

The Almost-Annual “A-1” Asheville, NC “Spring into Summer” SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT



“Where Your Aptitude and Attitude Meet Our Altitude & Gratitude”



WHEN: Saturday June 21 and Sunday June 22, 2025

Sign-in @ 8:45AM for 8 games Saturday at 9 AM, then 7 games Sunday starting at 9 AM

WHERE: Stephens-Lee Recreation Center 30 George Washington Carver Ave.
Easy access from South Charlotte Street, look for the “A-1” signs! Free parking.

FEES: \$125 ALL DIVISIONS.

No late fee, BUT deadline to receive registration and entry fee: June 15

PRIZE POOL: 100% return of fees (after expenses) to your prize money + \$5000.00 from WGPO!

All players need to be current members of the **Word Game Players Organization**
But membership is free! Simply register at <https://wordgameplayers.org/signup/>
No new entrants after the deadline or at the door *unless* needed to even a division

FORMAT: Multiple divisions of 16 players each with a complete round robin.
The lowest division with 14 to 24 players might be Swiss Pairing & KOH. No playups.
We will be using WGPO’s WOW24 as the official word list for the tournament.
[click here for WOW24 study tools](#) or check the “[Study](#)” page at ashevillescrabble.com

There will be a **Collins Division** if we have a minimum of 10 players confirmed by June 10,
so recruit your Collins buddies.

Seeded low? Better chance for improved rating! Seeded high? Better chance to win \$\$!

Division cut-offs to be decided one week prior to the tournament, one big happy group until then!

More Asheville information: [Asheville Chamber of Commerce](#) or [Explore Asheville](#) plus <https://www.exploreasheville.com/travel-guide/digital-travel-guide/> and New York Times: [36 Hours in Asheville](#)

LODGING: Lodging of your choice, free parking at the venue, no commuter fee. Consider [airbnb.com](#)
BUT there is an exciting new development:



We are now working with a great hotel called **Element**, a Marriott property located less than a mile from our tournament venue, and also just a short distance from downtown Asheville. The room rate has been dropped to \$179 for either standard king or standard double queen. There is a \$12 per night parking fee, but they have agreed to waive that fee completely for Scrabblers! And there is a complimentary hotel shuttle that runs to downtown on Friday and Saturday nights. They have created a block of 20 rooms for us, and here is the link for pulling the trigger on this opportunity: [Book your group rate for Spring into Summer A-1 Scrabble Tournament](#)

Or if you prefer you may call the hotel directly at (828) 575-5881 and request the “Spring into Summer Scrabble Tournament” group block. This young family seemed to enjoy their hotel experience at Element:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4IdOslmB4VA&t=8s>

Tournament registration deadline: “received by” June 15, 2025.

Must be a member of WGPO to register

WGPO signup is *free* at <https://wordgameplayers.org/signup/>

[Click here to register for the tourney](#)

Payment of \$125 may be made by:

- **PayPal, Venmo, Square, or check**
- **(Square accepts payments using Visa, Mastercard, Amex, Discover, CashApp, JCB, ApplePay, or GooglePay)**
- **Mail checks: WGPO c/o Jan Cardia / 92 Sweet Pine Trail / Ponte Vedra, FL 32081**

All players must bring tiles, board, racks, and clock all *marked with your name*. Advised: an extra favorite rack. (Exception: **New** players in the lowest division and players traveling by air are not required to bring gear)

Tempted? Maybe? Probably? How about 1) joining WGPO and 2) emailing Bennett Jacobstein that you could be listed as "tentative" for now: bjacobstein@gmail.com Other problems or questions? email Bill Snoddy at williamrsnoddy@gmail.com Hope to see you in June!

Lots of direct flights to Asheville's AVL airport! Let us pick you up!