



NASPA MSI World Championship Qualifier Program

Introduction

Mind Sports International (MSI) and the North American SCRABBLE Players Association (NASPA) are pleased to announce that we will be working in partnership to offer the SCRABBLE community more tournaments, competitions and chances to win their way to the MSI World Championship in 2016.

This program involves and gives players at all levels a chance to win their way to the 2016 MSI Worlds, and offers NASPA club and tournament directors an interesting new way to promote their events.

Both MSI and NASPA are very excited for the possibilities of this new program in 2015–2016, and we hope you are too!

For more information, please read the details below, and/or contact us at:

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Structure

Program events will take place in four levels, with players having an opportunity in each of the first three levels to win entry into the next.

Please refer to the next page for a break down of the qualifier levels and route to the MSI World Championships.



Level	Events	Entry Fee	Prizes	Description
1	Pub and Online Events	\$5	Entry fee to a Level 2 event, numbers depending on event.	Informal, unrated events marketed to the general public, taking place either in relaxed settings (pubs) or on MSI's website when ongoing software development is complete. NASPA will on request list pub-style events on an informal event calendar on its website.
	NASPA Local Club Tournament	\$10	Entry fee to a Level 2 event, at least one awarded for every five players.	Regular 4-round sanctioned LCT. MSI will offer one free Level 2 entry to each club that purchases a Level 2 entry as a prize at a Level 1 event.
2	Satellite Division	\$30	Entry fee to Level 3 event, at least one awarded for every six players.	Fully rated one-day event, either stand- alone or as part of a larger sanctioned event. MSI will offer the TD one free Level 3 entry with the purchase of one or more Level 3 entries as prizes.
3	Regional Qualifier	\$100	Entry packages to MSIWC valued at approximately \$3,500 including EF, accommodation and travel stipend. Winners recognized as regional champions/qualifiers at MSIWC. At least one package for every 60 players.	One of several fully rated weekend events held across North America to qualify players to the Worlds.
4	2016 MSI World Championships	TBA	Cash prizes, trophies, world title, glory.	The premiere event of the year.



KEY POINTS

- MSI and NASPA will encourage as many Level 1 events as possible.
- Level 1-3 Event directors are encouraged to award additional place and/or category prizes, if their event budget permits.
- Lists of event winners at all levels will be posted on the MSI and NASPA websites. Qualifying places may be transferred between players, upon application to MSI and NASPA.
- All events must display MSI and NASPA branding as sent to their organizers
- Regional qualifiers must include “MSI” in an agreed manner in their event name (e.g., “MSI Eastern Championship”).
- Once the MSA software is running effectively, online leagues/competitions will be run with seats awarded to a live level 2 event
- Registered clubs may run additional level one events or offer further level 2 prizes at their single event provided that these are self-funded (i.e. an entry fee is charged).
- Please note that we would like TO’s to try and award as many seats as possible at their level 2 qualifiers to the level 3 event, but recognise that TO’s will need to strike a balance between regional qualifier places and cash as prizes.