



New Zealand Association of Scrabble[®] Players

WORLD SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIPS CRITERIA HELD BIENNIALLY

Criteria

X = the total number of slots allocated to New Zealand for the World Scrabble Championships.

The selection criteria 1 – 4 immediately below are for **X** or **X-1** New Zealand places.

For Players on the New Zealand Ranking List:

1. Players must be on the New Zealand Ranking List
2. Selection period is Nationals to Nationals which are held in June each year.
3. Players must play a minimum of 50 rated games during selection period, which should include 2 of 3 major tournaments, i.e. 1 Masters, 2 Nationals.
4. Following the end of the selection period, the top **X-1** or **X** players on the ranking list (provided they have fulfilled the criteria) will be selected for the World Championship team
5. If any player in the top **X** or **X-1** pulls out or is unavailable, then selection is offered to the next player on the ranking list fulfilling the selection criteria.
6. The player must be a New Zealander.
7. Definition of a New Zealand player will be at the discretion of the Executive who will take into account whether the person was born in New Zealand, lived in New Zealand or has New Zealand Citizenship.
8. **Final Position Criteria:** A player who has previously been on the NZASP ranking list, who currently resides overseas and who is ineligible to play for their country of residence, may be selected provided they meet the necessary criteria:
 - a. At least 50 tournament games played in selection period in any country outside New Zealand. The selection period is the same as set out in 2 above.
 - b. Have a rating at the conclusion of the selection period that would place the player in the top 4 in the ranking list in any country that they have played in during the selection period, or win a major scrabble tournament outside of New Zealand, e.g. King's Cup, North American Nationals, in the selection period.
9. Should more than 1 player qualify under the above criteria, the Executive Committee will vote on the player to be selected.
10. Any player selected by this method, must pay an independent's affiliation fee to the New Zealand Association of Scrabble[®] Players.
11. The New Zealand Association of Scrabble[®] Players may use discretionary power in making any final decision.