

The Inaugural UK Tablet NSC (1-2 September 2018)

Where

Sir Naim Dangoor Centre, 255 Harrow Road, London. W2 5EZ.

Format

OPEN division, **EVERYONE** will have choice to play a **MINIMUM** of **28 games on both days**, or **14 games on either day**. **15 minute** timer per person, with a maximum 1 minute overtime. We will be using a combination of the EA **Facebook app** and **ISC**, where **VOID** challenge will be used. Spread is a non-factor, so forfeitures or resignations from any game are **COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE** and are heavily encouraged to keep the action moving faster!

After 26 games, the top 4 at that point will enter the **knockouts**, involving a best of 3 semi-final (1v4, 2v3), where the winners will advance to a title deciding best of 5 final. Semi-finals and finals will be played to a reduced **10 minute** timer, with 1 minute overtime. During the semi-final stage, all non-semi-finalists will play an extra 2 games.

Entry fee

Two tiered. Covers all refreshments, but meals and accommodation are not included.

Tier	One day	Both days
Level 1 (play for fun, non-eligible for any prize money)	£10	£15
Level 2 (eligible for all prize money and money rounds)	£20	£35

DISCOUNT: If you register by **Sunday 12th August** as an **early Level 2** entrant, you will enter a draw to receive **HALF PRICE** on your entry! For every **five** early Level 2 entrants, there will be **one** half price entry added to the draw. **NOTE: You will still be eligible for the half price entry even if you submit payment after August 12th, so it's worth simply registering if you are interested!**

Prizes

Dependent on number of entries. Winner will receive a **trophy** plus **cash prize**, and the runner-up will receive a cash prize.

There will be **three money rounds on each day**, where the winners of those designated round numbers **instantly win £5 each time**, and this can be accumulated throughout the tournament! **NOTE: This is only eligible for Level 2 entrants.**

Payment and entry

Three methods (no postal entries and no cheques please!):

1. **Bank transfer:** Sort code: 60-14-55, Account number: 60825103, preferably with reference: "[your name] TNSC", and notify Austin by email (Austin@nitsua.co.uk), or via Facebook message.
2. **PayPal:** Pay to Austin@nitsua.co.uk, preferably with reference: "[your name] TNSC", and notify Austin by email, or via Facebook message.
3. **Cash in hand:** If you catch Austin Shin or David Eldar in person then we will accept cash in hand also.

Tentative timetable (all start / end times are 100% confirmed)

Saturday		Sunday	
Arrival / Registration / Setup	10:00 – 10:50	Arrival / Registration / Setup	08:30 – 09:00
Games 1-6	11:00 – 14:00	Games 15-22	09:00 – 13:00
Lunch break	14:00	Lunch break	13:00
Games 7-14	15:00 – 19:00	Games 23-26	14:00 – 16:00
		Games 27-28 / Semi-finals	16:15 – 17:15
		Finals	17:15 – 18:15
		Prize giving / Departure	18:15 – 18:30

Additional information

What is the Tablet NSC?

Tablet Scrabble is version of Scrabble played on mobile devices. This completely cuts out the need for bringing specialist equipment, picking tiles, writing (and correcting) scores and tile tracking. This means **more** playing time, **more** action and **more** games. So simply put, this is the UK **Tablet National Scrabble Championships**.

Therefore, **ALL** games are to be played online using mobile devices - tablets, laptops and mobile phones (in that order of preference), and no actual boards will be used.

Format – more information

- Placings are decided by a) number of wins, b) rating gain, c) head to head record, d) head to head record of common opponents.
- Players will play the same opponent in back-to-back rounds where both players start a game each.
- If a player goes overtime, they incur a 10 point deduction. If the player goes overtime by more than a minute, it is an instant forfeiture of the game.
- There will be Gibsonization before the semi-final stage for those who have sealed a semi-final spot.
- We encourage non-finalists to stay and watch the final unfold. The semi-final and final will be live streamed exclusively on Scrabble International and to varying degrees throughout the tournament.
- All games will be rated using our newly established **Tablet Scrabble Federation (TSF)** rating system.

What do I need to bring?

1. Tablet device (preferred), laptop or mobile phone (least preferred) due to small screen size.
2. Device charger.
3. Access to the official Facebook Scrabble application, and a working ISC account.
4. Scrabble clock (as the Facebook app does not have this feature). Though this is optional, but if you have one, or have a Scrabble timer on your phone (like Zarf or WaliTimer), then please bring it if you can.
5. Pen and paper is permitted for note taking (also optional).

Venue Wifi / Internet

The venue has free wifi, so all players can use that to play their games. If players prefer to use their own prepaid internet, then that is allowed as well.

How do I get there?

Royal Oak Underground station (Circle or Hammersmith & City lines) is nearest and is a 3-5 minute walk away. Also free parking on site and on the surrounding streets on weekends.