



Spelling Bee Rules
November 3, 2011

1. Each team will consist of three members including the Captain, who shall be the Designated Speller.
2. Words used in the Spelling Bee will be selected from the word list provided by WPY.
3. Words will be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in the *American Heritage Dictionary: Second College Edition* and *Webster's Third New International Dictionary*, which are the official Bee Dictionaries. Capital letters must be clearly indicated by the Designated Speller.
4. The Pronouncer will pronounce the word, give the definition of the word, use it in a sentence, and pronounce the word once more.
5. If requested by a team, the word will be repeated 1 additional time.
6. Team members may collaborate on the spelling of the word. Each team will print the word legibly on the slate provided. All teams will complete the writing of the word within **thirty seconds** and then will be instructed to put down all writing instruments. Proper use of capitalization, hyphens, etc. will be required for correct spelling.
7. All teams will then display their slates simultaneously as directed.
8. Upon misspelling a word, the team will be eliminated and leave the stage area.
9. If all teams misspell the word, no team will be eliminated and a new word will be given.
10. The last team to spell a word correctly in a particular round will be declared the winner of that round and will advance to the final round. If no team spells a word correctly, the round is repeated until **one** team wins. Winners of each round shall be recalled for a final round and the same rules will apply.
11. The Judges make the final decisions on all questions.