

BEST 2017

British Isles Elimination Scrabble Tournament

There will be **two phases**, a **plate** regional phase for players rated **150 and below**. The plate champions will then go into the respective main regional draw and will also receive free entry to all subsequent rounds they play in. The second phase is the main event, players rated 151+ enter at this stage. Rating will be taken at the time of entry, but players who cross the boundary may opt to play in either section.

There will be England, Scotland and Ireland champions. Scotland and Ireland will play each other, with the winner playing the England champion to decide the BEST 2017 title.

Seedings will be used (top 2 typically), beyond that the draw will be determined by geography to minimize travelling. The **plate** section is **FREE** challenge. The **main draw** is **5 point penalty** challenge. No concessions allowed. Normal ABSP rules apply with regards to adjudication software. All matches are ABSP rated. Players draw to determine the first game, with the starter alternating. If a deciding game is required the player who is ahead in the scoreline starts. To complete a best of 7 games match a player must win 4 or more games, not half of 7 – which is 3 1/2 games. The same applies with best of 9, 11, 15 etc. games.

All 'plate' entries by Saturday 4^h March. All main draw entries in by Saturday 29th April.

ABSP Membership: Membership for 2017 is £15 (cheques payable to ABSP). Electronic/online membership is £10 If you would like to join, or to receive further information, please write to the Membership Secretary, Sue Bowman, Membership Secretary, 12 Canvey Close, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, BS10 5DD or contact by email via bowman_sue@hotmail.com

The organisers reserve the right to refuse entries and to adjust the regional groupings. The decision of the organisers in any matter is final. Entry to the tournament constitutes acceptance of these rules.

Please report results, including as much detail as possible (such as game scores, bonuses, number of moves etc.) to Craig Beevers. Include who started the first game.

The entry fee for each plate round is £10. The entry fee for each round thereafter is £15. Cheques can be made payable to Craig Beevers and sent to Craig Beevers, 12 Osprey Close, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees, TS20 1SE. Entry fees can also be passed on in person at a tournament. They can also be sent via bank transfer to Barclays Bank, Account Name: Craig Beevers; A/C No: 50419834; Sort Code 20-82-18. Please ensure I know your address and contact details, and remember to pay for each round promptly. Calls and texts to 07928 816577. Email dark_elf_1998@yahoo.co.uk

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ABSP Rating

Plate/Main Event?

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All 'plate' entries in by Sunday 4th March. All main entries in by Sunday 29th April.
Plate First Round completed by 1st April – best of 7 games (free challenge)
Plate Final Round completed by 30th April – best of 9 games (free challenge)
Main Round 1 completed by 28th May – best of 11 games (5pp challenge)
Main Round 2 completed by 2nd July – best of 11 games (5pp)
Main Regional final completed by 6th August – best of 15 games (5pp)
England quarter-finals completed by 3rd September – best of 15 games (5pp)
Ireland/Scotland final completed by 3rd September – best of 17 games (5pp)
England semi-finals completed by 1st October – best of 17 games (5pp)
Ireland v Scotland and England final by 12th November – best of 19 games (5pp)
BEST final completed by 17th December – best of 19 games (5pp)

In exceptional circumstances, and with the organiser's permission, these dates can be extended. However it is strongly recommended that they are kept to. If it turns out to be impossible for both players to agree on a date for their match the game will be awarded to whichever player was willing to play on the closing date for the round. Players withdrawing from the tournament without playing their match risk forfeiting prize money for which they are eligible.

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