

Greetings Wooglers!

In light of recent policy decisions announced by Scrabble® brand holders, we wanted to take the opportunity to release our own statement on how we will handle lexicon support on Woogles.io (including OMGWords, Aerolith and any future word games we launch).

We will not be supporting any lexica on the Woogles.io platform that contain the words recently deemed "offensive slurs" by the Scrabble® brandholders (Hasbro, Mattel). No organizations (location, language, officially recognized status) will be exempt from this decision.

While this policy sets forth our future direction, the changes won't take place overnight, given that our community understandably needs time to adapt. Instead, we will continue to communicate when these changes will take effect throughout Woogles.io.

This decision was made by the team with no influence or request from any organization or company. It reflects our goals and our mission statement: to create a great place for people to play word games online. Whether or not we individually feel these words should be removed, they aren't fostering the inclusive environment we envision. For example:

- The offensive words generate bad PR that distracts from what makes our community awesome: the thousands of people of all ages, nationalities, and backgrounds who play
- Offensive words are alienating to players unfamiliar with or new to our communities. Woogles was founded in order to expand participation in competitive word-gaming, and keeping these words risks jeopardizing our goal
- The people who cover our game, in particularly Twitch streamers, are placed in the uncomfortable position of justifying these words when they crop up. These channels are a huge source of new word-gamers
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We're grateful for the immense support we've received from the community over the last year, and we're looking forward to continuing to build an amazing brand and community with you all - our peers, our early adopters, and of course, our Woogles family - throughout 2021 and beyond.

❤️ Woogles team