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From: *Organising Secretary, Public Officers' Welfare Council*

To: *Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments*

SCRABBLE COMPETITION 2021

The Public Officers' Welfare Council (POWC) is organising a Scrabble Competition for public officers for the year 2021.

2. The Competition will be organised in two different categories as follows:
 - (i) **Category A** will be played on a league *cum* knock-out system and will comprise best players of the Scrabble Competition 2019. The participants will be classified in different pools for the preliminaries through a drawing of lots. The preliminary stage will be played in a league system. Winners of each pool will compete against each other on a knock-out system.
 - (ii) **Category B** will consist of all the remaining players. The Competition will be played on a knock-out system. The two best players of **Category B** will be promoted to **Category A** for next year's Competition.
3. Please note that only one match will be played to determine the winner for the preliminaries. However, a "*best of three*" system will be applied for the quarter finals, semi-finals and finals for **Category A** and semi-finals and finals for **Category B**.
4. The set of Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Competition is at **Annex A**.
5. Participants will have to attend a meeting and a drawing of lots in the Conference Room of the Public Officers' Welfare Council, 6th Floor, ATOM House, 16, Royal Street, Port Louis in due course.
6. Cash prizes and souvenir trophies will be awarded as follows:

PRIZES	CATEGORY A	CATEGORY B
1 st Prize Winner	Rs 5,000 + Souvenir Trophy	Rs 3,000 + Souvenir Trophy
2 nd Prize Winner	Rs 3,000 + Souvenir Trophy	Rs 1,500 + Souvenir Trophy
3 rd Prize Winner	Rs 2,000 + Souvenir Trophy	Rs 1,000 + Souvenir Trophy
4 th Prize Winner	Rs 1,000 + Souvenir Trophy	Rs 500 + Souvenir Trophy

7. Public officers willing to participate in the Competition are requested to fill in the enclosed participation form at **Annex B** and submit same to the **Organising Secretary, POWC, 6th Floor, ATOM House, 16, Royal Street, Port Louis at latest by Friday, 26 February 2021 by 1500 hours.**
8. Participants will have to submit with the participation form, a photocopy of a recent payslip or of the top part of the payslip, indicating the name, paysite code and National Identity Card number or any written document/evidence attesting that the participant is a serving public officer.
9. The participation form should be endorsed by the Supervising Officer and should bear the seal of the participating Department/Ministry. In case of non-compliance, the participation form will not be considered by the POWC.
10. Participants will be informed about the venue for preliminaries and the final accordingly. Mobile number and e-mail address of all participants are important so that they may easily be contacted in case need arises.
11. All matches will start at noon. Any participant who is not present by 1215 hours will be eliminated from the Competition.
12. The POWC reserves the right to cancel the Competition in case of low participation level or any unforeseen circumstances.
13. It would be appreciated if you could kindly arrange for the contents of this Circular letter to be brought to the attention of all public officers serving in your Ministry/ Department.
14. This Circular letter has been posted on the website of the POWC: <https://powc.govmu.org/SitePages/Index.aspx>.



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Organising Secretary

Copy to: Presidents of Staff Welfare Associations

PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL

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Rules and Regulations

1. The competition will be played on a face to face style.
2. A draw will be carried out among competitors to decide who will start the game.
3. An exchange of 01 to 07 tiles will be permitted only if more than 7 tiles are left in the bag, but the player passes on his turn.
4. A player may challenge a word. If the word is correct, his/her opponent scores an additional 10 marks, if it is wrong, s/he scores the 10 marks.
5. A player who places all seven tiles in one turn scores a bonus of 50 marks.
6. Dictionary – Collins Scrabble Dictionary (6th Edition-year 2019).
7. Time allowed – 1 minute per turn.
8. Challenge Time – 15 seconds.
9. The game ends when all the tiles in the bag are used and one player has placed all his/her tiles.
10. At the end of the game, the remaining tiles value is added and twice the total is added to his opponent.
11. The winner is the one who has scored the highest number of points.
12. In case of deadlock, two rounds will be accepted and then the game will end.
13. Any disagreement pertaining to a match must be reported to the Floor Judge and settled on spot.
14. **Spectators**
 - Spectators may watch any game.
 - Spectators must not disturb players during game play.
 - Spectators must not comment on player actions or rule infringements during game play.
15. Prizes will be awarded to the 4 best teams of **Categories A and B**. The Public Officers' Welfare Council reserves the right to amend the Rules for the smooth running of the Competition.

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Participation Form

Name: (Mr./Mrs./Miss).....

Ministry/Department:

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Designation:

Office No.: Mobile No.: Fax No:

Residential Address:.....

Email Address:.....

Signature:.....

To be endorsed and sealed by Supervising Officer of Ministry/Department

Name of Supervising Officer:

Post Held:

Office Number:

Signature:

Date:

Seal of Ministry/Department

