



Victoria Scrabble Club Weekend TWL & Collins Open Tournament



Oct 2-3, 2010 · Victoria, BC

Registration deadline is September 25, 2010 - No refunds once play begins.

Context: With the increasing incidence of Collins play in North America, several tournaments are adding Collins divisions. The Victoria club now follows this trend with its second tournament of 2010.

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Date: October 2-3, 2010

Time: Check in Saturday 8:30-8.45 A.M.; play starts at 9:00 A.M.

Location: James Bay New Horizons Community Centre
234 Menzies Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 2G6

Format: 14 rounds – pairing dependent on number of entries. Two open divisions: one TWL, one Collins (CSW).

NOTE: *Tourney limited to a maximum of 40 players.*

Ratings: **TWL** – The TWL division will be NASPA rated.
CSW – The CSW division will be rated under the North American NASPA SOWPODS and the international WESPA rating systems. **Note:** A player with no NASPA SOWPODS rating begins with their regular NASPA rating, if they have one, but zero games. **Also:** Playing the CSW division has no effect on one's regular NASPA rating.

Prizes: Determined by number of entrants, but with a guaranteed prize fund of \$100 in each division. In the TWL division, there will be a prize in the TWL division for the top performing player from the lower half of the ratings. In the CSW division, there will be a prize for the top performing player who is new to CSW (i.e., no NASPA SOWPODS, WESPA or other CSW-based rating). All entry fees minus costs will be returned as prizes.

Entry Fee: \$50 CDN/\$47.50 US. The entry fee includes the NASPA rating fees, and, for the CSW division, and the WESPA ratings levy. \$20 penalty if entry is cancelled after Sep 25th.

Rules: The tournament will be governed by the rules published in the February 2, 2010 edition of the *North American Scrabble® Players Association's Official Tournament Rules*, with the exception that, in the CSW division, the penalty for a lost challenge is the opponent gains 10 points per word challenged, and the challenger does not lose their turn.

Equipment: Please bring Deluxe Scrabble Boards, clocks, and tournament tiles if you have them.

NASPA Membership:

All players must be current members of the North American Scrabble Players Association. First-time tournament players may buy *either* a full NASPA [membership](http://www.naspa.org) *or* a trial six-month membership (US\$15) through their tournament organizer. If they opt for a trial membership, they have the option to extend it to a full membership by sending in an additional \$15 at any time during the six-month trial period. For more information, please see the NASPA website at <http://www.scrabbleplayers.org>.

Travel: The venue is close to downtown Victoria. The Coho ferry from Victoria-Port Angeles has its last sailing at 4pm, but the Clipper passenger ferry to Seattle sails at 6pm, and is within walking distance of the venue. The BC ferries sail to and from Vancouver from 7am until 9pm. The tournament will finish in time for the Clipper sailing on Sunday, however, starting later than 9am on Saturday would reduce the number of games because the room is only available until 6pm.

Website: Please visit our website at <http://www.victoriascrabbleclub.org> for more information, on travel, hotels, parking, and updates.

Note: There is a minimum of 4 players (at least 2 NASPA rated) for each division. Assuming 4 or more players enter the tournament, if fewer than the minimum enter one division (e.g., CSW) and that division is thus cancelled, these players can either play in the other division (i.e., TWL, if CSW were cancelled), or withdraw their entry and have their cheques returned with no penalty. If a division is cancelled, entrants will be notified after Sep 25th.

And finally: See the July 'Last Word' newsletter (<http://www.thelastwordnewsletter.com>) for the experience of some recent CSW 'newbies' in Portland.



**Victoria B.C. Tournery – November 14, 2009
Registration Form**

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

NASPA Membership #:

Division (TWL or CSW):

Fee: \$50 CDN / \$47.50 US

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