



Thank you for being a part of Warren County Public Library's Spellabration! We are looking forward to a night of intense competition, fantastic costumes and much more.

Adult Spelling Bee Rules & Procedures

Teams will be competing for numerous awards throughout the night. Even if you don't win the Spelling Bee, your team can still take home a trophy. Just show us your spirit!

Spellabration Awards

Spelling Bee Champion: Traveling Trophy (Will be presented with a plaque before the next Bee)

Spelling Bee 2nd and 3rd place teams: Framed certificate

Spirit Trophy: The team (including supporters) that demonstrates the most team spirit*

Costume Trophy: The most original or elaborate costumes*

Table Award: The most original or elaborate table decorations*

*A panel of judges will determine the recipients of the Spirit, Costume, and Table awards.

Spell Again Rules

Uh, oh! Even if you misspell a word, you can try another word with a Spell Again!

Teams may purchase a Spell Again for \$25 or three for \$60. **(Limit three per team.)**

1. Each Spell Again may only be used ONCE.
2. Teams must call to use their Spell Again **immediately (within 5 seconds)** after misspelling a word and must give the Spell Again to the official.
3. Upon calling for a Spell Again, **the team will be given a new word** and will have **15 seconds** to confer and must correctly spell the new word *only* to move on. The Spell Again word will be the next word on the regular word list.
4. **Teams may use one Spell Again per round.**
5. **No Spell Agains may be used when the number of teams left competing is reduced to two.**

Catapult Rules (2019 only)

1. Teams may purchase a throw at the catapult for \$10 or three for \$25.
2. Stuffed animals can be used at the catapult to distract opposing teams **during their time on stage ONLY.**
3. No animals may be launched when the number of teams left competing is **reduced to two.**

PLEASE REMEMBER:

There will be short breaks between rounds to allow for restroom breaks, silent auction viewing, eating, drinking, games and some music. The timing of those breaks will be determined by the speed of the rounds, the emcee's needs, closing of the auction, and the line at the cash bar.

Name-calling and derogatory remarks may only be directed at other members of your own team.

KEEP IT CLEAN, FOLKS. (Remember, it's a charity event AND IT'S FOR THE CHILDREN!)

THE JUDGES' DECISIONS SHALL BE FINAL ON ALL QUESTIONS.

Rules are intended to be final. However, if need be, the judges reserve the right to make changes prior to the start of the Bee (or in the middle of the Bee, if necessary: wink, wink! Remember, we want to go home before Saturday.)

1. Each team will consist of three spellers and a coach/alternate.
2. Beginning with Round 1, each team will designate a speller to spell at the mic. They will be able to confer with their team on stage, but must spell at the mic alone. Teams reserve the right to rotate as designated spellers throughout the bee.
3. After the designated speller has received the word and, if desired, the definition, origin and use in a sentence, the team may confer for 15 seconds – then spelling must begin. During conference time, teams may scribble on a white board or piece of paper provided by the on-deck officials. Said materials will be handed to teammates before the designated speller goes to the microphone. The speller must complete the spelling within 30 seconds. A speller may stop in the middle of spelling and start over – however, there can be NO change of letters from the original recitation.
4. The judge(s), whose decision is final, will determine correct spelling based on Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary and Merriam Webster.
5. Study guides and electronic devices will not be allowed on or near the stage area, team waiting area, etc. *If teams are found to have such devices they will be fined \$1,000,000 (which will eliminate our need to go further in the fundraising!) or will be immediately disqualified.*
6. Oral competition will be limited to *no more* than three rounds
7. The Pronouncer will pronounce the word and the designated speller may request a definition, the etymology (that's origin, folks) and/or a sentence. The speller may ask for one additional pronunciation of the word.
8. For the purposes of this spelling bee, capital letters will not be considered.
9. Please note that if none of the teams remaining in the spelling bee at the end of a round spells a word correctly during that round, all teams of that round shall remain in the competition. Teams should NOT leave the stage until they are certain that their elimination is final.
10. If teams are reduced to two by the third round, the elimination procedure changes. The Spell Again purchases become void and no longer can be used. When one team misspells a word, the other team is given the same word. If the second team spells that word correctly, as well as the next word on the pronouncer's list, they are declared the winners.
11. If one of the last two teams misses and the other team, after correctly spelling that word, misspells the new word, the misspelled new word will be given to the other team. If they correctly spell that word, as well as the next word on the list, that team will be declared the winner. If both teams misspell the same word, both shall continue in the contest. The team that FIRST misspelled the word will be given a new word to spell and the contest will continue under the rules stated above. (*Have we sufficiently confused you?*)
12. If more than two teams are present after the three oral competition rounds, the bee will move to a written test. The team that scores the highest during the written test will win the bee with the other teams being awarded in descending order of scores. Any ties in the written test will be settled with our word list.