

Milton Keynes Winter Matchplay 2025

Holiday Inn, Saxon Gate West,
Central Milton Keynes MK9 2HQ
Weekend 22/23 November 2025

Venue: Modern hotel in central Milton Keynes This is the 33rd event at the same venue (since 1991)

Format: 18 games Swiss paired or round robin. Division A is open to players rated 155 or above or by choice (players 155 or above cannot play in the lower divisions). Overseas players will be placed according to their equivalent domestic or WESPA rating. Other players will be in partial round robins + KOTH according to rating although this could change according to numbers Repeats will be used where appropriate

Important notes: We reserve the right to change the size, cut-off or format of the divisions and to decline a player's request to play in Division A. We'll try our best to place players in their division of choice but it's not always possible

Challenges: Division A will be 5pt/word penalty challenge. All other divisions will be free challenge. Self-adjudication will be used throughout (players with a disability can request assistance)

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

Included: Tournament entry; ABSP/WESPA rating levy; Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch in the hotel (please let us know any dietary needs or allergies); unlimited teas/coffees; breakfast (residents only but non-residents can buy breakfast on the day). Swimming pool and health club for residents

Saturday lunch isn't included but bar meals are available. Special B&B rate Friday and/or Sunday

Please tell us in advance if there are any adjustments we can make to enable you to attend

Resident parking £15 per night. **Visitor parking** £8 per day. Register number at reception on arrival

Closing date: Mon 10 Nov 2025

Saturday 22 November

09:30-10:30	Arrival
10:45	Computer admin
11:00	Game 1
12:00	Game 2
13:00	Game 3
Check in	Lunch (not included)
14:30	Game 4
15:30	Game 5
	break
16:35	Game 6
17:35	Game 7
From 18:10	Dinner
19:20	Game 8
20:20	Game 9
21:20	Game 10

Sunday 23 November

From 07:30	Breakfast (residents)
09:00	Game 11
10:00	Game 12
	break
11:05	Game 13
12:05	Game 14
From 12:45	Lunch
14:00	Game 15
15:00	Game 16
	break
16:05	Game 17
17:05	Game 18
18:15 approx	Presentations

Please retain this timetable. MW 07976 256554 . Hotel reception 01908 698500

Tick the register in the conference foyer on arrival so we can get the tournament under way promptly

It's the player's responsibility to be at their table on time - any alterations will be announced by the director

Attendee details and guests

	Person 1	Person 2	Notes (diet, accessibility etc)
Full name			
ABSP membership number			
Current rating ABSP/WESPA			
Non-resident			
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)			

How much does it cost?

	Number	Cost	Total
Sharing twin or double room (per person)		168	
Single occupancy (in double room)		205	
Non-resident (including meals)		109	
Non-playing guest (sharing twin/double - including meals)		98	
Fri or Sun B&B per person (sharing twin/double)		49	
Fri or Sun B&B per person (single occupancy)		87	
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 2025'

Scan and email form (or email details as above) to shin@ylshin.co.uk **copy to** willis@clara.net
Acknowledgement will be emailed once the payment has been verified (usually within a day).

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**

Email Mike Willis for event/hotel queries (copy to Shin). Postal entries please phone. Let us know if booking rooms privately to avoid double booking. Entries and room availability are limited, book early if possible!

Terms and Condition: Cancellation up to 4 weeks before the event: full refund. After that time, in exceptional circumstances (eg serious illness) we will do our best to secure a refund from the hotel but this isn't guaranteed. No refund for non-shows on the day except as above. This also applies to non-residents. Arrangements may be subject to change in the case of external circumstances. Private bookings 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 shin@ylshin.co.uk

****ABSP Membership:** for 2025/6 is from £10 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 get membership also for 2026)

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