



## The UK Scrabble Open 2027 and associated events

<b>Events</b>	<p><b>29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December 2026: Twixmas (16 games)</b></p> <p><b>31<sup>st</sup> December 2026: New Years Eve Tournament (8 games)</b></p> <p><b>31<sup>st</sup> December 2026 to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027: Hogmanay special (THROUGH THE NIGHT!) (8 Games)</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> January 2027: New Years Day Tournament (8 games)</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026: The UK Open Main Event (25 games)</b></p>
<b>Venue:</b>	<p><b>The Holiday Inn Reading South Junction 11, Reading, RG2 0SL</b></p> <p><b>Nearest station: Reading</b></p> <p><b>Nearest Bus connection: Number 6 – outside hotel</b></p> <p><b>Most accessible local airports: London Heathrow, London Gatwick and Bristol – Direct trains from London Gatwick Airport to Reading</b></p>
<b>Formats:</b>	<p><b>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. ALL DIVISIONS IN ALL EVENTS TO PLAY TO THE 5 POINT PENALTY PER WORD CHALLENGE RULE.</b></p> <p><b>Twixmas: Three Divisions of 20 by rating with scope for larger groups and more of them. 16 rounds of matchplay Scrabble.</b></p> <p><b>One Day Tournaments (New Years Eve and New Years Day): 8 games of scrabble in three divisions. Division A will be an Open Division (compulsory for 150+).</b></p> <p><b>HOGMANAY SPECIAL: The same as the One Dayers, but through the night, starting at 10pm on New Years Eve, finishing in the early hours of New Years Day. Fizz reception at Midnight!</b></p> <p><b>Main Event: 25 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.</b></p>
<b>Entry Costs</b>	<p><b>Twixmas: £100</b></p> <p><b>Each one day tournament: £25</b></p> <p><b>Main Event: £185</b></p> <p><b>For each event, non-ABSP Members should add £5 to the entry fee.</b></p> <p><b>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. 50% Discount for all players 16 and under.</b></p>
<b>Prizes</b>	<p><b>Main Event: Top 5 in Open division with the winner receiving a minimum, top 3 in all other divisions, with the winner receiving</b></p>



<p><b>Prizes continued</b></p>	<p>a minimum. At least two ratings prizes of at least £100 in each division. <b>EACH DIVISION WINNER WILL WIN AT LEAST £1000.</b></p> <p><b>Twixmas:</b> Prizes for the top three in each division, with two ratings prizes per division.</p> <p><b>One dayers and all nighter:</b> prizes for the top three in each division and one ratings prize per division.</p>
<p><b>Payment</b></p>	<p><b>PAYMENT CAN BE MADE IN INSTALMENTS! Minimum Deposit £25</b></p> <p><b>BACS Transfer Preferred</b></p> <p><b>Mr RP Mackenzie</b>  <b>Sort Code: 83-27-09</b>  <b>Account Number: 18964313</b>  <b>IBAN: GB16RBOS83270918964313</b></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><b>Should any other payment method be required, please contact James Burley at <a href="mailto:burleyjames@hotmail.co.uk">burleyjames@hotmail.co.uk</a></b></p>
<p><b>Deadline for entries and payment</b></p>	<p>To guarantee your place at the prices currently listed to allow payment of the initial deposit to the venue, please complete payment as far as possible by <b>FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2026</b>. Prices will increase on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, and again on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p><b>All monies should be paid no later than Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2026. After this date, entries CANNOT be guaranteed.</b></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><b>Accommodation</b></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. All discounted accommodation must be booked no later than Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2026.</p> <p>For any guests wishing to book accommodation, we kindly ask that they contact us directly via email at <a href="mailto:events@hireadingsouth.com">events@hireadingsouth.com</a> and providing the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full name</li> <li>• Contact number</li> <li>• Email address</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Number of guests staying</b></li> <li>• <b>Duration of stay</b></li> <li>• <b>Preferred package (Room Only, Bed &amp; Breakfast, or Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></li> <li>• <b>Provide Block code: J4W</b></li> </ul> <p><b>The three packages outlined above are available at the following prices:</b></p> <p><b>SINGLE OCCUPANCY</b></p> <p><b>Room only: £71 per room per night</b></p> <p><b>Bed and Breakfast: £77 per room per night</b></p> <p><b>Dinner, Bed and Breakfast: £97 per room per night.</b></p> <p><b>Double Occupancy:</b></p> <p><b>Room only: £83 per room per night</b></p> <p><b>Bed and Breakfast: £93 per room per night</b></p> <p><b>Dinner, Bed and Breakfast: £133 per room per night.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>
<p><b>To enter...</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Please complete payment as outlined above.</b></li> <li>2) <b>Please send the following details to James Burley (<a href="mailto:burleyjames@hotmail.co.uk">burleyjames@hotmail.co.uk</a> or complete the this form here: <a href="#">UK Scrabble Open 2027 and Associated Events – Fill in form</a></b></li> <li>3)       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Name:</b></li> <li><b>Events Entered:</b></li> <li><b>Emergency Contact Number:</b></li> <li><b>ABSP Member:</b></li> <li><b>Are you going to bring a full scrabble set?</b></li> <li><b>Could you provide:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Additional equipment (racks/timers/clocks)?</b></li> <li>- <b>A laptop for self-adjudication stations (contact will be made to confirm if this is needed)?</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ol>



## Event Timetable:

**29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>h</sup> December  
2026 – TWIXMAS**

### **TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**10:15 to 10:45:**  
registration

**11:00:** Games 1 & 2

**LUNCH (provided)**

**13:45:** Games 3 & 4

**Tea/coffee (provided)**

**15:50:** Games 5 to 8

**19:10:** Day one ends

### **WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**09:10:** Games 9 & 10

**Tea/coffee (provided)**

**11:15:** Games 11 & 12

**LUNCH (provided)**

**14:00:** Games 13 to 15

**Tea/coffee (provided)**

**16:45:** Game 16

**17:45:** Presentations

**18:00:** Departure

### **NEW YEARS EVE**

**TOURNAMENT: 31<sup>st</sup>  
December 2026**

**09:45-10:15:** Registration

**10:30:** Games 1-3

**LUNCH (NOT PROVIDED)**

**13:50:** Games 4-7

**Tea/coffee (provided)**

**17:15:** Game 8

**18:15:** Prizes

**18:30:** Departure

### **HOGMANAY SPECIAL – From this year to next!**

**21:15 to 21:45 –**  
Registration

**22:00 –** Game 1

**22:55 –** Game 2

**23:50 to 00:30: NEW**

**YEAR FIZZ RECEPTION**

**00:30 to 03:00 –** Games 3  
to 5

**Break**

**03:20 to 05:50 –** Games 6  
to 8

**05:55 –** Prizes

**06:00 –** Conclusion

**09:00 – Optional New  
Years Day Park Run at  
venue TBC.**

### **NEW YEARS DAY**

**TOURNAMENT: 1<sup>st</sup>  
January 2027**

**10:00-10:45:** Registration

**11:00:** Games 1 to 3

**LUNCH (NOT PROVIDED)**

**14:20:** Game 4 to 7

**Tea/coffee (provided)**

**17:50:** Game 8

**18:45:** Prizes

**19:00:** Departure

### **UK MAIN EVENT**

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY  
2027**

**10:00 to 10:30:**

Registration

**10:45: Opening**

**Ceremony**

**11:00:** Games 1-2

**LUNCH (provided)**

**13:45:** Games 3 to 5

**Tea/coffee (provided)**

**16:30:** Games 6 to 8

**19:10:** Day One concludes

### **SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY**

**09:00:** Games 9 & 10

**Tea/coffee (provided)**

**11:00:** Games 11 & 12

**LUNCH (provided)**

**13:30:** Games 13 & 14

**Tea/coffee (provided)**

**15:30:** Games 15 to 18

**19:00 – Day two**

**concludes**

### **MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**09:10:** Games 19 & 20

**Tea/coffee (provided)**

**11:20:** Games 21 & 22

**LUNCH (provided)**

**13:45:** Game 23

**14:50:** Game 24

**15:45:** Game 25

**17:00 –** Closing Ceremony  
and Prize Giving

**17:30 -** Departure