

Scrabble New Zealand Records

as at 1st January 2025

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 10 (other than 1st)	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
		Howard Warner	1999-2021

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	4	1998, 200, 2010, 2024
Individual winners	Peter Sinton	1998
	Jack Dymond (Kendall Boyd)	2000
	Howard Warner	2002
	Joanne Craig	2010
	Dylan Early	2018
	Howard Warner	2024

NZ Masters Tournament (held since 1984)

Most games won	21/23	Jeff Grant	1993, 1997
		Mike Sigley	2002
Highest spread	2529	Alastair Richards	2021
Most times winner	12 times	Howard Warner	2003-04, 2006, 2008-13, 2018
Most frequent competitor	39/40	Glennis Hale	1984-2024
Youngest competitor	12 years, 104 days	Lewis Hawkins	2017
Oldest competitor	85 years, 244 days	Shirley Martin	2024

The National Championship (held since 1980)

Most times 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
Most bonus words in a game (individual)	6	Nigel Richards	August 1998
	6	Yvette Hewlett	November 2001
	6	Howard Warner	August 2012
	6	Chris Tallman	July 2024
Most bonus words in a game (combined)	8	Mike Sigley & Glenyss Buchanan	Pre 1997
	8	Nigel Richards & John Foster	August 1998
	8	Paul Lister & Shirley Hol	May 2013
	8	Glennis Hale & Lawson Sue	July 2024
	8	Howard Warner & Dylan Early	June 2024
Highest average in a tournament	584	Nigel Richards	January 1997
Most tournament games played	5544	Lynn Wood	
Most tournament games won	2620.5	Howard Warner	

Milestones - games played	
5000 tournament games played	
Lynn Wood	5832
4000 tournament games played	
Betty Eriksen	4556
3000 tournament games played	
Val Mills (E)	3984
Howard Warner (GM)	3614
Liz Fagerlund (GM)	3526
Jean O'Brien	3513
Glennis Hale (GM)	3500
John Foster (GM)	3391
Jennifer Smith	3327
David Gunn	3317
2000 tournament games played	
Su Walker	2955
Lawson Sue (GM)	2823
Carolyn Kyle	2811
Glenda Gear	2802
Shirley Martin	2636
Lorraine Van Veen	2629
Murray Rogers (E)	2624
Jeff Grant (GM)	2618
Delcie Macbeth	2479
Rosemary Cleary (E)	2308
Cicely Bruce	2304
Andrew Bradley (GM)	2260
Helen Sillis	2259
Olivia En	2251
Roger Coates	2138

1000 tournament games played	
Mary Curtis	1318
Judy Driscoll	1164
Lyres Freeth (GM)	1154
Jillian Greening	1113
Colleen Cook	1103
Vicky Robertson	1092
Frances Higham	1089
Tony Charlton	1069
Antonia Aarts	1064
Clare Wall	1026

Milestones - games won	
2000 tournament games won	
Howard Warner	2713.5
Lynn Wood	2797.5
Betty Erikson	2282.5
1000 tournament games won	
Val Mills (E)	1960.5
Jeff Grant (GM)	1938
Glennis Hale (GM)	1899
John Foster (GM)	1882
Liz Fagerlund (GM)	1821
Jean O'Brien	1755.5
David Gunn	1618
Jennifer Smith	1590
Lawson Sue (GM)	1535.5
Su Walker	1492
Carolyn Kyle	1382.5
Glenda Gear	1381
Murray Rogers (E)	1377
Shirley Martin	1303
Lorraine Van Veen	1291.5
Delcie Macbeth	1271.5
Cicely Bruce (GM)	1261.5
Andrew Bradley (GM)	1215
Anderina McLean (GM)	1165
Olivia En (E)	1162.5
Helen Sillis	1102

Club Records				
Highest game score	763	John Foster	Mt Albert	January 1993
Highest losing score	522	Stanley Ngundi	Scrabble	August 2019
	522	Nick Ascroft	Wellington	September 2022
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
	8	Dylan Early & Nick Ascroft	Scrabble Wellington	September 2022

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