

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**A** For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2019, and ending , 20

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization North American Word Game Players Association		<b>D</b> Employer identification number 26-432824
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite PO Box 12115		<b>E</b> Telephone number [REDACTED]
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Dallas, TX 75225		<b>F</b> Group Exemption Number ▶

**G** Accounting Method:  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**I** Website: ▶ [www.scrabbleplayers.org](http://www.scrabbleplayers.org) **H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) –  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( 4 ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . . ▶ \$ 172,116

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)  
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I . . . . .

		Revenue	
	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .	<b>1</b>	10,050
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .	<b>2</b>	57,320
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments . . . . .	<b>3</b>	94,944
	<b>4</b> Investment income . . . . .	<b>4</b>	
	<b>5a</b> Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .	<b>5a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	<b>5b</b>	
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .	<b>5c</b>	
	<b>6</b> Gaming and fundraising events:		
	<b>a</b> Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . .	<b>6a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) . . . . .	<b>6b</b>	
	<b>c</b> Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .	<b>6c</b>	
	<b>d</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) . . . . .	<b>6d</b>	
	<b>7a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>7a</b>	9,627
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>7b</b>	9,000
	<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .	<b>7c</b>	627
	<b>8</b> Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>8</b>	175
	<b>9</b> <b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . . ▶	<b>9</b>	163,116
	<b>10</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>10</b>	1,261
	<b>11</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	<b>11</b>	82,985
	<b>12</b> Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .	<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .	<b>13</b>	40,184
	<b>14</b> Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .	<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .	<b>15</b>	3,136
	<b>16</b> Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>16</b>	54,652
	<b>17</b> <b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . . ▶	<b>17</b>	182,217
	<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .	<b>18</b>	(19,101)
	<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . .	<b>19</b>	274,396
	<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>20</b>	56,530
	<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . . ▶	<b>21</b>	311,825





Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No checkboxes. Rows include questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and controlled entities.

	Yes	No
<b>46</b> Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI . . . . .

	Yes	No
<b>47</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .		
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<b>48</b> Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .		
	48	
<b>49a</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .		
	49a	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .		
	49b	
<b>50</b> Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."		

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None				

**f** Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

**d** Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A . . . . . ▶  Yes  No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer	Date
	C.. Christopher Cree Type or print name and title	

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
	Firm's address ▶	Phone no.			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions . . . . . ▶  Yes  No



**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

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**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
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**2019**

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Name of the organization

North American Word Game Players Association

Employer identification number

26-4328248

Other inventory assets include chess clocks, Scrabble racks, Scrabble tiles, Scrabble word lists and office equipment. - \$4,299.00

Other assets include a deposit with the Raddisson of Baltimore for the 2020 North American Scrabble Championship - \$3,600

Other revenue - \$175 - administering director tests (7x25)

Grants paid - \$1,261 to Literacy charities

Other expenses - Meeting space - \$11,312 2019 North American Scrabble Championship

Email system - 703.

Website domain - 680.

License Fee - 3,500.

Credit card fees - 4,486

Liability Insurance - 7075.

Office equipment and software - 1,701

Internet, Hardware and miscellaneous - 2,995

Miscellaneous office supplies 336.

Committee Meals - 2,401

Travel 5,283.

Telephone - base service + teleconferencing - 9,719

Insurance - Property - 3,461

Other changes in net assets - positive change in value of securities