

The 25th Annual Boston Area SCRABBLE® Tournament

28-30 April 2006

Division	Ratings	Entry Fee
A/Premier*	1700 and up	\$60/\$75
B	1400-1699	\$50
C	1100-1399	\$50
D	1099 and below	\$50
Newcomers (Sat only)	1099 and below	\$25

* The top-rated 19 players from A will play in Premier with the 2005 division A winner, Kenji Matsumoto.

† **April 05** ratings--those within 100 pts of cutoff may play up at their request & the directors' discretion. (Premier ONLY will use peak ratings from January 3rd to March 31st to determine division qualification.)

DIRECTORS

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FORMAT

The **15-game** main event will be computer-paired with TSH, a modified Fontes Swiss-style system.

The **5-game** early bird will be either round robin or modified swiss with groups of 6-8 players.

Premier ONLY will play 20 games for the main event, please see back of flyer for details.

SCHEDULE

Friday

11:00 am EB registration

12:00 pm* EB games 1-5

2:00 pm hotel check in

7:00 pm Main event registration

8:00 pm* games 1, 2, & 3

Saturday

9:30 am* games 4, 5, 6, & 7

1:30-3 pm lunch (on own)

3:00 pm* games 8, 9, 10, & 11

7:30 pm dinner (Westford)

8:45 pm Duplicate SCRABBLE

Sunday

9-1:00 pm* games 12, 13, 14, & 15

2:00 pm Awards Ceremony

Newcomers (Saturday only)

10:00 am registration in Ipswich Room

10:30 am* games 1, 2, and 3

1:30 pm lunch on own

3:00 pm* games 4, 5, 6

6:00 pm Awards ceremony

***clocks may be started to keep the tournament running on time, please be prompt**

HOTEL

Attendees are asked to make hotel reservations directly with the hotel:

Westford Regency Inn & Conference Center, 219 Littleton Road, Westford, MA 01886

toll free: 800.543.7801 **phone:** 978.692.8200 **fax:** 978.692.7403 **web:** westfordregency.com

Rates--Double \$136.26; Single \$240.48; Triple \$108.84--include two overnights in a deluxe guest room, buffet dinner on Saturday night, and all associated room and meal taxes and gratuities.

Hotel guests also have free access to the hotel's exquisite Regency Health Club and pool.

Rollaway beds available for a fee to be paid at registration; triple fee includes two beds only.

(NOTE: hotel guarantees room rate/availability only until April 7th.)

To be on time, tournament registrations must be postmarked by 12 April 2006. NO walk-ins.

MAIL TO: Sherrie Saint John, 2 Tanglewood Road, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 01944

Registration form for the 2006 Boston Area SCRABBLE® Tournament

Div A \$60/\$75 Div B \$50 Div C \$50 Div D \$50 Newcomers \$25 (no comm. fee)

\$10 late fee (postmarked *after* 12 April) help find me roommate (if possible/e-mail required)

Please Check One:

I am commuting & including the \$15 commuter fee.

I have made a reservation at the Westford Regency. My roommate is _____.

I'm playing in the Newcomers' event.

name _____ **phone** _____

address _____ **NSA #** _____

city/state/zip _____

e-mail _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

•PLEASE ENSURE YOU'VE GIVEN ME YOUR COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS (think zip code)•

DIRECTIONS

The Westford Regency Centrally located off Exit 32, I-495, close to Routes 2, 3 and 93, with easy access from all major points. More detailed directions, including those by public transportation, can be obtained at the web site or by contacting the hotel.

WEB SITE

<http://sasj.com/bat2006>

The tournament's web site lists the flyer, a registration form, detailed directions, a list of who is registered (updated with every entry received), Rotisserie, and names of attendees looking for roommates.

Check it out often!

NOTES

- The National *SCRABBLE*[®] Association requires that all but first-time participants be current members of the NSA. Bring membership cards or current newsletters to show status.
- Please bring deluxe boards and game timers.
- All playing facilities are handicapped accessible. During room registration, please mention handicap needs.
- All hotel guests can use the hotel's pool and exquisite Regency Health Club for free.
- To defray the cost of the playing facilities, all playing attendees who are not staying at the hotel on the *SCRABBLE*[®] package are required to pay a \$15 commuter fee (one-day Newcomers exempt from this fee).
- The first 25 entries will be eligible for an early-bird prize.
- BAT 2006 will present the annual "Robert Felt Memorial *Star* Student Award," a \$100 award to the student under 18 who places the highest in the tournament.
- Players unsure about Premier eligibility are asked to send the higher entry fee and \$15 will be reimbursed during registration if necessary. Please monitor web site for registration status.
- Please mail registration and fees before 12 April 2006. Entries postmarked after this date will be assessed a \$10 late fee.
- Save a stamp and pay via paypal. Go to <http://paypal.com> and send fees to saint@pobox.com and e-mail the entry form information.

2006 PREMIER DETAILS

We are celebrating the incredible 25th anniversary of BAT with an expanded 20-player Premier division playing a 20-round (RR+KOTH) schedule! The invitational Premier division will play their first five games on Friday afternoon alongside the open Early Bird (play begins at 12 noon sharp, arrive earlier to register please), and play the remaining fifteen games according to the main event schedule (three games Friday night, eight games Saturday, four games Sunday).

Qualification for the Premier division is based on standard NSA peak ratings from January 3rd to March 31st with a space reserved for Kenji Matsumoto, the winner of the 2005 BAT "A" Division.

The Premier division will be closed to registration on 7 April 2006. Any players intending to play must register *by this date*. No exceptions.