

# Scrabble Scramble XVII Rules

Welcome! Scrabble Scramble rules are different from regular Scrabble play. 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

- Each table will have an Official who will facilitate play.
- Teams will play 3 rounds. Each round will be 20 minutes long.
- The 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.
- The first word must be played over the center starting 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.
- Only words in the Scrabble/Merriam Webster dictionary will be allowed.
- 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.
- Up to 10 additional **RANDOM** tiles from bag may be purchased for \$5 each from the table Official (adult teams only).
- Peeks at the dictionary (one word per peek) may be purchased for \$2 from the table Official.
- When time is up, each table Official will copy the team’s words onto a scoring sheet. 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.
- Officials’ decisions are final and not open to challenge.

*May the best team win!*