

Kinnect Scrabble Tournament House Rules

Tournament Structure

- Four (4) twenty-minute rounds of **regular play***
- Top sixteen (16) scorers (from the initial 4 rounds) compete in the **Sweet 16 Playoff**.
- The winner of each Sweet 16 game will compete in the **“Final Four” Championship Game** on the Big Board
- The highest scorer in the Final Four will be crowned **2019 Champion**

**You will have an opportunity to ‘Opt Out’ after two rounds. However, we encourage everyone to give the first two rounds a try, even if you’re not a “serious” player. Have fun!*

How to Start? Who Goes First?

1. Designate one player as the **Score Keeper**.
2. Record Player Names on the score sheet. *Please write neatly and include every player’s last initial.*
3. Each player chooses one tile from the bag. The player with the letter closest to the beginning of the alphabet plays first. (If two players tie for closest to “A,” only those players redraw.)
4. Players now draw seven (7) tiles to fill their tray
5. The first play must involve the center tile, which is a Double Word tile.
6. Play then moves around the table to the left (clockwise).

On your turn...

1. Create a word with your tiles that connects to an existing play.
2. Play your word vertically or horizontally. (Diagonal Plays are not allowed.)
3. Determine the score for your play and report it to your table’s Score Keeper. You can only add one word during your play, but if your word creates a second new word, you get points for both!
4. Draw tiles from the bag to re-fill your tray. (You should have 7 tiles at the end of every turn.)

Play Fast | Listen for Time Updates

End of the Round...

1. Play must end at the announcement to **STOP PLAY**.
2. Un-played tiles on your tray **DO NOT** count against your score.
3. Complete and turn in the Score Sheet for that round.

Grab a drink, snack, raffle ticket | Have Fun!

THINGS TO CONSIDER

More Rounds = Higher Scores

Fast Play is rewarded in this format. The more turns for each player, the higher the score.

This is a ‘For Fun’ Event

Word Challenges slow play. If a disagreement cannot be settled quickly, ask for the Official Scrabble Dictionary