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Invitation to World English-Language Scrabble Players Association (WESPA) Youth Cup 2023 (formerly the World Youth Scrabble® Championship)

Dear Scrabble Association and affiliated members,

We are pleased to extend our warmest invitation to you and your team to participate in the WESPA Youth Cup 2023 (formerly the World Youth Scrabble® Championship), which will be held in Trang Province, Thailand. This esteemed tournament is organized by the World English-Language Scrabble Players Association (WESPA) and will take place at Thumrin Thana Hotel in Trang, Thailand.

As one of the esteemed host organizations, Thailand has been chosen to host this global event, showcasing the immense talent and passion for the English language Scrabble. We firmly believe that your team's participation will greatly enrich the competition and foster international friendship among young Scrabble enthusiasts.

This prestigious event is open to the world's best youth Scrabble® players. This year we expect a field of approximately 200 players from 20 countries. Scrabble® is an educational game which involves the use of problem-solving skills, logic, calculating probabilities, risk management, and memorization – all of which are invaluable preparation for future academic study and employment. Competing in this event will allow players to network with other intelligent and well-educated youth from all over the world.

Event Details:

Name: WESPA Youth Cup 2023

Date: 30 November 2023 – 3 December 2023

Venue: Thumrin Thana Hotel

Host Organization: Saparachinee Trang School

Event Website: www.sapascrabble.com

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We kindly request you to confirm your team's participation by 15 October 2023. The official registration form and additional tournament information, including accommodation options and transportation arrangements, will be provided upon receipt of your confirmation.

The logo for the World English-Language Scrabble Players Association (WESPA), featuring the letters 'WESPA' in a stylized font with a globe background.

We sincerely hope that you and your team will accept this invitation and join us in Trang Province for an exhilarating and memorable event. Should you have any inquiries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Thank you for your attention, and we eagerly await your positive response.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Sumit Samhuay
Director of Saparachinee Trang School

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karen Richards'.

Karen Richards
Chairman
Youth Committee
World English-Language Scrabble Players Association

WESPA Youth Cup 2023

Information Sheet



The Saparachinee Trang Scrabble Club is delighted to be selected by the World English-Language Scrabble Players' Association (WESPA) as the co-host of the WESPA Youth Cup 2023 in Trang, Thailand. This opportunity signifies the dedication of our club and the recognition bestowed upon us by the international Scrabble community.

The event provides an invaluable opportunity for talented youth to showcase their aptitude for scrabble, enhance their strategic thinking, and develop their competitive spirit. The Trang tournament plays a vital role in not only nurturing the potential of young scrabble players but also in building a strong foundation for the future of the game. Through this tournament, we aim to inspire and empower the next generation of scrabble players who will contribute to the continued growth and success of this game.

Objectives

The WESPA Youth Cup 2023 aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. Provide a platform for young Scrabble players from around the world to showcase their skills and foster friendly competition.
2. Promote the educational values of Scrabble, including critical thinking, vocabulary enhancement, and sportsmanship.
3. Encourage cultural exchange and international friendships among participants.
4. Highlight the resurgence of Scrabble competitions following the global impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Supporting organizations of this event:

1. World English Language Scrabble Players Association
2. Ministry of Education, Thailand
3. Office of the Basic Education Commission (OBEC)
4. Trang Secondary Education Service Area Office, Krabi
5. Saparachinee Trang School



WESPA YOUTH CUP 2023
TRANG THAILAND

Tournament Schedule for WESPA Youth Cup Category

Time	Main Event – Youth (24 Games)		
	Friday December 1	Saturday December 2	Sunday December 3
08:00 - 09:00	REGISTRATION	GAME 10	GAME 18
09:00 - 10:00	GAME 1	GAME 11	GAME 19
10:00 - 11:00	GAME 2	OPENING CEREMONY	GAME 20
11:00 - 12:00	GAME 3		GAME 21
12:00 - 13:00	BREAK		
13:00 - 14:00	GAME 4	GAME 12	GAME 22
14:00 - 15:00	GAME 5	GAME 13	GAME 23
15:00 - 16:00	GAME 6	GAME 14	GAME 24
16:00 - 17:00	GAME 7	GAME 15	PRIZE GIVING
17:00 - 18:00	BREAK		
18:00 - 19:00	GAME 8	GAME 16	-
19:00 - 20:00	GAME 9	GAME 17	-

Warm-Up Event: To familiarize participants with the tournament's conditions, there will be a warm-up event held at the Robinsons Trang Shopping Mall on November 30, 2023. This is a free event and is held at a different venue from all other events.

Tournament Venue

Warm Up Event: Robinson Lifestyle Trang Shopping Mall November 30, 2023

Youth Cup / Side Event / Youth Plate: Thumrin Thana Hotel, Trang, Thailand

Entry Fee for players

For Youth Cup players qualifying in the country's quota, there is no entry fee.

Entry fee can be paid in Thai baht at 1 USD to 35.5 Thai baht, rounded to the nearest 10 baht.

Event	Entry Fee		
	Early bird price 1 st – 31 st July	Normal price 1 st Aug – 30 st Sep	Overdue price 1 st – 15 th Oct
Warm Up Event	FREE		
*WESPA YOUTH CUP (main event)	100 USD	110 USD	116 USD
WESPA YOUTH CUP (side event)	60 USD	73 USD	87 USD
WESPA YOUTH PLATE	18USD	20 USD	25 USD

* This price is for non-quota players.

Travel to Trang

Participants and their accompanying officials will be responsible for arranging their travel to Trang, Thailand. Detailed travel information, including recommended routes and transportation options, will be provided in www.sapascrabble.com.

Logo and Mascot



Organizer Support

The Saparachinee Trang Scrabble Club extends support to quota players who are representatives from each country and coaches:

1. Accommodation for Qualified Players* and Coaches: Qualified players and their coaches will receive complimentary accommodations during the tournament.
2. Free Meals: Free meals (three times a day) will be provided for Qualified Players and coaches** from December 1-3, 2023. Additional meal charges will apply for non-quota players and accompanying parents/guardians.
3. Free Shuttle Service: A complimentary shuttle service will be available to transport participants between their accommodation and the tournament venue.

**Qualified players – youth players within nation's quota*

***Maximum number of coaches receiving free meals is 1 for every 3 participants in Youth Cup*

WESPA Youth Cup 2023 organized by the Saparachinee Trang Scrabble Club promises to be an exciting and competitive event. Participants will have the opportunity to showcase their Scrabble skills while fostering international friendships and cultural exchange.

We extend a warm invitation to all Scrabble enthusiasts to join us in this tournament, marking the return of international Scrabble competitions after a prolonged break due to the COVID-19 pandemic.