

Scrabble Scramble XXI Rules

Welcome! Scrabble Scramble rules are different from regular Scrabble rules. Each table is a team. Each table has a Scrabble board and a bag of tiles. The object of the game is to build the highest score using the allotted tiles or as many of them as you can.

NO CELLPHONES or PERSONAL DICTIONARIES ALLOWED DURING PLAY

- Teams will play 3 rounds. Each round will be 20 minutes long.
- An official will count out 50 random tiles from the bag for the team to use. When the MC gives the signal, the team may start placing tiles on the board.
- Up to 10 additional **RANDOM** tiles from bag may be purchased for \$5 each from the judges.
- The first word **must** be played over the center starting square (★).
- The center starting square (★) represents a double word square.
- Words must be placed horizontally or vertically-NOT DIAGONALLY. Vertical words must be read top to bottom; horizontal words must be read left to right.
- Each word on the board must be connected to at least one other word. No word may stand alone. Any stacked letters must form a word in both directions (left to right and top to bottom). For example:

Valid:

L	A	B
A	N	Y

 Invalid:

L	A	B
C	A	R

- Letters may be rearranged until time is called.
- Blank tiles may be used as ANY letter. Once assigned a letter, it must be used as that letter for any additional words built on it. Blanks have no point value.
- Judges use Scrabble/Merriam Webster dictionary to determine validity of words.
- Proper nouns, abbreviations, foreign words, hyphenated, apostrophized, and “x-rated” words are not allowed. Single letter words such as “I” and “A” are not valid.
- Points will be deducted for misspelled or invalid words.
- During play, **peeks** at the dictionary (one word per peek) may be purchased for \$2 from the Judges table. Teams may buy as many peeks as they like.
- When time is up, each team will copy their board onto a scoring sheet. Take a photo of the completed board as backup. Double/Triple word/letter squares will count both horizontally and vertically. Point value of UNUSED TILES will be **subtracted** from final score. Points for invalid/misspelled words will be **subtracted** from the final score.
- Judges’ decisions are final and not open to challenge.

May the best team win!