



## Los Angeles Students Take Home the W-I-N at the 2017 North American School SCRABBLE Championship

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- After a weekend filled with unscrambling dozens of letters and locating coveted vowels, the student SCRABBLE team of Jem Burch and Zach Ansell, from Los Angeles, Calif. took home the title of 2017 North American School SCRABBLE Champions. More than 150 top School SCRABBLE players in grades 4 through 12 competed in the 15<sup>th</sup> annual North American School SCRABBLE Championship at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass. The winning duo was awarded a prestigious \$10,000 grand prize after defeating dozens of enthusiastic teams.

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Jem Burch and Zach Ansell, from Los Angeles, Calif. took home the title of 2017 North American School SCRABBLE Champions at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass. (Photo: Business Wire)

"The number of bright and talented SCRABBLE players we see every year never fails to impress me," said Jonathan Berkowitz, senior vice president of marketing, Hasbro Gaming. "The competition in the 15<sup>th</sup> annual North

American School SCRABBLE Championship was fierce - but fun - and we want to thank all of the participants, coaches, families, and friends who joined Hasbro for a weekend filled with extraordinary SCRABBLE gameplay."

Eighth-grader Jem Burch and seventh-grader Zach Ansell, also known by their SCRABBLE team name Random Word Generators are both former School SCRABBLE Champions. The duo played eight tournament rounds throughout the weekend, out-spelling their final opponents 374-349 with high-scoring words such as EUGENIA, INFARES, ENTRESOL and STEEPING.

The winners of the newly-formed Challenge Division, geared towards newer SCRABBLE players and first time competitors in grades 4 through 12 was won by teammates Audrey Benford from Potomac, Md. and Dina Lacugna from Fairfield, Conn. The winner of the newly formed High School Division was Kevin Bowerman from Chapel Hill, NC.

This year, the North American School SCRABBLE Championship was officiated by Mindsports International. To learn more about playing competitively as part of the community of School SCRABBLE players, visit [schoolscrabble.us](http://schoolscrabble.us). For more information on the SCRABBLE brand, visit [Hasbro.com/SCRABBLE](http://Hasbro.com/SCRABBLE) and follow [@HasbroNews](https://twitter.com/HasbroNews) on Twitter.

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