



Scrabble New Zealand

2026 Youth Championship

Join us for fun, friendships, competition, and the chance to become New Zealand's inaugural Youth Scrabble Champion!

Eligibility: Entrants must be 17 years of age or younger on 1 January, 2026 (birth year of 2008 or later) and must be affiliated members of SNZ* or a member in good standing with their home Scrabble organisation.

* New players can affiliate with SNZ through their local club or by contacting our treasurer, Cicely: treasurer.nzasp@gmail.com

Venue: Mt. Albert Bridge Club, 1 Councillors Drive, Auckland

📍 Mount Albert Bridge Club

Time: Saturday, 18 July, 2026: Report at 8:40am for a 9am start

Equipment: None required. SNZ will provide all boards, tiles, racks, clocks, scoresheets, and word judging software.

Format: 8 games. 25 minutes per player per game. One grade for all.

Start, games 1 and 2, morning tea, games 3 and 4, lunch, games 5 and 6, afternoon tea, games 7 and 8, prizegiving

Refreshment: Morning and afternoon teas provided. BYO lunch, or buy it from several nearby cafes or the nearby New World.

Rules: SNZ Constitution and Rules of Play. [Scrabble New Zealand Constitution and Rules of Play](#) Lexicon: CSW24

Rating: This tournament will be rated by Scrabble New Zealand and WESPA

Entry: Payment of NZ\$20 entry fee is payable by **12 July, 2026**

Account Name: NZ Association of Scrabble Players

Kiwibank 38-9010-0771416-00 Include the name of the entrant for reference.

Eligible overseas youth players are welcome and may pay their NZ\$20 entry in cash on the day.

Notify: Tournament convenor: Chris Tallman, Secretary, SNZ:
chrishtallman@gmail.com with entry details:

Full name of entrant	Birth Year of Entrant	Contact Phone # of Guardian
Scrabble Organisation Affiliation	Date Entry Fee Paid	

Prizes: The Youth Champion and best NZ player will receive trophies. Cash prizes for top place-getters and best new player (playing competitively for a year or less) TBD plus fun spot prizes.

There will be a youth coaching clinic in the week prior to the tournament - time and venue TBD. Register your interest for this and/or other training opportunities with Chris: chrishtallman@gmail.com