

The Spelling Bee will have three rounds of competition: Easy, Intermediate, and Advanced words. If we have a tie at the end, I have three sudden death words to determine the winner.

Before competition starts we will have microphone checks and video must be on for entire competition. Since this is a friendly, low stakes competition, we are conducting the Bee on the Honor System. When participants spell their words their eyes must remain on the screen from the time they receive their word until spelling of that word is complete. If a word is misspelled it will be retired and a new word will be given to the next speller.

If we have 6 or fewer participants, one free misspelled word is allowed. Otherwise, it is a single elimination spelling bee. Eliminated participants are encouraged to hang around and support the other spellers still competing for bragging rights.

Since this program is being conducted in a digital environment, I understand tech problems can occur. If a participant loses their connection they will be provided with a new word once they reconnect on zoom and rejoin competition.

Order of Spellers is determined by alphabetical order of speller's first name.

Spellers will be provided a word (and if speller requests it, the definition, part of speech, and use of the word in a sentence). Spellers will have two minutes to spell their word and will be notified when they have 30 seconds remaining. To confirm that you have completed the spelling of your word please use the usual spelling bee convention of "word, w-o-r-d, word."

I will serve as hostess, judge, and pronouncer. I will do my best to pronounce all words correctly. All words and definitions come from Merriam-Webster online dictionary.

A speller may be removed from competition for misspelling a word, either in their final submission or if in the process of retracing a spelling, alters the letters or sequence of letters from those first uttered; or in the process of spelling, utters unintelligible sounds.

Spellers will also be removed from competition if they do not provide a complete spelling before their time expires.

I will not mute microphones. Please remain silent while a contestant is spelling.

The judge's ruling is final.