



# NEW YEAR'S 2019 SCRABBLE® TOURNAMENT

December 28, 2018 – January 1, 2019



Best Western Albany Airport Inn, 200 Wolf Road, Albany, NY (518-458-1000)

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Performance Pairings by Vince Castellano

Join us at the Best Western Albany Airport Inn for our 14<sup>th</sup> annual New Year's Scrabble® tournament as we ring in 2019. This year, we will be offering a grand total of 36 TWL and Collins games for your Scrabble enjoyment.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MAIN EVENT</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 NASPA-rated games, with both TWL and Collins offered, from December 29 to January 1 with the Gibson Rule in effect.</li> <li>• For TWL, the Top Division will be for players rated 1600 and above, with play-ups within 100 points allowed at the Director's discretion. The Bottom Division(s) will be divided equally amongst the remaining players.</li> <li>• The <b>rating as of December 27</b> will be used to seed divisions.</li> <li>• Directors may alter the tournament structure in the best interests of the tournament, including spread Gibsonization.</li> <li>• <b>Note: 5-point per word challenge rule in effect in Collins Division.</b></li> <li>• <b>Entry Fees: TWL Division 1 and Collins - \$100 All Other TWL Divisions - \$90</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>EARLY BIRDS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Early Bird #1:</b> 8-game, fully rated event on December 28, with both TWL and Collins offered.</li> <li>• <b>Early Bird #2 (EYE-OPENER):</b> 4-game, fully rated event on December 29 <b>at 8:30AM</b>, with both TWL and Collins offered.</li> <li>• Formats for Early Birds to be determined by the number of entries.</li> <li>• <b>Note: 5-point per word challenge rule in effect in Collins Division.</b></li> <li>• <b>Entry Fees: Early Bird #1: \$50; Early Bird #2: \$25 (Pay At Door Only!)</b></li> </ul>																			
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## HOTEL INFORMATION

- Book reservations directly through the Best Western Albany Airport Inn at **518-458-1000** from August 21 to December 21. Mention the Scrabble Tournament when making reservations. There is a 24-hour cancellation policy. **Players are responsible for making their own reservations.**
- There will also be free parking and free shuttle service from the Albany International Airport, and the Albany-Rensselaer Amtrak Station.
- Room rate is \$70 plus tax per night with a maximum of 3 occupants per room. The room rate includes a full buffet breakfast each morning.
- If you need a roommate, contact Annette at 518-664-1619 or e-mail her at [101ted@nycap.rr.com](mailto:101ted@nycap.rr.com).
- Entry fees can be paid using the entry form below, or by PayPal to Annette at [101ted@nycap.rr.com](mailto:101ted@nycap.rr.com).
- **Commuters not on the hotel package, pay an additional \$20 along with your entry.**

Mail entry form, along with check for all applicable fees by December 21 to:  
Annette Tedesco, 41 Ferry Lane, Stillwater, NY 12170-1350

Name: _____	<b><u>Events Entering</u></b>
Address: _____ _____	TWL Main Event: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	TWL Early Bird #1: _____
Phone(s): _____	TWL Early Bird #2: _____
e-mail: _____	Collins Main Event: _____
Rating: _____	Collins Early Bird #1: _____
Staying at Best Western: _____	Collins Early Bird #2: _____
Roommate(s) Name (if applicable): _____	Need Roommate: _____
	Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

## **DIRECTIONS TO BEST WESTERN ALBANY AIRPORT INN**

### From the South (New York City, Connecticut), and the West (Syracuse, Buffalo, Toronto)

- Take the NYS Thruway (I-87 North/I-90 East) to Exit 24 (Albany/Montreal)
- From toll booth, take I-90 East to Exit 1N (Saratoga Springs/Montreal)
- From off-ramp, Adirondack Northway (I-87 North) to Exit 4 (Wolf Road/Albany Airport)
- From off-ramp, turn right onto Wolf Road. The Best Western will be 400 metres away on your right

### From the North (Montreal, Vermont)

- Take Adirondack Northway (I-87 South) to Exit 4 (Wolf Road/Albany Airport)
- From off-ramp, turn Left onto Old Wolf Road
- At traffic signal, turn Left onto Albany-Shaker Road
- Immediately after overpass, turn Right onto Wolf Road. The Best Western will be 500 metres away on your right

### From the East (Boston, Cape Cod)

- From Mass Pike, take NYS Thruway (Berkshire Spur) West to Exit B1 (Albany/Hudson)
- From toll booth, take I-90 West and get off at Exit 1N (Saratoga Springs/Montreal)
- From off-ramp, take Adirondack Northway (I-87 North) to Exit 4 (Wolf Road/Albany Airport)
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