



Parenting OC Spelling Bee Rules

1. Each Southern California public, private and parochial school can have up to three students in the contest, chosen officially or otherwise. The student must be in grade five or lower. Each school may determine in their own way how their official representative is chosen. Home-schooled students are also welcome, and may be asked to show proof of grade/age.
Deliver entry forms and entry fee (\$35) by fax (714-630-4510), mail or hand deliver to: Parenting OC Magazine Attn: Spelling Bee, 1100 N. Tustin Ave. Ste. 200, Anaheim, CA 92807.
2. The Pronouncer will pronounce the word and define it. Upon request, the pronouncer will use the word in a sentence that matches the definition given, give the language of origin, and repronounce the word. One request for a repronounce of a word may be made following the Pronouncer's description of the word. Time will then begin in which the students will orally spell the given word. No questions will be allowed once students start spelling. **Proctors, members of the audience, coaches, or parents, will not be allowed to ask questions about the words or pronunciations.**
3. Words shall be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in *Webster's Third New International Dictionary* unabridged, 1986 Merriam-Webster Inc., and its addenda section. **No other dictionary will be used to verify the spelling of a word.**
4. The judge may disqualify any contestant who ignores a request to start spelling.
5. Having started to spell a word, a contestant may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning; but in retracing, there can be no change of letters or their sequence from those first pronounced. If letters or their sequence are changed in the respelling, the speller will be eliminated.
6. Upon missing the spelling of a word, the contestant immediately drops out of the contest. The next word on the Pronouncer's list is given to the next contestant. **Any challenges to words in the oral round must be before the next speller receives a word. If a contestant feels there is a second spelling, they may ask the judge to review the spelling.**
7. When the contestants are reduced to two, the elimination procedure changes. At that point, when one contestant misspells a word, the other contestant shall be given the opportunity to spell that same word. If the second contestant spells that word correctly, plus the next word on the Pronouncer's list, then the second contestant shall be declared the champion. **(Option B in National rules)**
8. If one of the last two spellers misses and the other, after correcting the error, misspells the new word submitted to him/her, then the misspelled word shall be referred to the first speller. If the first speller then succeeds in correcting the error and correctly spells the next word on the Pronouncer's list, then he/she shall be declared the champion.
9. If both spellers misspell the same word, both shall continue in the contest, and the one who first misspelled the word shall be given a new word to spell. The contest shall then continue under Rules 8 and 9.
10. The competition manager is the final authority on all contest questions. **No challenges may be made after the competition is over.**

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

Teacher Signature (if applicable)

Date