

Public Officers' Welfare Council
Civil Service Scrabble Competition 2015

Introduction

Duplicate Scrabble is a variant of the board game Scrabble where all the players are faced with the same draw of letters at each time and have to play the highest scoring word they can find.

Rules and Regulations

1. Participants will be placed in two pools: pool A and pool B, after a drawing of lots.
2. Participants in pool A will play first while participants in pool B will help in the arbitrage and vice versa.
3. The best participants (50%) of both pools will qualify for the final.
4. Preliminaries will be on 20 rounds and the final up to the exhaustion of all tiles.
5. Each player must have his/her own scrabble board before him/her with all the tiles displayed face upward.
6. The arbiter draws seven random tiles at the start of the game which will be reproduced on a giant scrabble board.
7. Each player will place the same draw in his/her rack.
8. Two minutes per round will be allotted to participants to find the highest score.
9. At the end of the two minutes, participants will write their word(s) and score on an individual scoring sheet.
10. All scoring sheets will be collected by an assistant arbiter and then participants will be asked to place their tiles on the board. All words played will be verified against Collins Scrabble Dictionary – Third Edition 2011.
11. During a move, all words formed should be correct to score its value. However, any invalid word used will score zero point though other words formed are correct.
12. After each round, the arbiter will place the highest scoring move on the giant board and the rack will be refreshed to seven letters. Participants will have to readjust their board according to the giant board.
13. In case of several highest scores at any time of the game, the decision to select the highest scoring word will rest solely on the arbiter.
14. Each round should consist of at least one vowel and one consonant up to the 15th round and the arbiter can put back the tiles in the bag and seven new letters are chosen.
15. At the end of the game, the player who will score the most points will be proclaimed the winner.