

# New Zealand Scrabble Records

as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022

## New Zealand Performances at the World Scrabble Championships, now WESPAC (held since 1991)

World Champion		Alastair Richards	2021 (online)
		Nigel Richards	2007, 2011, 2013, 2019
in the top ten (other than first)	7th	Mike Sigley	1993
	3rd	Jeff Grant	1995
	6th	Jack Dymond	1997
		(Kendall Boyd)	
	8th, 2nd, 3rd	Nigel Richards	1999, 2009, 2017
Most frequent competitor	11 times	Jeff Grant	1991-2015

## NZ Performances at the World Youth Championships

Highest Place	7th/120	Lewis Hawkins	2014
Most frequent competitor	4 times	Lewis Hawkins	2013-2017

## Trans-Tasman Challenge

Challenges won by NZ	3	1998, 200, 2010
Individual winners	Peter Sinton	1998
	Jack Dymond (Kendall Boyd)	2000
	Howard Warner	2002
	Joanne Craig	2010
	Dylan Early	2018

## Highest ten on international (WESPA) rankings      500 international games (WESPA rated)

Nigel Richards	1st	Nigel Richards	4005
Alastair Richards	8th	Alastair Richards	2234
Howard Warner	25th	Joanne Craig	1975
Virgilio Quiballo	38th	Howard Warner	1330
Dylan Early	72nd	Liz Fagerlund	775
Blue Thorowgood	74th	Betty Erikson	740
Joanne Craig	98th	Jeff Grant	625
Jeff Grant	112th		
Lyres Freeth	144th		
Steven Brown	145th		

**Masters Tournament (held since 1984)**

Most games won	21/23	Jeff Grant Mike Sigley	1993, 1997 2002
Highest spread	2529	Alastair Richards	2021
Most times winner	12 times	Howard Warner	2003-04, 2006 2008-13, 2018
Most frequent competitor	37/37	Glennis Hale	1984-2021
Youngest competitor	12 years, 104 days	Lewis Hawkins	2017
Oldest competitor	84 years, 288 days	June Mackwell	2008

**The Nationals (held since 1980)**

Most time National Champion	16 times	Jeff Grant	1990-91, 1993-96, 1998, 2000-01, 2007-08
Youngest competitor	8 years, 151 days	Lewis Hawkins	2013
Oldest competitor	88 years, 359 days	June Mackwell	2012

**Tournament Records**

Highest game score	756	Dylan Early	April 2019
Highest losing score	514	Pam Barlow	June 2010
Highest drawn score	487	Debbie Raphael & Lynn Wood	February 2004
Highest single turn	302	Lynne Butler	October 2011
Highest single turn non-bonus	135	Ruth O'Neil	November 1997
Highest combined score	1078	David Lloyd & Howard Warner	March 1997
	1078	Alastair Richards & Lyres Freeth	March 2019
Highest winning margin	493	Mike Sigley	November 1990
Highest add-on	58	Jeff Grant	March 2012
	58	Lynn Wood	May 2015
Most consecutive bonus words	5	Allie Quinn	June 1989

<b>Milestones</b>	
<b>5000 tournament games played</b>	
Lynn Wood	5079
<b>3000 tournament games played</b>	
Betty Erikson	3865
Val Mills (E)	3388
Howard Warner (GM)	3301
John Foster (GM)	3232
Glennis Hale (GM)	3208
David Gunn	3175
Jean O'Brien	3139
Liz Fagerlund	3082
<b>2000 tournament games played</b>	
Jennifer Smith	2892
Glenda Geard	2646
Su Walker	2657
Joan Thomas	2503
Allie Quinn	2487
Jeff Grant (GM)	2503
Carolyn Kyle	2485
Shirley Martin	2363
Lawson Sue (GM)	2367
Murray Rogers (E)	2297
Delcie Macbeth	2234
Lorraine Van Veen	2262
Rosemary Cleary (E)	2078
Annette Coombes	2143
Roger Coates	2041
<b>1000 tournament games played</b>	
Mary Curtis	1035

<b>Milestones continued</b>	
<b>2000 tournament games won</b>	
Howard Warner	2487.5
Lynn Wood	2431
<b>1000 tournament games won</b>	
Jeff Grant (GM)	1859.5
Betty Erikson	1955
John Foster (GM)	1811.5
Glennis Hale (GM)	1753.5
Val Mills (E)	1647
Liz Fagerlund (GM)	1591
David Gunn	1562
Jean O'Brien	1586.5
Jennifer Smith	1387.5
Su Walker	1353.5
Glenda Geard	1310.5
Joan Thomas	1245
Allie Quinn	1210
Lawson Sue (GM)	1280
Carolyn Kyle	1226.5
Murray Rogers (E)	1206.5
Shirley Martin	1176.5
Delcie Macbeth	1149.5
Lorraine Van Veen	1115.5
Andrew Bradley	1049
Anderina McLean (GM)	1005
Olivia En (E)	1005

<b>Club Records</b>				
Highest game score	763	John Foster	Mt Albert	January 1993
Highest losing score	522	Stanley Ngundi	Scrabble Wellington	August 2019
Highest drawn score	482	Jeff Grant & Margaret Warren	Hastings	March 1994
Highest single turn	347	Neil Talbot	Wellington	October 2003
Highest single turn, non-bonus	261	John Foster	Mt Albert	January 1993
Highest combined score	1106	Chris Hooks & Dawn Kitzen	Papatoetoe & Mt Albert	March 1992
Highest winning margin	590	Paul Lister	Christchurch	November 2008
Highest add-on	68	Andrew Bradley	Mt Albert	Pre-1990
Most consecutive bonus words	5	John Foster	Mt Albert	April 1992
	5	Patrick Carter	Mt Albert	April 2003
	5	Paul Lister	Christchurch	August 2010
Most bonus words in a game (individual)	7	Jeff Grant	Independent	September 1997
Most bonus words in a game (combined)	8	Chris Hooks & Dawn Kitzen	Papatoetoe & Mt Albert	March 1992

<b>Grand Masters</b>		<b>Experts</b>
Alastair Richards (GM)	Lawson Sue (GM)	Lewis Hawkins (E)
Howards Warner (GM)	Cicely Bruce (GM)	Murray Rogers (E)
Lyres Freeth (GM)	Lynne Butler (GM)	Nick Ascroft (E)
Joanne Craig (GM)	John Foster (GM)	Scott Chaputt (E)
Dylan Early (GM)	Anderina McLean (GM)	Rosemary Cleary (E)
Patrick Carter (GM)	Steven Brown (GM)	Olivia En (E)
Jeff Grant (GM)	Glennis Hale (GM)	Paul Lister (E)
Blue Thorowgood (GM)	Liz Fagerlund (GM)	Val Mills (E)
Peter Sinton (GM)	Stanley Ngundi (GM)	Glenda Foster (E)
Andrew Bradley (GM)		Karen Richards (E)