

The 12th Annual Asheville

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Where Aptitude Meets Altitude

WHAT: The A-1 Autumn Leaves Asheville Tournament

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Sign-in at 8:30-8:55 AM Saturday then 8 games Saturday 9 AM, 6 games Sunday at 9 AM.

WHERE: our usual Senior Opportunity Center 36 Grove Street, 28801

GREAT TOURNAMENT LOCATION! FREE PARKING! DOWNTOWN! WALK TO RESTAURANTS!

FEES: \$125 Division 1 and Collins, \$100 all other. No late fee. (No refunds after October 31)

100% return of fees to prize money after bona-fide expenses and NASPA fees.

All players need to be current with NASPA: <http://www.scrabbleplayers.org/w/Membership>

FORMAT: Modified Round Robin plus King of the Hill with the Gibson Rule

Swiss pairings possible in some divisions larger than 14 people.

Collins tournament as well! (10 point challenge penalty) no WESPA rating

REGISTRATION: Registration deadline is October 31, 2017. 100 player maximum.

Division 1 for 8-14 players rated approximately 1700 and above. Play up into division one *possible* if within 100 points, but not guaranteed. 4 or 5 lower divisions with cutoffs and pairings at director's discretion and subject to change. We are considering equal lower divisions of 14 players with no play up. Seeded low? Better chance for rating improvement! Seeded high? Better chance to bring home the bacon!

LODGING: Hotel of your choice, free parking at the venue, weekend traffic not bad, no commuter fee

Individuals (not couples/groups) can request at least one month in advance & we will attempt to find free lodging with locals

Consider Airbnb.com

More Asheville information: <http://www.ashevillechamber.org> or <http://www.exploreasheville.com>

TOURNEY QUESTIONS: Bill Snoddy (828-252-8154) williamrsnoddy@gmail.com

Please enjoy our Asheville Scrabble Club website <http://www.ashevillescrabble.com>

Most division winners will get, in addition to the usual handsome certificate & prize money, a hand-crafted Scrabble mug made by a local Asheville potter. Drawing for a substantial cash door prize if you stay until the end of the awards ceremony!



12th Annual Asheville A-1 Scrabble Tournament

November 4-5, 2017

Name (exactly as NASPA has it) _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phones: (Cell) _____ (Other) _____

Additional personal info for your nametag, something about yourself in 4-5 words, c'mon!

“ _____ ”

*Email address: _____

**Your correct email address is important, as it will be our main way to communicate with you*

Emergency contact: _____ **Phone(s):** _____

Current with NASPA membership? _____ First Tourney? Yes__ No __

____ Yes

____ No, but I definitely will be current before the tourney

\$125/\$100 (postmarked by 10/31/17 but don't wait!) make check to **Scrabble Tournament**

____ I AM PLAYING COLLINS! \$125 registration

__ I do [__ I do not] desire to play up in the next higher division if my rating as of 10/31/17 is within 100 points of the next division up IF playing up is allowed (*playing up is not guaranteed*)

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 don't bring gear)

Mail form & check payable to Scrabble Tournament to:

Bill Snoddy 725 Bear Left Asheville NC 28805

WELCOME to Your Annual Asheville “A-1” Autumn Leaves Scrabble® Tournament

We’re going to keep announcements to a minimum during the tournament so consider looking this over carefully. Confirmation of registrants is Sat. morning 8:30-9:00 AM at the Senior Opportunity Center in downtown Asheville.

▶ There will be a total of 8 games played on **Saturday**. 4 games will be played starting at **9 AM**. There will be a lunch break and the last 4 games will be played **starting at 2:30 PM**. Most of you will have at least 1½ hours for lunch. We will have some recommendations, and plenty of good restaurants are within walking distance! After your last game Saturday afternoon, reconcile your scorecard with the posted results at least through the first seven games, if not all eight. Keep your scorecard, but do report any discrepancies to the data manager.

NOTE: Changing back to Eastern STANDARD time overnight on Saturday night!

▶ There will be a total of 6 games played on **Sunday**. Wear that nametag again! We will not have assigned tables and your opponent will be looking for you, and might need to see your nametag. 4 games starting at 9 AM, then a shorter lunch break. The last two games on Sunday will be played **starting at 2:00 PM**. Before the last game (around 3 PM) take a very short break while we determine the King of the Hill pairings for some divisions. Gibson rule applies.

▶ Winners turn in your tally slips after each game with a “victory walk” to the data management area. **Be sure to 1) record the ROUND NUMBER on the tally slip and 2) double check the spread**, vital information to the data manager. Please keep your own contestant scorecards up-to-date with legible and accurate data. Opponents’ signatures not required on contestant scorecards. You will ultimately keep your scorecards, but you will need to reconcile them periodically with the posted results. If there are big computer problems (yikes!) we would rely on the scorecards! You may want to write in your opponents only for a half-day session at a time, just in case there are dropouts or revisions in pairings as we go along.

▶ Please try to keep the noise level down and we’ll try to keep “shushing” (good word!) to a minimum. Make sure your name is somewhere on your clock, board, and racks that you kindly brought to the tourney as requested. We will not assign table locations for each game, so you and your next opponent can simply find an available spot within your division area to play. We will have several extra set-ups for each division, so there should be minimal waiting once you find your next opponent. Do not move any gear once it has been set up for that day. If you have a favorite rack that you prefer to keep with you, please do leave a pair of racks with your gear that you have set up. We are assigning which player goes first by computer, possibly drawing for first in some situations in the last game or two.

▶ Cash prizes for high turn (high word), high game, high loss and best performance improvement in each division! Ties for best performance will go to the lower seeded player. *You must be present to win* the door prize at the end of the awards ceremony.

▶ Those who are new to tournament play please request an additional information sheet. Urgent problems or snafus:

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Have fun!!

