

Competition Information

Registration:

School Registration:

A spelling bee competition will be held within in the school. It can be a class event, grade event, or entire school event. It will be up to the school to decide how to organize the competition. Once the competition is complete, the school will decide who its top five spellers are. Those top five spellers have the opportunity to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee here in Ottawa and that event will be hosted by Canada Super Spelling Bee.

Schools can go online to fill out the registration form. A leader will be chosen based on how the school is choosing to host its spelling bee. The leader can be a principal, a teacher, a student, a parent, or another member of faculty.

The cost for a school to register is \$295 + HST. This covers the cost of a Word List provided by Canada Super Spelling Bee, as well as the registration fee for the school's top five spellers to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee.

Individual Registration:

Students have an opportunity to register online for our Coaching Program. This is an individual opportunity and is not being offered to schools at this time.

Students will learn about the basics of spelling bee, as well as some important tips to aid them in becoming successful with spelling bee.

The top 20 spellers from the Coaching Program will then also have the opportunity to compete with the top spellers from various schools in the Regional Spelling Bee.

The fee for the individual registration is \$395 + HST. This covers the cost of nine sessions held in one semester. Each session is an hour long and students will learn etymology, the origin words, definitions of words, and the basics of spelling bee from our teachers and our VIP Coaches.

Regional Spelling Bee:

The Regional Spelling Bee will be hosted by Canada Super Spelling Bee here in Ottawa in May (the event location, time, and exact date is still being determined). Students will compete as one whole group in the Regional Spelling Bee. There are no divisions based on age. Students will be expected to follow the competition rules listed below.

NASCC (North American Spelling Champion Challenge)

Our top 20 spellers from the Regional Spelling Bee will have an opportunity to compete as teams representing Canada in the NASCC held in the United States. Teams will only be a part of the NASCC and not the Regional Spelling Bee.

Competition Rules

1. Judges have final say and are in complete control. Their decision is final on all questions presented.
2. Spellers may ask the pronouncer to repeat the word, use it in a sentence, define the word, language of origin, part of speech, and/or root word. The pronouncer may provide these aids until the judges decide that the word has been made clear.
3. When a speller starts to spell a word, they may stop and start over. However, they may not change the letters already pronounced at the beginning. If the letters and/or their sequences have been changed in the respelling, the speller is disqualified.
4. If the speller misspells the word, they immediately drop out of the contest. The next word on the list is given to the next speller.
5. When the final two spellers are presented, the elimination process changes. When a speller misspells a word, the other speller will be given a chance to spell the same word. If the second speller spells the word correctly, then they are declared the winner.
6. If they do not spell the second word correctly, all spellers from the last round are back in.
7. If both spellers misspell the word, the competition continues.
8. Spellers may protest or raise an objection before the round ends, but otherwise no protests are to be made. Members are not permitted to vocalize their concern(s) to the judges or pronouncer during the competition.
9. While spelling, spellers must face the judges and say the word, spell the word, and repeat the word again. This continues for each round.
10. The speller has a time limit of two minutes. Time begins when the pronouncer says the first word. Spellers will be disqualified if they fail to complete the spelling before time is up.

11. Judges must listen carefully and decide whether a word was pronounced correctly and has been spelt correctly. The judges have the final decision.
12. Spellers may also be disqualified if the following actions are committed:
the speller does not approach the microphone on their turn, poor sportsmanship is used, speller alters the letters or sequence of letters from the first attempt, if unintelligible sounds are used, or any misconduct or inappropriate behavior towards judges, audience, other spellers, or pronouncer.