



ADULT SPELLING BEE RULES AND PROCEDURES

The following procedures must be followed by all teams:

1. Each team will consist of three members. All teams should have a designated writer who will write the response on the white board.
2. The Pronouncer will pronounce the word, give the definition of the word, use it in a sentence and pronounce the word once more.
3. Team members may collaborate on the spelling of a word. Each time will have 30 seconds to spell the word by writing it on the white board distributed to each team at the beginning of the round. Any team that does not hold up the white board when the judges call for time will be eliminated. Any team continuing to write after time is called or attempting to change the word as written on the slate will be disqualified. If the word is illegible or if letters are ambiguous, the word will be treated as misspelled.
4. Do not erase your slate until you have been told whether your spelling is correct. If a team erases its word too soon they may be disqualified. If a team attempts to rewrite the word on the slate, the team will be disqualified. If you have spelled the word correctly and the judges notify you of this you may erase and prepare for the next word.
5. If you have spelled the word incorrectly, please lower one of your flower markers and prepare for the next word. Upon missing the spelling of two words, a team is eliminated from the round. After two misspelled words a team may buy their way back into the round for \$100 **one time only**. An audience member may also do this for them. You have 5 seconds to make this decision. Please raise your fly swatter if you would like to buy yourselves back in. After buying your way back into the spelling bee if you spell another word incorrectly you are out. When you have two incorrectly spelled words and you are not buying your way back into the swarm please exit the stage. A round is over when all but one team is eliminated.
6. The winner of each round will go on to compete in the championship round. In the championship round teams **may** buy themselves back in one time, even if they have done so earlier in the night.
7. In the event of a tie the pronouncer shall give additional words until a winner emerges.
8. Words will be pronounced according to the Scripps National Spelling Bee site and using Merriam Webster definitions.
9. These procedures and official rules will govern at the spelling bee. Any disputes will be resolved by the judges. There will be no appeals.