

Milton Keynes Winter Matchplay 2026

**Holiday Inn, Saxon Gate West,
Central Milton Keynes MK9 2HQ**
Weekend 21/22 November 2026

This is our 34rd tournament at this hotel since 1991.

18 games Swiss paired or round robin. Division A is open to all players rated 155 or above (players rated 155 or above cannot play in the lower divisions but players above 140 can choose to play up). Overseas players will be placed according to their equivalent domestic or WESPA rating. Divisions B and below could be partial round robins + KOTH according to rating although this and division breaks could change according to entry numbers. Repeats will be used where appropriate.

Division A will be 5pt/word penalty challenge. All other divisions will be free challenge.

The total prize fund depends on the number of entrants and allocated proportionately to division size. Division A and B winners additionally receive a voucher with an accommodation package for next year donated by Holiday Inn.

Entry fee includes: Tournament entry and prize fund, ABSP/WESPA rating levy, Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch in the restaurant, unlimited teas/coffees, breakfast for residents, pool and health club for residents. Special B&B rate available Friday and/or Sunday.

Saturday lunch is NOT included in the package but bar meals are available, local shops nearby.

Please let us know if you have any access requirements (eg dietary, mobility etc) so we can make appropriate arrangements.

Resident parking £15 per car per night. Day visitor parking £8 per car. Register at reception.

Closing date: Mon 9 Nov 2026

Saturday 21 November

09:30-10:30 **Arrival**

11:00 **Final registration**

11:10 **Game 1**

12:10 **Game 2**

13:10 **Game 3**

Check in **Lunch (not included)**

14:30 **Game 4**

15:30 **Game 5**

16:30 **Game 6**

17:30 **Game 7**

From 18:00 **Dinner**

19:20 **Game 8**

20:20 **Game 9**

21:20 **Game 10**

Sunday 22 November

From 07:30 **Breakfast (residents)**

09:00 **Game 11**

10:00 **Game 12**

11:00 **Game 13**

12:00 **Game 14**

From 12:30 **Lunch**

13:40 **Game 15**

14:40 **Game 16**

15:40 **Game 17**

16:40 **Game 18**

17:50 approx **Presentations**

18:00 **Finish**

Attendee details and guests

	Person 1	Person 2	Notes (diet, accessibility etc)
Full name			
ABSP membership number			
Current rating ABSP/WESPA			
Non-resident			please say if staying at hotel
Play up in A (Y/N)			Recommended min rating 140
Non-playing guest			
Staying Fri/Sun or both			
Address			
Phone Number			
Email address			
Overseas (country)			
Age (if 13 or under)			

Prices

	Number	Cost	Total
Twin or double room package (per person)		169	
Single occupancy package (in double room)		219	
Non-resident package (including meals)		124	
Non-playing guest (sharing twin/double - including meals)		99	
Fri or Sun B&B per person (sharing twin/double)		51	
Fri or Sun B&B per person (single occupancy)		91	
Non-ABSP member (see note** below)		5	
Discount for player aged 13 or under		-15	
Paying by PayPal add 5%			
TOTAL			

How to enter and pay

Bank transfer: 'Mr Michael Willis' Santander, sort code 09-01-26 a/c 05762757 ref 'WM 2026'

Scan and email form (or email details as above) to Yoke.Shin@gmail.com and copy to willis@clara.net
Acknowledgement will be emailed once the payment has been verified (usually within a day).

Any queries email Mike (and copy Shin) or phone for postal entries/cheque payment

Availability is limited, book early to secure your entry and room.

Overseas players: If using PayPal, send the total (with a 5% supplement) to ebay@willis.clara.net
acknowledgement emailed once payment has been verified. **Ensure visa/travel arrangements in good time**

The small print: Cancellation up to 4 weeks before the event: full refund. After that time we will do our best to secure a refund from the hotel but this isn't guaranteed. No refund for no-shows on the day. This also applies to non-residents and guests. All arrangements may be subject to change in the event of external circumstances. Private bookings with the hotel are the guest's responsibility in case of cancellation.

Prizes will be paid by bank transfer or PayPal as soon as possible after the tournament

Organiser: Mike Willis 07976 256554 willis@clara.net Entry admin: Shin Yoke.Shin@gmail.com

**ABSP Membership: for 2026/27 from £12 details at <http://www.absp.org.uk/absp/joinus.shtml> or write to the Membership Secretary, Nuala O'Rourke, 22 Kestrel Road, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6BU (members of overseas Scrabble organisations don't have to pay the supplement, new members joining after August membership also for 2027)