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- **39 or 40 Games, 20 players max per division**
- **Double (or triple) clustered RR + KOH**
- **16 or 17 Games on Friday & Saturday**
- **7 games on Sunday**
- **7:15 AM Start time Each Morning**
- **Entry fee: \$150 (\$10 early discount)**
- **1st place prizes: \$1,000***

- *21 games, 20 players max per division*
- *8 games on Friday & Saturday*
- *5 games on Sunday*
- *Format TBD (likely RR + KOH)*
- *10 AM Start Fri & Sat, 9 AM Sunday*
- *Entry Fee: \$100 (\$10 early disc.)*
- *1st Place Prizes, \$700+**

August 15th – August 17th 2014

Embassy Suites Newark (I-95 South Exit 1B, I-95 North Exit 109B) - \$109/night room rate

Free breakfast, cocktails & snacks, WI-FI & parking! Suites have either 2 queen beds or a king, PLUS a queen size sofa bed – save money by rooming with two other people.**

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SPACE IN THE MADNESS TOURNAMENT MAY BE LIMITED! In order to make the tight schedule work optimally, each Madness division would have 20 players so that each player will play each opponent twice in a row with one KOH round at the end. We will initially open up ONE Madness division, and will then take a waitlist once we have 20 players. If we get at least 28 total players, we'll have 2 Madness division with the top division having 18-20 players and allowing unlimited play-ups (subject to size constraints), with the lower division(s) having 10-20 players. Depending on interest, there might only be one Madness division, so if you want to guarantee yourself a spot, please register and pay ASAP. Waitlisted players can register for the Mildness tournament, and will be moved over to the Madness event if space becomes available. Note: A Madness division with 14 players would play 40 rounds (triple RR + KOH). Any other number would play 39.

Take a walk on the mild side: If you'd like to sleep in a little, do some tax free shopping at the mall, take a dip in the hotel pool, and/or spend some time at the casino, then Mildness is the event for you! On Friday & Saturday we'll start at 10 AM and should finish by 7 PM, and on Sunday we'll start at 9 and finish by 2:45 PM.

Early Bird: There will be a 5 game early bird on Thursday, 8/14 at 6 PM. Entry fee: \$30, format: RR groups of 6. The Early Bird provides an opportunity for Madness & Mildness players to compete against each other.

Collins: I'm planning to offer a CSW division for the Mildness event, but if all CSW players are in agreement, we can either switch the CSW division to Madness, or come up with a hybrid format.

Going to the 2014 NSC?: If so, check out the separate flyer about the Mad/Mild Express & Bus Bird!

Prizes: Place prizes will be awarded to the top 25% of players in each division. A performance prize or two will also be awarded in any open divisions, so that all players have a realistic shot at winning something regardless of their rating. We'll also award some bonus prizes.

Additional Tournament Details: Clocks will start **PROMPTLY** at the scheduled start time of each session. The Gibson rule will be used. **Walk-ins will not be permitted, and all participants in the Madness event must be paid in full for their spot to be guaranteed.** Commuter Fee: \$15 if you live within 30 miles of hotel, \$30 for all others.

Flip this flyer over for additional details, a tentative schedule and the registration form.

* Prize amounts are contingent upon: 1) hotel room quota being met and 2) division sizes of 18+ players.

** There is a \$15 charge for a third person over 18 in the room. No extra charge for kids 18 & under.

Additional Hotel Information: To make a reservation, call 302-368-8000 and refer to code NAS. You can also reserve your room online by going to: http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/N/NEWDEES-NAS-20140814/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG.

Possible Charter Bus from the National SCRABBLE® Championship in Buffalo, New York: The dates of the 2014 NSC are Saturday, August 9th through Wednesday, August 13th. Since the NSC will only be 400 miles away, I have opted to schedule the 2014 Madness/Mildness tournament so that those that are travelling to the NSC from far away can get some extra bang for their buck by playing in multiple tournaments while they are in the area. The charter bus will be feasible if we can get 30+ people, and the closer we get to 56, the cheaper it will be (i.e. if we have 30 people, the price will be \$100/person, but if we're close to 56, it will be much cheaper). The bus will feature an optional trip to Niagara Falls on Wednesday, August 13th. We'll also have a fully rated 4 round "bus bird" tournament & will be showing *Word Wars* and/or *Scrabbylon* – see separate flyer for more info.

Transportation: Philadelphia is the nearest airport, although BWI is also an option. The hotel is located right off of I-95 and is a relatively easy drive from PA, NJ, NY, MD, VA, New England, and the greater Mid-Atlantic Region. If you're looking to share a ride with other players, let me know and I can try and match you up. You can also take Amtrak to the Newark, DE station, or Amtrak or Greyhound to the Wilmington, DE station and then take a local SEPTA train to the Newark, DE train station, shuttle service to/from the Newark DE train station will be available - see www.cross-tables.com or e-mail Dan for more information prior to purchasing your train or bus ticket.

Restaurants/Entertainment/Shopping: The hotel is located near several restaurants, and there is a TGI Fridays inside the hotel. There's a free shuttle to locations within 5 miles, including Delaware Park Casino (which has table games, slots and horse racing), and Christina Mall (the largest tax-free shopping mall, which also features a food court, Cheesecake Factory, California Pizza Kitchen, other sit-down restaurants, and a Nordstrom). The tournament hotel also has an indoor pool, Jacuzzi and fitness room available for your enjoyment. Commuters can purchase the breakfast buffet for \$12.95.

Waitlisted Players for Madness Tournament: You can either pay the Mildness entry fee and pay the difference later if a spot in the Madness tournament opens up, or vice-versa. **Since someone could end up dropping out of the Madness tournament at the last minute, if you're coming for the Mildness event and want to be considered for any last minute Madness vacancies, PLEASE make sure I have a cell phone number for you and make sure that you will be able to answer your phone if I call you late Thursday night or VERY EARLY Friday morning.**

Cancellations: 10% Penalty for cancellations after 7/31/14 (MAD)/8/9/14 (MILD). No MAD refunds after 8/6/14.

2014 Madness/Mildness Registration Form

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

NASPA Rating: _____ Cell Ph. #: _____ NASPA ID: _____

Madness \$150 Mildness \$100 CSW Mildness Local Commuter \$15
 I'll play in the Mildness tournament if there's no space left in Madness Other Commuters \$30
 I'm only interested in playing the Madness event \$10 Discount (if postmarked by 7/21/14)
 8/15/14 Early Bird \$30

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ I'd like to play up if possible Yes No
 Make checks payable to: Daniel Horowitz, 223 Waverly Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803 (USA)

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| Thursday, August 14 th | | | | | | |
| Madness players MUST call, e-mail or text Dan by 10 PM to confirm arrival. | | | | | | |
| 9 AM: Bus from Buffalo NYC/Bus Bird | | | | | | |
| 6 PM: 5 Round Early Bird Tournament. | | | | | | |
| Friday, Aug. 15 th & Saturday, Aug. 16 th | | | | | | |
| 7 AM: MAD Welcome/Announcements | | | | | | |
| 7:15 AM: MAD 2 games, then breakfast | | | | | | |
| 9 AM: MILD check-in/setup (Friday only) | | | | | | |
| 9:15 AM: MAD 4 games, then lunch | | | | | | |
| 9:50 AM: MILD Welcome/Announcements | | | | | | |
| 10 AM: MILD 4 games, then lunch | | | | | | |
| 1:30 PM: MAD 6 games, then dinner | | | | | | |
| 3 PM: MILD 4 games | | | | | | |
| 7:30 PM: MAD 4 games | | | | | | |
| Sunday, August 17 th | | | | | | |
| 7:15 AM: MAD 2 rounds/breakfast | | | | | | |
| 9 AM: 4 games, then break (everyone) | | | | | | |
| 1:30 PM: Final round, then awards (all) | | | | | | |