



SOUTHERN COUNTIES SCRABBLE® LEAGUE

2010 LEAGUE HANDBOOK

SOUTHERN COUNTIES SCRABBLE® LEAGUE 2010 DIVISIONS

Western division

Bournemouth Magpies
 Bournemouth Ospreys
 Newport Blue
 Newport Red
 Salisbury
 Southampton Saints
 Southampton Sinners

Central division

Basingtoke
 East Berks Rack Pack
 Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers
 Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates
 Reading
 Ryde Bees
 Ryde Hornets

Eastern division

Brighton & Hove Regents
 Carshalton Curlews
 Dorking
 Guildford
 Ramsgate
 Rustington
 Southdowns Scorpions

SOUTHERN COUNTIES SCRABBLE LEAGUE Champions Board

1985	Croydon Red	1994	Croydon Red	2003	East Berks Z
1986	Croydon Red	1995	East Berks Z	2004	Brighton and Hove Regents
1987	Reading	1996	Richmond	2005	Southampton Saints
1988	East Berks Z	1997	East Berks Z	2006	Southampton Saints
1989	Oxford	1998	East Berks Z	2007	Southampton Saints
1990	Oxford	1999	Richmond	2008	Southampton Saints
1991	Oxford	2000	East Berks Z	2009	Southampton Saints
1992	Oxford	2001	East Berks Z		
1993	East Berks Z	2002	Brighton and Hove Regents		

FIXTURES FOR THE 2010 SEASON**Western division**

Group one matches

1 March to 31 May

Bournemouth Magpies	V	Southampton Saints
Bournemouth Ospreys	V	Newport Red
Southampton Sinners	V	Bournemouth Magpies
Newport Red	V	Newport Blue
Salisbury	V	Bournemouth Ospreys
Newport Blue	V	Bournemouth Magpies
Newport Blue	V	Bournemouth Ospreys
Newport Red	V	Southampton Sinners
Southampton Saints	V	Salisbury

Group two matches

1 June to 31 August

Bournemouth Ospreys	V	Southampton Sinners
Salisbury	V	Newport Red
Newport Red	V	Southampton Saints
Southampton Sinners	V	Newport Blue
Bournemouth Ospreys	V	Bournemouth Magpies
Bournemouth Magpies	V	Salisbury
Southampton Saints	V	Newport Blue

Group three matches

1 September to 10 November

Southampton Saints	V	Bournemouth Ospreys
Salisbury	V	Southampton Sinners
Southampton Sinners	V	Southampton Saints
Newport Red	V	Bournemouth Magpies
Salisbury	V	Newport Blue

Divisional Playoff

11 November 2010 to 10 January 2011

Central Division Winner	V	Eastern Division Winner
Western Division Winner	V	Central Division Winner
Eastern Division Winner	V	Western Division Winner

Central division

Group one matches

1 March to 31 May

Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers	V	Ryde Hornets
Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates	V	Reading
East Berks Rack Pack	V	Ryde Bees
Ryde Hornets	V	East Berks Rack Pack
Basingstoke	V	Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers
Basingstoke	V	East Berks Rack Pack
Ryde Bees	V	Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates
Reading	V	Basingstoke
Ryde Hornets	V	Ryde Bees

Group two matches

1 June to 31 August

Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers	V	East Berks Rack Pack
Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates	V	Basingstoke
East Berks Rack Pack	V	Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates
Ryde Bees	V	Reading
Reading	V	Ryde Hornets
Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates	V	Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers
Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers	V	Ryde Bees

Group three matches

1 September to 10 November

East Berks Rack Pack	V	Reading
Ryde Hornets	V	Portsmouth and Southsea Pirates
Ryde Bees	V	Basingstoke
Basingstoke	V	Ryde Hornets
Reading	V	Portsmouth and Southsea Buccaneers

Divisional Playoff

11 November 2010 to 10 January 2011

Central Division Winner	V	Eastern Division Winner
Western Division Winner	V	Central Division Winner
Eastern Division Winner	V	Western Division Winner

Eastern division

Group one matches

1 March to 31 May

Carshalton Curlews	V	Rustington
Dorking	V	Guildford
Brighton & Hove Regents	V	Ramsgate
Rustington	V	Brighton & Hove Regents
Southdowns Scorpions	V	Carshalton Curlews
Southdowns Scorpions	V	Brighton & Hove Regents
Ramsgate	V	Dorking
Guildford	V	Southdowns Scorpions
Rustington	V	Ramsgate

Group two matches

1 June to 31 August

Carshalton Curlews	V	Brighton & Hove Regents
Dorking	V	Southdowns Scorpions
Brighton & Hove Regents	V	Dorking
Ramsgate	V	Guildford
Guildford	V	Rustington
Dorking	V	Carshalton Curlews
Carshalton Curlews	V	Ramsgate

Group three matches

1 September to 10 November

Brighton & Hove Regents	V	Guildford
Rustington	V	Dorking
Ramsgate	V	Southdowns Scorpions
Southdowns Scorpions	V	Rustington
Guildford	V	Carshalton Curlews

Divisional Playoff

11 November 2010 to 10 January 2011

Central Division Winner	V	Eastern Division Winner
Western Division Winner	V	Central Division Winner
Eastern Division Winner	V	Western Division Winner



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MATCH ARRANGEMENT, SCORING AND TEAM RULES 2010

Season and session dates

The main season will run from **1 March to 10 November** and will be divided into three sessions
1 March to 31 May 1 June to 31 August 1 September to 10 November.

An extra, fourth session from **11 November to 10 January 2011** is for the playoffs between divisional winners to determine the League Champion.

In general a team will play either two or three matches in each session. Any variation must be agreed by both teams and the League. (**Comment** Matches may be played earlier or later if both teams and the League agree but all fixtures must be completed by 10 November.)

Arranging matches

The home captain should contact the away team by the **15th day of each session** offering three or more dates for matches due to be played. These should include Saturdays and Sundays and cover a reasonable spread of time. Midweek matches are allowable if mutually agreeable. The away team then has **ten days** in which to select one of these dates otherwise the **home captain** will select one of them which will be deemed binding. If the home team does not offer dates by the required time they may lose their home advantage. The **away team** may choose a date and venue to suit themselves and inform the home team. The league will arbitrate if contacts seem unreasonably delayed or withheld. (**Comment** this rule is rarely invoked as most teams manage to mutually agree dates in a friendly manner within the spirit of the League.)

Team players and transfers

In a League match each team will consist of four players and a substitute may not be played once a match has commenced. A club team's players must be bona fide members of that club. Each player will be allocated a number (one to four indicating ability) for the match by their team captain and will play three games to a prearranged pattern. Thus twelve games constitute a match and the result depends on the number of games won. Six games each is deemed a draw regardless of the number of points scored by the two teams.

A team may use as many players as it wishes throughout a season but once a player has played **one League match** they are deemed 'registered' to that team for the season. Transfer of a player's team registration during the season might be considered by the League in special circumstances. (**Comment** to ensure that a fixture is played the League may agree some latitude here.)

A player may play *once* for another team provided they are a bona fides member of the club, this provision should only be used if no alternative is possible.

Venue arrangement and necessary provisions

At the venue the home team shall provide **four Scrabble sets of Tournament standard** plus copies of the COLLINS SCRABBLE WORD LIST for challenges. A **clearly written challenge** shall be **adjudicated by a player of each team** at an adjacent table. Unlimited challenges are allowed without penalty. **COLLINS SCRABBLE WORD LIST – 2008 edition – is the approved authority in all League matches.** (**Comment** the complete book of words from two to fifteen letters should be available). Otherwise National Scrabble Club Rules and ABSP Games Rules apply.

The game ends when one player plays the final tile on their rack or if both players pass three times in succession, a successfully challenged word counting as a pass. **The four games shall be played in one room or two in each of two rooms.** Tables should be adequate size and height. Coffee tables are generally not suitable. The away team may choose where they sit for each game. The official score sheet should be completed at the end of the match, signed by both captains and posted promptly by the home team to the address shown.

Use of clocks

Clocks may be used in League matches if the **away team makes the request** at least two weeks before the match is due to be played. The requesting team must then provide four clocks of approved standard.

When clocks are not used the **correct time** to challenge is **after your opponent has declared and written down their score but before you write down that score.** (**Comment** the writing down of the score was

chosen as the end of the turn as this represents clear evidence of each player's intentions whereas a spoken score might later be suggested to have only been an interim computation whilst seeking the best play.)

Match scoring

The match should commence reasonably close to the agreed time unless both captains agree on a justifiable delay. If a team player is short for a part or all of a match that player's games will be credited as a win to the nominated opponents for the purpose of the match and League records. A score of 375 and/or a spread of 75 may be used as appropriate. The match is deemed to have been won by the team which wins the most games.

The **League points scoring** is based on the match result

- Three points to the winning team
- One point to each team in a drawn match
- No points to the losing team

A team having a walk-over will be awarded three League points and between 6.5 and 12 game wins on their record depending on the League's view of the circumstances. Teams who cancel fixtures could have points deducted should the League decide the reason was unsound.

At the end of the season where teams are equal on points the team with the most game wins will gain the higher position in the League table. Total points scored or highest game scores may then be used should game wins be equal.

Final League positions

The Winner of the League will be decided by a playoff between the three winners of the Eastern, Central and Western Divisions.

Complaints, disputes and transgressions

All complaints, disputes or transgressions will be considered by the League Arbitration Panel and their ruling will be final.