

Queensland Scrabble AGM

RULES CONVENOR'S REPORT 2025

There are some rules related issues currently being discussed:

Extra time for players with special needs

"2.2 (See also 2.5) The time allotted is to be equally divided between the two players. You may ask for a time clock before play commences or during the game. In the latter case, the time remaining will be equally divided. The time allotted for games played in the Australian National Championships has been set by CASPA at 25 minutes per player.

2.5 At the discretion of the Tournament Director, a player with special needs may be awarded an amount of extra playing time, or not required to use a clock."

My recommendation – Accept

Declaring blanks

"7.1 Blanks must be declared in writing on a neutral sheet of paper (such as a results slip). Where both blanks occur in the same word, their order must be made clear, on the paper used.

7.2 The player of a blank must record it before pressing the clock. If they do not, the opponent may immediately restart that player's clock, requesting that the blank be properly declared."

Recommendation – pretty much what we do already therefore accept.

Rules regarding Conduct

General consensus is that in the light of the Josh Watt incident, CASPA rules in this area are quite sloppy. Nick Ivanovski drafted some suggested rules a few years ago and has been asked to have another look at them and propose changes. More to come in this area.

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