

CONNECTICUT JUNIOR WOMEN, INC.

SPELLING BEE RULES

1. The Word Announcer will pronounce the word, use it in a sentence and pronounce the word again.
2. Each contestant must pronounce the word given by the Word Announcer, spell the word and pronounce the word again. The contestant is not finished until she/he says the word for the second time. The contestant may be reminded by the Judge to complete her/his turn by saying the word for the second time.
3. A contestant may not change the spelling of a word after she/he pronounces it for the second time. However, the contestant may change the spelling of the word before she/he pronounces it for the second time. The contestant must retrace the spelling from the beginning.
4. A contestant may ask for a re-pronouncing of the word and re-stating of the sentence. The Word Announcer shall grant the request until the Judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the contestant. Judges may disqualify any contestant who ignores a request to start spelling.
5. If the Judges feel that a contestant has misunderstood a word due to difficulties with the sound system or the acoustics of the room, they will ask the Word Announcer to pronounce it again.
6. The Spelling Bee is based on single elimination. Upon missing the spelling of a word, the contestant is immediately eliminated from the competition. The Word Announcer should give the correct spelling of the word. The next word on the list is given to the next contestant. No words will be skipped on the list and each word will be presented in sequence.
7. Any questions relating to the spelling of a word should be referred to the Judges immediately.
 - a. When more than two (2) contestants remain:
 1. The deadline for making a protest is before the contestant affected would have received her/his next word if she/he had remained in the contest.
 2. If a protest is made, the Bee Master must temporarily suspend the contest.
 3. The challenge must be made clear to each Judge.
 4. The Bee Master must formally announce the Judges decision on the challenge.
 - b. When only two (2) contestants remain:
 1. The protest must be made immediately. It must be made before remaining contestant has started to spell the word, or if both have missed the same word, before the correct spelling is given by the Word Announcer.
8. The elimination procedure changes when there are only two (2) contestants left.
 - a. At this point when one contestant (x) misspells a word, the other contestant (y) will be given the same word to spell.
 - b. If contestant (y) spells that word correctly and the next word given to her/him by the Word Announcer, then contestant (y) shall be declared the winner.
 - c. If contestant (x) misspells a word, and contestant (y) spells it correctly but misspells the next word given to her/him, then the misspelled word must be spelled by contestant (x).
 - d. If contestant (x) correctly spells the misspelled word, and correctly spells the next word given to her/him by the Word Announcer, then contestant (x) shall be declared the winner.

If both contestants misspell the same word, both shall continue. The contestant who first misspelled the word will be given a new word to spell and the Spelling Bee will continue as stated until a winner is determined.
9. Webster's New World Dictionary shall serve as the final authority for the spelling of the words. Another dictionary may be used, but the dictionary being used must be announced prior to the start of the competition for clarification of authority.
10. The Judges are in complete control of the Spelling Bee. The Judges decision shall be final on all questions.