



YES! – Youth European Scrabble Championship Iași, Romania, 10th – 11th of August 2019

Dear young scrabble players, please say “YES!” to YES! Youth European Scrabble Championship - a new scrabble competition dedicated to you!

The Romanian Scrabble Federation, FONTIS and the City Hall of Iași are honoured to organize and proudly invite you to join the **1st edition of YES! – Youth European Scrabble Championship**. Youth scrabble scene is about friendship, fun, learning new words, joy to travel and making new friends. Iași is a major city of Romania, well-known as the Cultural Capital of Romania, City of Great Loves, City of Great Ideas or City on Seven Hills, “brother” with Rome, Italy. Also, Iași area has an efferescent youth scrabble activity, with 3 national English scrabble tournaments and more than 20 young players taking part every year. This contest is part of the program “**Iași – the Youth Capital of Romania 2019-2020**”.

Place: **The Great Hall of Iași City Hall** - Bulevardul Ștefan cel Mare și Sfânt nr. 11
<https://www.google.ro/maps/@47.1615313,27.5822583,126a,35y,94.34h,45t/data=!3m1!1e3>

Format: One open division, 13 rounds, respecting WESPA rules v3; dictionary - CSW 2019, self-adjudication. Free challenges. WESPA rated (also ABSP rated if necessary).

Pairing system: games 1-3 Initial Fontes round robin; games 4-12 Fontes Swiss; no repeats games 1-7, no more than 1 repeat games 8-12; game 13 - KoTH; Gibson rule.

Ages: young scrabble players born **1/1/1999** or later

Side tournament: players born in 1998 or earlier, registration on Saturday 10th of August, 9.00-10.00 hours, format and schedule based on the number of players.

Initiation session: future players ages 21-35yo, Saturday 10th of August at 11.00 (2 hours)

Schedule:

Saturday 10th of August, 2019	Sunday, 11th of August, 2019
9.00-10.00 Registration 10.00-13.00 Games 1-3 Lunch 14.30-19.30 Games 4-8	9.00 -14.00 Games 9-13 14.30 Prizes & Gala Lunch

TD: Sumbul Siddiqui (UK, 21yo) – very well-known young English player

CO: Radu Radu (Romania, 22yo) – well-known young Romanian player, with a good experience, despite the age, in using tsh and other scrabble applications.

Entry Fee: Free for all players

Prizes: Trophies for top 5 best players and for age group champions (best player born 1/1/2002 or later, born 1/1/2004 or later, 1/1/2006 or later, 1/1/2008 or later, 1/1/2010 or later, and 1/1/2012 or later); diplomas, little souvenirs for everyone. No money prizes!

Special Prize: Airfares and accommodation to WESPA Youth Cup 2019 – 29th of November – 1st of December, Kuala Lumpur – Malaysia, for the highest placed player under 18yo who has not participated at any edition of WESPA Youth Cup or World Youth Scrabble Championship. We thank Mrs. Karen Richards (Australia), organizer of WYC, for offering this prize!

Snacks/Refreshments: water, juices, fruits, snacks and cakes, also coffee for adults, during the competition.



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Accommodation: there are plenty of possibilities in the central area of Iași. We recommend Hotel Moldova which is located near The Culture Palace and Palas Mall and has double rooms with breakfast included at 56€/£49/night/room.

Flights: There are 4 major airlines operating on Iași Airport: Tarom, Austrian, Blue Air, Wizz Air. Last two have direct flights to Luton and Blue Air also to Liverpool or Birmingham from Bucharest. Also there are flights from The Netherlands, Germany, Israel and many other countries. Lots of connections at good prices through Vienna with Austrian. The prices for the beginning of August are higher than usual because of the vacations, so we recommend you to check also the flights through Bucharest in connection with flights or buses from there to Iași. Also, Blue Air has flights from Dublin to Bacău (a city not far away from Iași, from where we can arrange cheap shuttles if needed). Please contact us for studying the best variants! We will arrange free transfer in Iasi from airport/ train station/ bus to hotel and from hotel to the place of playing.

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