

# Jaspa (Japan Scrabble Players Association)

## to sponsor Scrabble Event in Kansai

Dear all Scrabble fans in Japan,

We would like to say hello to everybody and convey this information regarding what you have been longing for. That is our yearly national Scrabble event that is to be held in Hanshin District. It is our great honor to announce this sort of distinguished events.

This time we are attempting to set up a rather unique system for a Japan's Scrabble group. It's the two-division tournament in order to attract more people than ever. Namely, what we prepared are "Japan Scrabble Championship Tournament" and "All-Japan Open Tournament". You can find a good place that matches your play style. So join us. Please do not hesitate.

### Details

- **Date & time:** 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 (Sun.) Registration 09:30, Competition 10:00 ~
- **Venue:** Ikuta-Bunka-Kaikan (40-1-6Chome, Nakayamate-Dori Chuo-Ku Kobe  
6500004 Phone\_0783820861 Fax#\_0783614115
- **Things to bring:** A pen (mandatory) and a chess clock (if you have one)
- **Entry fee:** 1,000 yen  
(\*Used as the venue + prize costs and printing expenses)
- **Event Format:** Two-division event
- **Number of rounds:**
  - ① Japan Scrabble Championship Tournament:  
  
Round robin by **eight** players (Thus there will be **seven** rounds)
  - ② All-Japan Open Tournament:  
  
**Seven** rounds (Swiss pairing with no repeats (1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> round). + KotH for the 7<sup>th</sup> round)
- **Rules:** Based on WESPA Rules version 3  
*\* Five points per word will be added to your opponent in case of an unsuccessful challenge.*

*\* After a player finishes a game, the total value of unplayed tiles is doubled and added to the player who finished.*

- **Lexicon:** Either of “Collins Official Scrabble Words” or “Collins Scrabble Dictionary” (2015)  
*\* The computer software “Zyzyva 3.1.0” will be used for word judge.*
- **Prizes:** Choosing prizes is in process now
- **Criteria of Standings:** 1) Number of wins (a tie is 0.5 win) 2) Cumulative spread
- **Qualification:** Players who are 18 years old or older and have their residences in Japan
- **How to apply:** By sending an email indicating the intention of participation to Takemura or Warodom of Jaspa (Plus you may be able to utilize SNS like ‘Face Book’.)  
[warodong\\_jaspa@bizcenterjapan.com](mailto:warodong_jaspa@bizcenterjapan.com) [takemura@bizcenterjapan.com](mailto:takemura@bizcenterjapan.com)  
*\*The deadline has not been set yet. It will be set and announced after the number of participants reaches our expectation.*
- **Participants are expected to say ‘I will go.’ by:** 0000, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018
- **Organizers:** Japan Scrabble Players Association (Jaspa) & Western Scrabble Club Kansai

## **Potential players of each division**

### ① Japan Scrabble Championship Tournament (JSCT):

Basically, the players who have ever participated in any national Scrabble championship tournament are to go to this division. However we have decided that the Tournament Quota of 2018 is ‘8’. So, if there are 9 or more applicants, we are going to choose only 8 out of them in accordance with our original criteria. Thus those who cannot be chosen shall be transferred to All-Japan Open Tournament automatically.

### ② All-Japan Open Tournament (AJOT):

All the individuals who have **Qualification** above can apply for it. (But please do not apply for both divisions simultaneously.)

## **Criteria of division-selection**

A. Each player gives Jaspa the play statistics ((1) Wins and losses, (2) The highest score and (3) The average score) of the Scrabble matches (regardless if they are official matches or not, however provided that such

matches are one-on-one and under the condition that Collins 2015 was designated as the word-judging dictionary) in the last year (from 20170701 to 20180630)

B. Top eight in winning percentage are going to go to Japan Scrabble Championship Tournament

C. Players whose winning averages are same shall undergo the highest-score comparison

D. Players whose scores are same in the criterion C shall undergo the average-score comparison

E. Players whose scores are same even in the criterion D shall draw lotteries

Notes: In case any item of the said statistics is missing, the value of the item shall be regarded as zero. No evidence is required in order to certify the statistics figures.

Access to the venue (Nearest Station: Kenchomae of Kobe City Subway):

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/%E7%94%9F%E7%94%B0%E6%96%87%E5%8C%96%E4%BC%9A%E9%A4%A8/@34.691122,135.181237,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x7a3cd0218874be6c!8m2!3d34.691122!4d135.181237?hl=ja-JP>

