



**DIRECTORATE OF INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION OF
PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS IN SINDH,
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF SINDH**

IN COLLABORATION WITH

ZIAUDDIN COLLEGE – INTERMEDIATE AND A – LEVELS



Friday, August 21, 2026

**SINDH YOUTH WORDMASTER SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP
SEASON 02**

Building on the remarkable momentum and success of the *Sindh Youth Word Master Scrabble Championship – Season 01*, and following the formal announcement of **Season 04 of the All Sindh Youth Spelling Bee Competition**, under the kind directives of the Honourable Minister for Education, **Mr. Syed Sardar Ali Shah**, and the Secretary, School Education & Literacy Department, **Mr. Zahid Ali Abbassi**, the **Directorate of Inspections & Registration of Private Institutions, Sindh**, in collaboration with **Ziauddin College – Intermediate and A Levels**, is pleased to announce **Season 02 of the Sindh Youth Word Master Scrabble Championship (SYWSC)**.

This initiative is envisioned as a progressive extension of Sindh's growing culture of academic competitions, aimed at strengthening students' **linguistic proficiency, cognitive agility, and strategic thinking abilities** through the globally recognized game of *Scrabble*.

The championship will bring together students from **Grades 8 to 10 (Matriculation and O Level streams)** representing both **public and private educational institutions across Sindh**, fostering an inclusive environment of healthy intellectual competition and academic excellence.

SYWSC – Season 02 continues to complement and expand upon the spirit of academic enrichment established through the Spelling Bee series, now advancing further with the officially launched **Season 04 of the Spelling Bee Competition** as a parallel milestone in the province's educational landscape.

The event is proposed to be conducted in parallel with the **All-Sindh Youth Spelling Bee Competition scheduled for October–November 2026**, further details will be shared in due course.

All institutions are encouraged to begin their internal selection of participants in anticipation of the registration phase.

Sincerely,

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REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

1. The deadline for the registration is set for **Wednesday, September 30, 2026**.
2. Each institution can register **only one team, comprising of two participants**.
3. **Registration forms can be submitted using any of the following modes:**
 - a) **In Person:** Through a representative physically visiting the campus and submitting the form.
 - b) **By Courier:** Send to the address below. Please ensure the courier reaches by the deadline; dispatch in a timely manner.
 - c) **Online:** Access and submit via this link: (<https://forms.gle/Ws5rbLSvEEgnjDv7>)
 - d) **Courier / Physical Submission Address:**

Ziauddin College – Intermediate and A-Levels
D-64, Block-H, Allama Rasheed Turrabi Road,
North Nazimabad, Karachi.
4. The decision of the judge(s) will be final and not questioned by the participants in any manner whatsoever.
5. Participants should reach at the venue at-least 15 minutes before the reporting time.
6. It is mandatory to have two members in a team. In-case any ONE registered participant due to some unforeseen circumstance is unable to participate the institution can send in the replacement, which should be notified to the judge(s). It will be the responsibility of the institutional representative to ensure that the judge(s) is timely notified. This is valid for only one-participant replacement.
7. Participants will be notified about their results on the same day.
8. All the participants will be eligible for a certificate of participation.
9. **Attire or Dress Code:**
 - a. Participants are expected to wear their institution's uniform attire.
 - b. Failure to adhere to the dress code may result in disqualification.
10. **Access to Premises:**
 - a. Only registered participants and accompanying nominated teachers will be allowed on the premises.
11. **Behavior and Sportsmanship:**
 - a. Participants are expected to maintain respectful behavior throughout the event.
 - b. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including disruptive behavior, will result in disqualification.
12. **Organizers' Rights:**
 - a. The organizers reserve the right to modify these rules or disqualify any participant without providing a reason.
 - b. In unforeseen circumstances, the competition may be postponed or canceled at the organizers' discretion.
 - c. The organizers reserve the right to make necessary changes to these rules and guidelines.



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- d. Although the security and safety of the participants will be ensured. However, in an event of any unforeseen and unfortunate incident the Directorate of Inspection and Registrations of Private Institutions, Sindh its collaborative partner namely Ziauddin College – Intermediate and A-Levels and its management or any employee of Ziauddin Education System and its organizing partner will not be held responsible at any forum, for any reason whatsoever.

13. Contact Information:

For inquiries and registration questions or concerns related to the competition, please contact the focal person:

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14. Acknowledgment:

By participating in the competition, all participants acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agreed to abide by these rules.



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OFFICIAL RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

1. **Competition Structure:**

- The Championship shall comprise **three (03) rounds**, each of **forty (40) minutes** duration.
- For each round, participating teams shall compete against a **different opponent team**.
- The **winning teams** shall be determined based on the **highest cumulative score** obtained across all three rounds.
- All rounds shall be conducted **on the same day** within each respective region.

Awards and Recognitions:

The following awards shall be conferred at the regional level:

- Champion
- 1st Runner-Up
- 2nd Runner-Up

2. **Game Setup and Equipment:**

Each official match will be played using:

- 1 Scrabble board
- 100 letter tiles
- 4 racks
- 1 tile bag
- 1 official score sheet and pen

All game materials will be provided by the organizers. No personal boards or equipment are allowed.

3. **Objective of the Game:**

- The objective of Scrabble is to form valid English words on the board to achieve the highest possible score. Words must be placed either **horizontally (left to right)** or **vertically (top to bottom)**, connecting to existing words.

4. **Reference Word List:**

- For ease and uniformity, the **Colins Dictionary** will serve as the **official reference** for acceptable words.
- Colins Dictionary's access will be provided to only the registered teams.

The following are not permitted:

- Proper nouns (names of people, cities, countries, brands, etc.)
- Abbreviations or acronyms
- Foreign, slang, or vulgar words
- Words requiring hyphens, apostrophes, or capital letters

The **referee's decision** on word validity shall be **final and binding**.



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5. Starting the Game:

- Each team draws one tile from the bag to decide who plays first.
- The team drawing the letter **closest to “A”** begins.
- Blank tiles count as the lowest.
- Tiles are returned to the bag before play begins.
- Each team then draws **seven (7)** tiles.
- The first word must start from the **center star square** on the board.

6. Gameplay and Duration:

- Each match will have a **total duration of 50 minutes**.
- Both teams will play alternately within this time limit.
- The referee will announce **5-minute** and **1-minute** warnings before the end of the round.
- When time is called, play will stop immediately, and the board will be counted **as it stands**.

During Each Turn:

- The team discusses and decides on a word.
- The word is placed correctly on the board.
- The team announces the word aloud and states its score.
- The **Score Recorder** confirms and notes it down.
- The team draws new tiles to maintain seven tiles.
- Play passes to the next team.

If no valid move can be made, the team may **pass** or **exchange tiles**. The game ends when:

- Time expires, or
- No further valid words can be formed.

7. Scoring:

- Each letter tile has a printed point value.
- Special board squares provide score bonuses:
 - Double Letter (DL):** letter value $\times 2$
 - Triple Letter (TL):** letter value $\times 3$
 - Double Word (DW):** total word score $\times 2$
 - Triple Word (TW):** total word score $\times 3$
- Using all seven tiles in one turn earns a **50-point “Bingo” bonus**.
- When the game ends:
 - Points for unused tiles are **deducted** from that team’s total.
 - The opponent **adds** those deducted points.

The team with the **cumulative highest final score in all three rounds** wins.



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8. Score Recording Protocol:

To ensure accuracy and fairness:

- a. Each match will have an **Official Score Recorder** (appointed by the organizers).
- b. The Score Recorder:
 - a. Records all words, scores, and cumulative totals.
 - b. Announces scores after each word.
 - c. Confirms totals with both teams at the end.
- c. Each team will also maintain its own **duplicate score sheet** for transparency.
- d. At the end of the match:
 - a. The final totals are verified by both team captains.
 - b. The **official score sheet** is signed by:
 - i. Both team captains
 - ii. The Score Recorder
 - iii. The Referee
- e. The signed sheet is submitted to the **Scoring Table** for official record entry.

Sample Columns on Score Sheet:

Turn	Team	Word Played	Word Score	Cumulative Total	Verified By
1	Team A	TABLE	14	14	SR
1	Team B	DOOR	8	8	SR

12. Challenges (Questioning a Word):

- a. A team may immediately challenge an opponent's word if it seems invalid.
- b. The referee checks the word using the official word list.
- c. If the word is valid → The challenger loses its next turn.
- d. If invalid → The word is removed, and the team that played it loses its turn.

The referee's decision is **final and binding**.

13. Conduct and Discipline:

All participants are expected to:

- a. Show **respect** to teammates, opponents, and officials.
- b. Maintain **silence and focus** during play.
- c. Handle tiles and boards with care.
- d. Follow referee instructions promptly.
- e. Avoid arguments, distractions, or misconduct.



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Penalties for Misconduct:

Type of Violation	Consequence
Minor disruption or noise	Verbal Warning
Repeated misconduct	Loss of Turn
Cheating, external help, or use of devices	Disqualification
Disrespect to officials	Immediate Disqualification

14. Do's and Don'ts:

Do's

- Read and understand the rules before the event.
- Discuss every move with your teammate.
- Announce each word clearly before recording.
- Keep the score sheet accurate and legible.
- Respect time limits and referee calls.
- Appreciate and congratulate opponents after each match.

Don'ts

- Do not use phones, dictionaries, or notes.
- Do not touch your opponent's tiles or rack.
- Do not change the board after confirming a move.
- Do not argue about word meanings only referees decide.
- Do not waste time intentionally.

15. Winning and Tie-Break Rules:

- The team with the **highest total score** wins.
- In case of a tie:
 - The team with the **highest single-word score** wins.
 - If still tied, the team with **fewer unused tiles** wins.

16. General Guidelines:

- Teams must report at least **30 minutes before** the scheduled match.
- Bring **school ID cards** or authorization letters.
- Attend the orientation session before the start of the round.
- Late arrivals beyond 10 minutes may be **disqualified**.
- All official announcements will be made through school focal persons.



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17. Spirit of the Game:

The **Sindh Youth Word Masters Scrabble Championship** is more than a competition it is a celebration of language, intellect, and unity.

Participants are encouraged to:

- Compete with integrity,
- Support and cheer for one another, and
- Learn through every move they make.

Winning is rewarding, but **playing with honesty and respect defines true champions.**

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