

Dear Scrabblers,

The Bluegrass Scrabble® Club (NASPA #637) is hosting ScrabbleMania, a NASPA-sanctioned, open-rated, two-day Scrabble® tournament on August 19 and 20, 2023. It will be held at the Staybridge Suites Lexington South at 209 Ruccio Way, Lexington, KY 40503.

This tournament will be directed by Fred Morlan, Steve Bush, and Mack Meller.

The entry fee is \$127.20 (which includes a 6% state sales tax) for the main event. The entry fee is discounted to \$106 (including sales tax) for Bluegrass Scrabble Club members and players staying at the Staybridge Suites. To register, please contact Fred Morlan at fred@iqbtnasat.com. Payment is accepted via check, PayPal or Venmo. 80% of the entry fees will be in the prize pool.

Eight games will be guaranteed on Saturday and seven games guaranteed on Sunday. A modified Swiss pairs schedule will be used. The Gibson rule will be in effect.

Registration starts on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. An opening meeting will follow at 10, with play to start shortly after. Play begins at 9 a.m. on Sunday.

There is a field limit of fifty players. Players will be split into divisions based on NASPA rating and the field size.

Rooms at the Staybridge Suites are available with a booking discount. Staybridge Suites is a three-star hotel that opened in 2022. It has a complimentary breakfast buffet, a heated pool, a 24-hour fitness center, and free parking. Rooms have double queen-size beds at the rate of \$169 plus tax per night; this is a discount of \$30 per night. Contact the hotel at (859) 710-9888 and request a room under the "Scrabble® Tournament" booking block, or request a booking link from Fred Morlan via email.

There will be an Early Bird on August 18 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.. The entry fee is \$26.50 (including sales tax). Five rounds will be played. All money after sales tax and the \$200 room fee will be part of the prize pool.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

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