



Chennai Open Scrabble Tournament 2026

Lexicon: CSW24; 23 Games; 5-pt Challenge

Dates: 26th to 28th June, 2026

Venue: e-Hotel, Royapettah, Chennai

A. Reporting and Start Timings

It is important to start and end games on time. The TDs will use their discretion to start the timer, if a player is late for their game.

Open Division Schedule			
	26 th Jun (Day 1)	27 th Jun (Day 2)	28 th Jun (Day 3)
Reporting time	0830 - 0900 am	-	-
First game clock start	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am
End of Day	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:00 pm
No of games	8	8	7

Detailed schedule is provided in the Appendix.

On Day 1, please report at the registration desk within the stipulated time, to ensure your name is included in the draws.

B. Tournament Directors: The Chief Tournament Director will be Siddharth Nithyanand. Additionally, we will have the three playing TDs: A Krishnan, Neeta Bhatia and Ela Ghose

C. Playing Equipment

- **Boards and tile sets:** Rotating boards and pro-tiles/Thai tiles will be provided for all tables. You need to bring your set only if one of the committee members requests you to carry your set.
- **Timers:** Please get your own scrabble clocks. If you don't have one, request you to download a scrabble timer app on your mobile. There are many. ULU and Wali are two options.
- **Racks:** Please get your own tile rack.
- **Boards and 5*5 matrix:** Please put the tiles back in a 5*5 x 4 format after a game is over to ensure all tiles are present before the next game starts.



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D. Keeping Scores and Challenges

- a. **Score Booklets:** Will be provided to all the participants
- b. All players will receive a unique QR code at the registration desk, which will be used for score submission
- c. **Score Checks:** Players are requested to check and tally scores and standings after each game. Any modification will be allowed only up to 2 rounds after the game requiring correction. Post that any changes will be made only based on TD discretion, provided the change is technically feasible in the software.
- d. **Challenges:** Word challenges can be checked on the laptop stations setup for challenges. Mobile phones can be used for challenges if both the players consent. **The app should be on 'word judge' mode and NOT on 'word search' mode. Keep the phone such that the opponent can see the word being typed in.**

E. Tournament Structure

The tournament will be conducted using Woogles. The pairings, score entry and standings will all be managed on Woogles.

- a. Game 1: Factor Pairing based on seedings
- b. Games 2-8: Swiss Pairing with No Repeats
- c. Games 9-16: Swiss Pairing with 1 Repeat
- d. Games 17-23: King of the Hill (KOTH)

All the above are subject to change at the discretion of organisers and the TDs.

Gibsonization Rule

Please be informed that the Gibson rule will be applied based on both wins and spread. A player will be "Gibsonized" based on the below spread rule.

- when the player is ahead by one game (with one game to go) and a spread gap of 700 points or more
- when the player is ahead by two games (and two games to go) and a spread gap of 1200 points or more
- when the player is ahead by three games (and three games to go) and a spread gap of 1500 points or more

F. Fair Play, Harassment and Action

- a. All rules pertaining to fair play and ethical behaviour must be strictly adhered to. We maintain a strong stand against offences that are in violation of such rules. We encourage players to proactively report any suspected incident of unfair play to the TDs.
- b. Harassment of any kind, physical or otherwise will be looked at very seriously by the TDs and maybe reported to SAI Ethics Committee, if required.

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G. Food

A vegetarian lunch and snack will be provided. Food is strictly vegetarian. You can choose to eat non-vegetarian food at the mall connected to the venue. Request you not to bring any non-veg food to the venue.

Non-playing guests accompanying the participants can avail the food at a charge of Rs. 1400 per day.

Please carry your water bottles that can be refilled.

H. Stay Recommendations

While we have discounted rates at the venue for both rooms and apartments, you can also consider the following stay options near the venue

[Chennai Open Hotel Options](#)


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Venue & Stay Information

Venue: Elegance Hall, E-Hotel

Gate No 1, Express Avenue Mall,
Patullus Road, Express Estate
Royapettah, Chennai – 600002

4-Star Hotel ★★



Location Advantage

- Inside Express Avenue Mall
- Wide range of dining options
- Central Chennai location

Food

- Venue Food: Pure Vegetarian
- Non-Veg Available in Mall

◆ **Stay Options (Special Tournament Rates)** ◆
(Inclusive of Breakfast)





E-Hotel – Elegance Room

- Single – ₹6000 + Tax
- Double – ₹7000 + Tax
- Triple – ₹8000 + Tax

E Residence Apartment

- Single – ₹5000 + Tax
- Double – ₹6000 + Tax
- Triple – ₹7000 + Tax

Room pictures are representative, you may check more online before booking.

Booking Contact
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- I. **Prize Money:** Prize money for winners will be transferred to their bank accounts/Gpay within 15 working days. All prize money is subject to local taxes. We will request details of the bank account / GPay / Paypal on the last day of the tournament.

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PRIZE STRUCTURE

26-28 JUNE 2026 (FRI - SUN)	26 JUNE 2026 (FRIDAY)	27 JUNE 2026 (SATURDAY)	28 JUNE 2026 (SUNDAY)
OPEN DIVISION	SCHOOL DIVISION (GRADES 5-10)	COLLEGE DIVISION (Incl. Grades 11-12)	BEGINNER DIVISION (BEGINNERS ONLY)

RANK	OPEN DIVISION	SCHOOL DIVISION	COLLEGE DIVISION	BEGINNER DIVISION
1	₹1,00,000	₹8,000	₹9,000	₹10,000
2	₹70,000	₹7,000	₹8,000	₹8,000
3	₹50,000	₹6,000	₹7,000	₹7,000
4	₹25,000	₹4,000	₹4,000	₹4,000
5	₹20,000	₹3,000	₹3,000	₹3,000
6	₹15,000	₹2,000	₹2,000	₹2,000
7	₹12,000	₹1,500	₹1,500	₹1,500
8	₹8,000	₹1,000	₹1,000	₹1,000
9	₹5,000	-	-	-
10	₹3,000	-	-	-

BAND PRIZES & SPOT PRIZES WORTH
₹17,000

TOTAL PRIZE POOL
₹4,30,000/-

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*All prize money above ₹10,000/- will be subject to 31% taxation as per the Indian law.



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Appendix: Detailed Schedule

Timing	26th June (Day 1)	27th June (Day 2)	28th June (Day 3)
9:00 AM	Game 1	Game 9	Game 17
10:00 AM	Tea/Coffee Break	Tea/Coffee Break	Tea/Coffee Break
10:15 AM	Game 2	Game 10	Game 18
11:15 AM	Game 3	Game 11	Game 19
12:15 PM	Game 4	Game 12	Game 20
1:15 PM	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
2:00 PM	Game 5	Game 13	Game 21
3:00 PM	Game 6	Game 14	Game 22
4:00 PM	Game 7	Game 15	Game 23
5:00 PM	Tea/Coffee Break	Tea/Coffee Break	Tea/Coffee Break
5:30 PM	Game 8	Game 16	Prize Distribution

*While all effort will be taken to adhere strictly to the schedule, minor changes are possible based on on-ground reality.