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# 2017 Albany NY Scrabble® Tournament

This handout is intended to provide all details players need to know about the main event. There will be no opening announcements, instead please read this brief guide before the event begins and ask a director if you have any questions or concerns. Check the displays for your first round opponent, find a board, and wait for the director's signal before starting your first game.

Hold on to your copy of this handout and refer to it throughout the event! It may win you a prize.

## Your Directors

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## Main Event Schedule

Fri Dec 30	8:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Games 1-3
Sat Dec 31	9:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Games 4-7 followed by lunch break
Sat Dec 31	2:45 PM - 7:00 PM	Games 8-11
Sun Jan 1	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Games 12-14 followed by lunch break
Sun Jan 1	3:15 PM - 7:15 PM	Games 15-18
Mon Jan 2	9:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Games 19-22, no lunch break, pause between rounds for pairings

## Tournament Operations

- Personalized scorecards will be distributed during the first round. At least the first three rounds' pairings will be pre-printed, depending on your division.
- Firsts and seconds will be assigned, boards are not. Tables will be designated for different divisions, but if you have trouble finding space, play anywhere.
- Detailed information on pairings and 1sts/2nds is posted on the wall by the door.
- Multiple word judge machines are available in the playing area. Each is clearly marked as to its lexicon, please take care to use the appropriate device. If you are unsure, ask a director.
- Pairings will also be displayed electronically in the playing area. Results are not shown on pairing displays, visit the larger displays in the Data Lounge for detailed results as they become available.
- Tally slips must be filled out after each game with all fields filled in, including the spread, player numbers, division and round. Collins should be designated as such or "CSW", and not as "C". If you submit an incomplete tally slip, a director may need to interrupt a subsequent game to verify its completion.

## Live Results & Electronic Scorecard

- Live results will be updating on the web in real time at [live.wgvc.com](http://live.wgvc.com)
- This site also includes instructions for viewing your scorecard on your web-enabled mobile device. Contact a director if you need any assistance in this regard.

## QR Scanner

The QR scanner on the director's table or in the Data Lounge can be used to resolve discrepancies in the posted standings, or to view pairings for upcoming rounds. Insert the upper corner of your scorecard in the scanner slot so the QR code faces down and watch for the display to update with the computer's version of your scorecard. If you encounter difficulty of any kind, ask a Director for assistance.

## Handout Drawing

A merchandise prize will be awarded by raffle at the finals awards presentation, to be eligible you must present your original copy of this handout.

## Lost & Found

For lost and found items, see a director.

## Opt-In Prize Pool

- Each player in Collins or OWL Division A may elect to buy into the opt-in pool, amount TBD.
- Whichever player finishes first amongst those who paid into the pool wins it all.
- Eligibility for standard prizes is independent of participation in the opt-in pool.
- Payout is split in the event of a tie.
- Withdrawal from the pool is not allowed after payment is accepted.

## USB Chargers

Numerous USB chargers are available at the director's table. Turn off your phone during your game(s) and leave it up front to get a refreshing charge.

## Board+Merch Raffle: \$5 single ticket, 3 for \$10

2 Boards and some other merchandise TBD are being raffled off. See Josh Greenway for details.

## Live Streaming

A live streaming board is being setup with cameras for players' racks and an overhead cam for the board. Live annotators may be employed as available. Use of the live streaming board is voluntary. If you and your opponent both wish to play your game on the "Live Board", please let one of the directors know at your earliest opportunity.

## Dinner

Sign up for the New Year's Eve Buffet by the door: \$28 + taxes and gratuity.

## If You Need Anything Else...

...your directors are here to ensure you have the smoothest, most enjoyable tournament experience possible. If you require assistance with anything at all, from first aid to diagnosing your car's Check Engine light, please let us know promptly and we will make every effort to address your concern. Medical issues will be treated discreetly and in strict confidence between the directors.