

Emerald City SCRABBLE® 2010

Hyatt at Olive 8, Seattle - **November 11 – 14th**

NEW Weekend! NEW Early Bird Option! NEW Collins (CSW) Division! Pay entry fees Online!

Dates to Remember:

- Sept 6th** - Early entry deadline (\$10 discount if payment received by this date)
- Oct 10th** - Hotel room block released (room rate and availability not guaranteed after this date)
- Oct 10th** - Late entry deadline (\$15 late fee after this date)
- Nov 9th** - **the last day to register (and pay or cancel!)**

Early Bird Thursday Nov 11th **8 games** (groups of 8 RR+KOTH), \$50 entry fee

Main Event Nov 12th -14th **20 games** (8 games Friday, 8 games Saturday, 4 games Sunday)

How many divisions? **Five Divisions**, cutoffs at: **1700, 1450, 1200, and 950** – Separate **Open Collins Division**

How much to play? \$110 for the Top & Collins divisions, Div 2: \$90, Div 3: \$85, Div 4: \$80, Div 5: \$75

How much to stay? **\$110** per night

Prizes: 100% of entry fees, less expenses

Schedule

Thu Nov 11	8:30 to 9:15 9:30	Early Bird Check-in Play begins (games 1-8)	Sat Nov 13	9:15 9:30	Announcements Play begins (games 9-16)
Fri Nov 12	8:30 to 9:15 9:30	Main Event Check-in Play begins (games 1-8)	Sun Nov 14	9:30 1:45	Play begins (games 17-20) Awards

Early Bird (Thursday November 11th)

Players will be grouped into **divisions of 8** by rating. Each division will play a full Round Robin, followed by a King of the Hill. Entry fee is \$50 for the Early Bird. (We'll add a Collins division to the Early Bird if there is enough demand)

Main Event (Friday November 12th – Sunday November 14th)

There will be **five divisions**, determined by rating cutoffs (see table right). Players within 100 points of division minimum may request to play up. The entrant's published rating as of Nov 9th, *or peak rating since August 12th*, will be used. Director retains the right to move entrants to maintain balanced divisions; unrated players will be placed at Director's discretion.

Division	Rating	Entry Fee
One	1700+	\$110
Two	1450-1699	\$90
Three	1200-1449	\$85
Four	950-1199	\$80
Five	0-949	\$75

The **Collins (CSW) division** will be running concurrently as one open division, with an entry fee of \$110. The CSW division will be using NASPA rules except for 10-point penalty per word for unsuccessful challenges (if the play is ruled acceptable the challenger is penalized 10 points per word challenged). If the player has a CSW rating, that will be used, otherwise, the player's current NASPA rating will be used.

Registration, payment, and cancellation deadline: Noon Pacific Time, Nov 9th

* All participants are expected to know and follow the Official Tournament Rules.

Please remember to bring your own board, racks, Protiles & clock, and your preferred score sheets. *

All participants must be current members of the North American SCRABBLE® Players Association (NASPA) to compete in this tournament. Please join or renew your membership before the tournament.

Prize Package

The prize package will return 100% of entry fees, after actual expenses. Cash prizes for high play, high game, and high loss. Bonus Prize: Free registration to **Emerald City SCRABBLE® 2011** to the person who raises his or her rating the most points as a result of this Tournament (worth up to \$110).

☛ *More info, see who's already signed up, or register and **PAY ONLINE** at: www.seattlescrabble.org* ☛

Tournament Contact: Rebecca Slivka, 206-285-7188, slugbiker@comcast.net

Accommodations and Tournament Location

Hyatt at Olive 8

1635 8th Avenue
 Seattle, Washington 98101
 Reservations: **(888) 421-1442**
 Phone: (206) 695-1234
 olive8.hyatt.com

Room features:

- * Hyatt Grand Beds / 37-inch flat panel TV / 100% smoke-free
- * iHome Stereo with iPod dock / Generous work desk with **free internet**

Special tournament double occupancy rates:

One King Deluxe: \$110
 Two Queen Deluxe \$110

Reserve your room by Oct 10th to get this rate.

When making your reservation, please phone **(888) 421-1442** or visit: **resweb.passkey.com/go/emeraldcityscrabbletournament** (the main Hyatt phone & websites won't have our special rate).

After hours play in foyer adjacent to ballroom * **24-hour StayFit gym**

Check-in is after 3 p.m. Check out by noon.

Our new venue is the fabulous **Hyatt at Olive 8**. This beautiful new hotel is in downtown Seattle, within easy walking distance to restaurants, theatres, movies, concert hall, shopping, Seattle Art Museum, Pike Place Market, etc. Our playing room is an elegant and spacious Ballroom, with access to the disabled and computerized word judging.

*All players NOT staying at the tournament hotel will be charged a \$20 commuter fee.
 The room block will be released October 10th—so please make your reservations early!*

Parking: Valet parking for overnight guests: \$18 (in/out privileges included) [special \$15 day rate for our players]. We suggest carpooling or taking public transportation; the hotel is 3 blocks from the Westlake Center Bus/Light Rail Tunnel Station.

Transportation from Airport: \$2.50 light rail from SeaTac airport takes you to 3 blocks from the hotel. Get off at the Westlake Center Station in the bus tunnel; exit tunnel on Pine and walk 3 blocks east to 8th, turn left. Hyatt at Olive 8 is on the left.

Transportation from Amtrak Train Station: Catch any bus heading North on 4th Avenue (or in the Bus Tunnel). Get off at Pine Street (Westlake Station), walk 3 blocks east. Buses are FREE in downtown Seattle (\$2.00 after 7pm).

Tournament Registration: use the form below OR you can register (and PAY) online at: **www.seattlescrabble.org**

R E G I S T R A T I O N F O R M

Name _____ E-mail _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 _____ NASPA Member # _____

Fees Enclosed:

- Early Bird* \$50 _____ [] This is my first tournament
 - Main Event Entry Fee: Collins (CSW) \$110 _____
 - Main Event Entry Fee: Div 1 [1700+] \$110 _____ () I would like to play up in the Main Event
 - Main Event Entry Fee: Div 2 [1450-1699] \$90 _____ [] Use my peak rating since Aug 12th
 - Main Event Entry Fee: Div 3 [1200-1449] \$85 _____ () I'll play up if it makes the divisions even
 - Main Event Entry Fee: Div 4 [950-1199] \$80 _____ () I do NOT want to play up
 - Main Event Entry Fee: Div 5 [0-949] \$75 _____
 - Early Entry Discount (payment received by Sept 6th) - \$10 _____ We must receive your payment by Sept 6th to qualify
 - Late Fee (payment received after Oct 10th) + \$15 _____ \$15 handling fee for cancellations after Oct 10th
 - Commuter Fee (if NOT staying at Hyatt Olive 8) + \$20 _____ [I am staying at the hotel and have a room reserved
- Total Enclosed: _____ under the name: _____]

Make your check or money order payable in US\$ to:

Mail to Rebecca Slivka
 P.O. Box 9069
 Seattle, WA 98109

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**Note: Commuter Fee, Early Entry Discount, and Late Fees do not apply if you are attending the Early Bird tournament only*

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