

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> UK Tablet NSC (1 September 2019)

## Where

Sir Naim Dangoor Centre, 255 Harrow Road, London. W2 5EZ.

## Format

**OPEN** division, **EVERYONE** will play at least 14 games. After 12 games, the top 2 at that point will advance to the title deciding **best of 5 final**. During the final stage, all non-finalists will play an extra 2 games.

**15 minute** timer per person, with a maximum 1 minute overtime. The **best of 5 final** will work to a **10 minute** timer per person, with a maximum 1 minute overtime. We will be using a combination of the EA **Facebook app** and **ISC**, where **VOID** challenge will be used. Other online platforms for gameplay could be used upon agreement. Spread is a non-factor, so resignations from any game are **COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE** and are heavily encouraged to keep the action moving faster!

## Entry fee

Two tiered. Covers all refreshments. See prizes section below for details on money rounds.

Tier	Entry fee
Level 1 (play for fun, non-eligible for any money)	<b>£10</b>
Level 2 (eligible for all prize money and money rounds)	<b>£20</b>

## Prizes

Dependent on number of entries. Winner will receive a **trophy** plus **cash prize**, and the runner-up will receive a cash prize.

There will be **two or three money rounds on the day**, where the winners of those designated round numbers **instantly win £5 each time!** **NOTE: This is only eligible for Level 2 entrants.**

## Payment and entry

Three methods (no postal entries and no cheques please!):

1. **Bank transfer:** Sort code: 60-14-55, Account number: 60825103, preferably with reference: “[your name] TNSC”, and notify Austin by email ([Austinho712@gmail.com](mailto:Austinho712@gmail.com)), or via Facebook message.
2. **PayPal:** Pay to [Austinho712@gmail.com](mailto:Austinho712@gmail.com), preferably with reference: “[your name] TNSC”, and notify Austin by email, or via Facebook message.
3. **Cash in hand on the day:** We will accept cash in hand before the tournament begins.

## Timetable

Arrival / Registration / Setup	9:00 – 10:00
Games 1-6	10:00 – 13:00
Lunch break	13:00
Games 7-12	14:00 – 17:00
Finals / Games 13-14	17:15 – 18:45
Prize giving / Departure	18:45 – 19:00

## Additional information

### What is the Tablet NSC?

Tablet Scrabble is version of Scrabble played on mobile devices. This completely cuts out the need for bringing specialist equipment, picking tiles, writing (and correcting) scores and tile tracking. This means **more** playing time, **more** action and **more** games. So simply put, this is the UK **Tablet National Scrabble Championships**, where the inaugural event took place in 2018.

Therefore, **ALL** games are to be played online using mobile devices - tablets, laptops and mobile phones (in that order of preference), and no actual boards will be used.

### Format – more information

- Placings are decided by a) number of wins, b) rating gain, c) head to head record, d) head to head record of common opponents.
- Players will play the same opponent in back-to-back rounds where both players start a game each.
- If a player goes overtime, they incur a 10 point deduction. If the player goes overtime by more than a minute, it is an instant forfeiture of the game.
- There will be a Gibsonization rule implemented for those who have sealed a final spot.
- We encourage non-finalists to stay and watch the final unfold. We aim to exclusively live stream the final on Scrabble International Facebook forum, and to varying degrees throughout the tournament.
- All games will be rated using our **Tablet Scrabble Federation (TSF)** rating system.

### What do I need to bring?

1. Tablet device (preferred), laptop or mobile phone (least preferred) due to small screen size.
2. Device charger.
3. Access to the official Facebook Scrabble application, and a working ISC account.
4. Scrabble clock (as the Facebook app does not have this feature). Though this is optional, but if you have one, or have a Scrabble timer on your phone (like Zarf or WaliTimer), then please bring it if you can.
5. Pen and paper is permitted for note taking (also optional).

### Venue Wifi / Internet

The venue has free wifi, so all players can use that to play their games. If players prefer to use their own prepaid internet, then that is allowed as well.

### How do I get there?

Royal Oak Underground station (Circle or Hammersmith & City lines) is nearest and is a 3-5 minute walk away. There is also free parking on site and on the surrounding streets on weekends.