



Scrabble with Friends

Rules for the Words with Friends

1. Each player must register for the event prior to beginning play and must provide their own electronic device to play (iPhone, iPad, ITouch, etc.). Players must prepare their device to play before the first round (have application loaded, connect to wireless network, create game with players at their table, etc.). Players are NOT allowed to use their device to search the internet, dictionaries, thesauruses, other individuals, or any other aides to assist them in creating words.
2. Tables will have no more than eight players. During the first round each player will start the game by sending their first word to the player on their immediate right. Once the first play is completed, players may play with any player at the table as new words are sent. In subsequent rounds, players who won against an opponent or had the higher point value at the end of the established time frame in the previous round will initiate the new game (unless previous arrangements have been made). **PLAYERS MAY ONLY PLAY WITH MEMBERS AT THEIR TABLE.**
3. Players may only play one game per opponent during the round. Players are not allowed to begin a new game with their opponents during the individual round.
4. The winner of each round will be determined by adding up the points earned in each game against each opponent. The player at the table with the highest total points will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, head-to-head competition totals will be used to determine the winner. Players must show the score of each game to the judge(s) at the end of each round.

Attached are the official rules from the WWF website.

Words with Friends Rulebook

Overall Objective:

Players exchange turns forming words horizontally or vertically on the board, trying to score as many points as possible for each word.

Tile Placement:

- The first word must be placed so that 1 of the tiles is on the star in the center of the board.
- Every word following that must be placed so that at least 1 tile is shared from an existing word on the board.
- Tiles can only be placed in the same line vertically or horizontally each turn.
- Tiles can be placed so that multiple new words are formed simultaneously using neighboring letters.
- Words cannot be placed if they create an illegal word using neighboring letters.
- All words labeled as a part of speech (including those listed of foreign origin, and as archaic, obsolete, colloquial, slang, etc.) are permitted with the exception of the following: proper nouns (words always capitalized), abbreviations, prefixes and suffixes standing alone or words requiring a hyphen or an apostrophe.

Scoring:

- Double the value of any tiles that were played this turn on a DL space, and triple the value of any tile that was played on a TL space this turn. Do not double the value of tiles on DL and TL spaces for tiles that were played on previous rounds.
- Add up the values of all letters in the word, even if some were played on a previous turn.
- Double the value of the word if any tiles this turn were played on a DW space (and double it again in the case where 2 DW spaces were played upon). Triple the value of the word if any tiles this turn were played on a TW space (and triple it again if 2 TW spaces were used). Do not multiply words if tiles on DW or TW spaces were used from a previous turn.
- It is possible to create multiple words with the same play. In this case, score each new word separately, including bonuses, and sum all of the new words together.
- 35 bonus points are awarded whenever a player uses all 7 tiles on their rack in a single turn.

End Game:

- The game ends when one player plays every tile in his rack, and there are no tiles remaining to draw from. The game could also end if three successive turns have occurred with no scoring and as long as the score is not zero-zero.
- After the last tile is played, the opposing player will lose points equal to the sum of the value of his remaining tiles. This amount is then awarded to the player who placed the last tile.

Dictionary:

Words With Friends has more than 173,000 acceptable words for use in the game. Our list is based on the Enhanced North American Benchmark Lexicon (ENABLE), a public domain list used by many word games.