

# 2008 TEXAS SOWPODS CHALLENGE

**Date:**

Saturday and Sunday, June 14-15, 2008

**Location:**

Comfort Inn and Suites  
7138 N Stemmons Freeway  
Dallas, TX 75247, USA  
Phone (214) 461-2677

Hotel room rate: \$80 per night (request the group rate; participants are encouraged to stay at the hotel)

Games: 14 total (8 on Saturday, 6 on Sunday)  
Play will begin at 9 am each day

Entry fee: \$100 US. You can transfer entry fees to me via PayPal (send to gwthevenot at gmail.com), or you can send check or money order to: Geoff Thevenot, 12166 Metric Blvd. #113, Austin, TX 78758.

**IMPORTANT:** All entries must be received no later than May 15, 2008. Tournament participation is limited to the first 40 entries received.

Also, if I have not received 20 or more entries by May 15, 2008, this event will be canceled and all entry fees promptly refunded.

Prizes: Dependent on number of entries received, but first prize is guaranteed to be at least \$1000 US. The complete payout structure will be posted just after the entry deadline of May 15.

Divisions: one open division; pairing system TBD

Who may play?: Anyone! Both North American players and players from around the world are welcome.

Rules and Lexicon: NSA rules will apply in all aspects except for the word authority and the challenge rule. The word authority will be the international list as used in the 2007 WSC in Mumbai.

The penalty for an incorrect challenge will be 5 points per word wrongly challenged, the same rule that was used in the 2007 WSC.

Software self-lookups will be used. The challenge computers will use the most current version of Zyzzyva for all adjudications.

Director: Bryan Pepper

Rating: This is not an NSA tournament, so it will not be rated by the NSA. However, it will be rated by Bob Jackman for his international ratings list.

If you are interested in participating in this event, I encourage you to join the Texas SOWPODS Challenge discussion group at the following address, if you haven't already done so:

<http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/texassowpodschallenge>

If you have any further questions, please feel free to email me at gwthevenot at gmail.com. Let's have a great tournament!