

First Black Forest Cup in Freiburg

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The tournament will feature a German-language and an English-Language division.

1. Supported by

Scrabble Deutschland e. V. (Deutsche Division)

English Scrabble Germany e. V. (English Division)

2. Organized by

Scrabble Club Freiburg

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3. Venue and dates of the tournament

Friday, July 25th, 2025 about 2 PM until Sunday, July 27th, 2025 about 1 PM.
Please arrive at the venue by 1 PM.

The tournament will be held at Fritz-Hüttinger-Haus, Am Hägle 1, 79110 Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany.

The venue is wheelchair-accessible by a side-entrance and features a wheelchair-accessible bathroom.

Further Information about an ice-breaker event or other leisure time activities will be announced at further notice.

The venue is right next to a bus stop of line 10. The tram stop „Elsässer Straße“ requires a 5-10 minute walk. For players who enjoy riding a bike we advise to use the app „Freelo“. You can rent bikes for low cost throughout the city.

4. How to get there

Freiburg is located in the very South West of Germany. Closest airport is Basel/Mulhouse. There is a regular bus service from the airport to Freiburg Central station („Flixbus service“).

For people who would like to arrive by train: Freiburg is located on the ICE-train-line Frankfurt-Mannheim-Karlsruhe-Freiburg-Basel-line with regular services throughout the day. There is also a direct connection to Frankfurt airport. Note that there is a 58-Euro-month pass for regional trains all over Germany, if you prefer to travel slow but on a low budget.

5. Tournament mode

A variant of Swiss system pairings in tsh will be used. For details about the pairing mode, please contact the organizers. Repeat pairings are possible.

The tournament winner is the player with the most wins after 18 rounds. Overall point spread is the first tiebreaker.

6. Eligibility

Any player can participate without regard of any membership in any Scrabble association.

The English division will feature up to 28 players. If there are places available in one of the two divisions by May 15th, 2025, the division may be filled up by the waiting list of the other division.

Prize money will be awarded in both groups. There will also be non-cash prizes sponsored by Freispiel Freiburg. The exact amount of prize money will be announced prior to the tournament.

7. Participation and tournament fee

The registrations will be reserved in the order in which they are received. If more registrations are received than there are places available, a waiting list will be kept.

The participation fee is 80 € (or 85 if you can't bring a board and tiles; no clocks needed). You can pay by transferring to Ben Berger's bank account or in cash. Details will be provided in the acceptance e-mail. To register please e-mail [benspieltscrabble\(a\)gmx.de](mailto:benspieltscrabble(a)gmx.de) (replace the (a) by @). Please transfer the participation

fee by May 26th, 2025 at the latest or let Ben know why this is not possible beforehand. The final tournament registration will take place as soon as the entry fee has been paid or Ben has information about it.

If the fee is not received on time from a pre-registered participant and there is already a waiting list, the organizer reserves the right to remove the participant from the list.

The list of participants will be published online on the website of the German Scrabble Federation www.scrabble-info.de

8. Format

One open division 18 games, 5 point penalty per word. WESPA rules 5.1, CSW24 word list.

Clocks will be set to 25 minutes per player per game. The event will be WESPA- and ABSP-rated.

9. Prize fund

The prize fund is dependent on the number of entrances. Prizes include cash prizes as well as non-cash prizes from our sponsor. You can ask the organizers about the estimated size of the prize pool.

10. Health guidelines

The tournament follows the guidelines provided by Scrabble Deutschland (in German: <https://scrabble-info.de/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Hygienekonzept-SDeV.pdf>). In short, we ask participants to follow standard hygiene practices such as washing hands thoroughly, but do not generally require a specific vaccination status or the use of face masks.

However, participants experiencing clear symptoms of a cold or similar illnesses are asked to wear a face mask or drop out of the tournament if necessary.

11. Food and Drinks

The tournament fee includes a small snack on Friday, homemade cake on Friday and Saturday as well as a catered soup/salad-lunch at the venue on Saturday. Water as well as tea and coffee are provided for throughout the tournament. We will provide vegetarian and non-vegetarian options and on request also vegan ones.

12. Accommodation

Freiburg features a variety of accommodation options. Some players stayed in recent years at the following hotels:

Apart Hotel am Universitätsklinikum, Mathildenstraße 14, 79106 Freiburg i. Br.

Phone: +49 (0)761 / 385570, info@aparthotel-freiburg.de, www.aparthotel-freiburg.de

Hotel Stadt Freiburg, Breisacher Straße 84, 79110 Freiburg i. Br.

Phone: +49 (0)761 / 89680, info@hotel-stadt-freiburg.de, www.hotel-stadt-freiburg.de

13. Schedule

Rolling Starts.

The German division is organized separately and follows a different time table.

Friday, July 25th, 2025

1:30 PM Welcoming/Information

2 PM – 4:30 PM Games 1-3

Coffee Break (including homemade cake)

4:45 PM – 6:25 PM Games 4-5

End of day 1

If players want to have dinner at the close by „Mooswaldbierstube“ please tell Ben while registering.

Saturday, July 26th, 2025

9:15 AM – 12:55 PM Games 6-9

Lunch Break, a soup/salad buffet is provided and included

2 PM – 4:30 PM Games 10-12

Coffee Break

4:45 PM – 6:25 PM Games 13 / 14

End of day 2

If players want to have dinner at the close by „Mooswaldbierstube“ please tell Ben while registering.

Sunday, July 27th, 2025

9:15 AM – 12:55 PM Games 15 - 18

About 1 PM Prize giving ceremony.

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