadline for entries and payment</p>	<p>To guarantee your place and to allow payment of the initial deposit to the venue, an initial payment of £75 by Wednesday 19th November 2025 would be gratefully received.</p> <p>All monies should be paid no later than Tuesday 16th December 2025. After this date, entries CANNOT be guaranteed.</p> <p>The Organiser reserves the right to refuse entry, to alter divisions if necessary and to withhold refunds until the bill with the venue is settled.</p>
<p>Accommodation</p>	<p>Accommodation must be booked separately by entrants. An agreement for discounted rates has been made with The Holiday Inn Reading South, which we would encourage all entrants to consider. Details can be found here, as provided by The Holiday Inn Events team:</p>



	<p>For any guests wishing to book accommodation, we kindly ask that they contact us directly via email at events@hireadingsouth.com and providing the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full name • Contact number • Email address • Number of guests staying • Duration of stay • Preferred package (Room Only, Bed & Breakfast, or Dinner, Bed & Breakfast) • Provide Block code: SB8 <p>The three packages outlined above are available at the following prices:</p> <p>SINGLE OCCUPANCY Room only: £69 per room per night Bed and Breakfast: £75 per room per night Dinner, Bed and Breakfast: £94 per room per night.</p> <p>Double Occupancy: Room only: £79 per room per night Bed and Breakfast: £89 per room per night Dinner, Bed and Breakfast: £127 per room per night.</p> <p>AMPLE TIME WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE EVENING TO ALLOW PLAYERS TO FIND DINNER IF THEY CHOOSE NOT TO TAKE THE DINNER OPTION WITH THE HOLIDAY INN.</p>
<p>Sponsorship</p>	<p>We would like to thank the following sponsors for their contributions:</p> <p>Ian Nichol - £1000 Elie Dangoor £1000 towards refreshment The ABSP – Financial Contribution Holiday Inn Reading South: Trophies and prizes</p>
<p>To enter...</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Please complete payment as outlined above. 2) Please send the following details to James Burley (burleyjames@hotmail.co.uk or complete the google form here: https://forms.gle/2QS33CqvMn6nKTPPA) <p>Name: Events Entered: Emergency Contact Number: ABSP Member: Are you going to bring a full scrabble set? Could you provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional equipment (racks/timers/clocks)? - A laptop for self-adjudication stations (contact will be made to confirm if this is needed)?



Event Timetable:

3rd to 5th January – Main event

SATURDAY 3rd JANUARY

09:30 to 10:20 –

registration

10:30 – Opening

Ceremony

10:45 - Game 1

11:45 - Game 2

12:45 - Game 3

LUNCH (provided)

14:30 - Game 4

15:30 - Game 5

Tea/coffee (provided)

16:45 - Game 6

17:45 – Game 7

SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY –

Bright and Blingy dress

code to remember

absent friends who left

us in 2025.

09:00 – Game 8

10:00 – Game 9

Tea/coffee (provided)

11:10 – Game 10

12:10 – Game 11

LUNCH (provided)

13.50 - Game 12

14:50- Game 13

Tea/coffee (provided)

16:00 – Reflections

16:10 – Game 14

17: 10 – Game 15

18:10 - Game 16

MONDAY 5TH JANUARY

09:00 – Game 17

10:00 – Game 18

Tea/coffee (provided)

11:20 – Game 19

12:20 – Game 20

LUNCH (provided)

13:50 – game 21

14:55 – game 22

16:00 – game 23

17:05 – game 24

18:00 – Closing ceremony

and prize giving

18:30 – DEPARTURE

6th to 8th January –

Midweek Triple

TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY

10:00-10:45 – Registration

11:00 - Game 1

12:00 – Game 2

LUNCH (provided)

13:45 – Game 3

14:45 - Game 4

Tea/coffee (provided)

16:00 – Game 5

17:00 – Game 6

18:00 – Game 7

WEDNESDAY 7TH

JANUARY

09:10 – Game 8

10:10 – Game 9

Tea/coffee (provided)

11:20 – Game 10

12:20 – Game 11

LUNCH (provided)

14:00 – presentation of

prizes/promotions/releg

ations

14:10 – Game 12

15:10 – Game 13

Tea/coffee (provided)

16:20 – Game 14

17:20 – Game 15

THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY

09:10 – Game 16

10:00 – Game 17

Tea/coffee (provided)

11:20 – Game 18

12:20 – Game 19

LUNCH (provided)

14:00 – Game 20

15:00 – Game 21

16:00 – Game 22

17:00 – Prizes

17:15 – DEPARTURE

9th to 10th January – Final

Fling

FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY

10:15-11:00 - Registration

11:15 – Game 1

12:15 – Game 2

LUNCH (provided)

14:00 – Game 3

15:00 – Game 4

Tea/coffee (provided)

16:10 – Game 5

17:10 – Game 6

18:10 – Game 7

SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY

09:10 – Game 8

10:10 – Game 9

Tea/coffee (provided)

11:20 – Game 10

12:20 – Game 11

LUNCH (provided)

14:00 – game 12

15:00 – game 13

16:00 – game 14

17:10 – game 15

18:10 – prizegiving and

closing ceremony

18:30 - DEPARTURE