

The 2014 Delaware **SCRABBLE®** Festivus

20 Game Main Event: December 24-26, 2014

Three 8 Game Late Birds: Friday, Saturday & Sunday December 26-28, 2014

If you can't join us for the main event, consider coming for the late birds - you can get in 24 games of SCRABBLE®, 2 nights at the hotel and free breakfast & cocktails for as little as \$197.*

Embassy Suites Newark (I-95 South Exit 1B, I-95 North Exit 109B) - \$99/night room rate!

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Wednesday 12/24 (ME)	Thursday 12/25 (ME)	Friday 12/26 (ME & LB #1)	Sat/Sun 12/27-28 (LB #2&3)
11-11:45 AM: Festivus Main Event Check-in/Setup	8-8:45 AM: Breakfast Buffet (for hotel guests)	7-8:15 AM: Breakfast Buffet (for hotel guests)	8:00 AM: Breakfast Buffet (for hotel guests)
11:50 AM: Main Event Setup/Announcements	8:50 AM: Main Event Setup/Announcements	8:20 AM: Main Event Setup/Announcements	9:00-9:45 AM: Late Bird 2/3 Check-in/Setup
12 PM: Main Event Rounds 1-4	9 AM: Main Event Rounds 9-12	8:30 AM: Main Event Rounds 18-20, then awards	9:50-10 AM: Late Bird 2/3 Welcome/Announcements
4-5:15 PM: Dinner Break	12:45 PM: Optional Lunch (Bamboo House Chinese)	12:15-1 PM: LB #1 Check-in/setup	10:00 AM: Late Bird 2/3 Rounds 1-4
5:15 PM: Main Event Rounds 5-8	1:45 PM: Main Event Rounds 13-17	1:05: Late Bird #1 Welcome/Announcements	1:30-2:30 PM: Lunch Break
Nightly from 5-7 PM: free cocktails and snacks	Note: The TGI Friday's inside the hotel will be	1:15 PM: Late Bird #1 Rounds 1-4, then dinner.	2:30PM: Late Bird 2/3 Rounds 5-8
(for hotel guests – commuters can pay \$14.95)	open for dinner starting at 5 PM on 12/25.	6 PM: Late Bird #1 Rounds 5-8.	Approximately 6:15 PM: Awards Ceremony

Main Event Format & Entry Fees: Exact format to be determined based on number of entrants/division sizes, but will, at a minimum, feature at least 1 complete RR. Playup requests will be granted at the Director's discretion (subject to division size considerations). Gibson rule will be used. Entry Fee: \$80, Commuter Fee: \$15 if you live within 30 miles of hotel, \$30 for all others. Late fee: \$10 for Main Event registrations received after 12/15/2014. Collins offered if at least 4 players sign up for it. **Walk-ins will not be permitted.**

Late Bird pricing: \$50 if you participate in just one late bird, \$90 (total) for 2 late birds (save \$10), \$120 (total) if you play in all 3 late birds (save \$30). There is no commuter fee for the late birds. You must be a current NASPA member to participate. **Walk-ins will not be permitted.**

Tuesday Night SCRABBLE®: The Wilmington SCRABBLE® club meets every Tuesday at 6 PM. For those of you that will be in town the evening of 12/23/14, we'd like to invite you to join us. We meet at the First Unitarian Church, located at 730 Halstead Rd, Wilmington, DE 19803. When you enter from the parking lot, go down the hallway until you see an elevator on the left. Take the elevator to the second floor, and we meet in the room that will be opposite you when you come off the elevator. We charge a \$3 fee to cover facility rental.

Prizes: The prize pool for each division will come from the entry fees received for that division, and prize structure will vary by division based on the number of players per division. **Bonus Prizes:** TBA.

Hotel Information: The \$99/night room rate will include a hot buffet breakfast each morning, cocktails & snacks in the evening and free Internet access. See registration form for additional information. **Out of town players are strongly encouraged to stay at the Embassy Suites, as that will help decrease the cost of the ballroom and increase the prize pool.** Commuters can purchase breakfast buffet for \$12.95.

* Assumes you share a suite with 2 roommates (all suites have a queen size sofa bed + either 2 queens or 1 king). \$15 charge for 3rd adult.

** The Director reserves the right to (but doesn't currently intend to) make changes to the details listed on this flyer.

2014 Delaware SCRABBLE® Festivus Registration Form

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Cell Ph. #: _____ NASPA ID: _____ Rating: _____ Want to play up? _____ Yes _____ No

_____ Main Event \$80

_____ 12/26 Late Bird \$50

_____ 12/27 Late Bird \$50

_____ 12/28 Late Bird \$50

_____ Local Commuter \$15

_____ Other Commuters \$30

Discounts:

_____ 2 Late Birds (- \$10)

_____ 3 Late Birds (- \$30)

_____ \$10 late fee after 12/15

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Interested in CSW? ___Y___N

Make checks payable to:

Daniel Horowitz

223 Waverly Rd.,

Wilmington, DE 19803

Additional Hotel Info: Our \$99 room rate is valid for Tuesday, 12/23/14 through the morning of Monday, 12/29/14. All suites feature a separate living area w/ a queen size sofa bed in addition to a bedroom with either 2 queen beds or 1 king size bed, so feel free to save money by sharing with two roommates (note: there is an extra \$15 charge per night for a 3rd adult, but there is no additional charge for children under 18). In order to make an online reservation, please click on the link on the tournament's page on cross-tables.com, or call 302-368-8000 and use the group reservation code SCR. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel – I will not be collecting money for hotel rooms or putting together rooming lists, although if you are looking for a roommate, you can contact me and I will do my best to find you one. For directions, put the hotel's address into either Mapquest or a GPS. 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. The tournament hotel has an indoor pool, Jacuzzi and fitness room available for your enjoyment.

Late Bird Format: For the lower divisions, we will divide into RR groups of 8 and play complete RR's plus KOH, with prizes for 1st and 2nd place. The top division in each late bird will be an open division featuring the top 8 rated players, plus anyone that wants to play up to the top division (although if we need a few more players to ensure groups of 8 in all lower division, I'll have to pull the players with the lowest ratings out of the top division to make that happen). The number of places paid and prize amounts for the top division will depend on the number of players in that division (i.e. a division of 14 would likely pay 4 places).

Restaurants/Entertainment/Shopping: The hotel is located near several restaurants, and there is a TGI Fridays inside the hotel. The hotel offers a free shuttle to locations within 5 miles, including Delaware Park Casino*** (which has table games and slots), 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). Unfortunately, most of this will be closed on Christmas. For this reason, I am arranging for lunch on 12/25. Since a few local players will be commuting and may prefer to bring their own food, I won't be including the 12/25 lunch in the entry fee, and I will collect money for for take-out Chinese at check-in. For those that are looking for other food options on Christmas Eve and Christmas, there is a service area with a food court a few miles away on I-95 that will be open. I'll also provide a list of local restaurants that will be open on Christmas Eve/Christmas.

Snow: Since many participants will be staying at the tournament hotel, the tournaments will NOT be cancelled in the event of snow – regardless of how much snow we get. If you are commuting to the main tournament, you must commit to being able to finish the main event regardless of weather (i.e. be willing to spend a night in the hotel if necessary, and if that becomes necessary, your commuter fee will be refunded).

Cancellation Policy: 10% of entry fee will be non-refundable for non-weather related cancellations within 1 week of the main event and within 24 hours of the late bird events.

*** Delaware Park will be closed from 12AM on 12/25 until 6AM on 12/26, but will be open 24/7 for the rest of the tournament.