



1. **How does the Spelling Bee work? Do I have to stand up in front of people?**

Our Spelling Bee is all about fun, not putting anyone on the spot. You will sit at a table with your team, collaborate on how to spell each word, and one team member will write your final answer on a whiteboard. The judge at your table will determine if the spelling is correct. **If your team misspells 3 words, you will be eliminated...** unless you buy a Mulligan (see #5 for more).

2. **What makes up a team?**

Teams can include up to 10 members. It is recommended that each team have a minimum of 4 members, but any number up to 10 is acceptable. If you wish to participate, but don't have enough to make a strong team, please contact development@CoveCareCenter.org and we will try to find a team for you to join!

3. **How many spellers can there be on a team?**

Members of the team can choose to be spellers, cheerleaders, or spectators. There is no limit to the number of spellers on a team (up to 10). All team members can help to determine the agreed spelling. We suggest that one team member, who prints clearly, be identified as the "writer" for the group. We will provide one whiteboard with pen/eraser per team.

You will have 30 seconds to collaborate and write the word on the whiteboard after the final pronunciation by the emcee. Agreeing to a smaller group of your best spellers may be the most effective way to compete!

4. **Can we 'scribble' words down on scrap paper as they are pronounced?**

Yes. Team members are welcome to use scrap paper.

5. **What is a Mulligan and how do we use it?**

If a team is eliminated during Regular Round play, they can choose to re-enter the competition **for the next word** by purchasing a second chance to stay in the Bee—called a Mulligan. Mulligans are \$25 each and give a team the opportunity to misspell one more word before being eliminated again. Each team can purchase up to **5 Mulligans**, during **Regular Rounds only**. You will need to quickly fill in a brief form on the table and pay by cash, check or credit card before the evening is over. We recommend filling out the forms before the Bee begins and submitting them to your judge if and when your team purchases a Mulligan. Mulligans may also be purchased in advance on our website: www.CoveCareCenter.org.

6. **Will we have a demonstration of how the Bee works prior to the official start?**

Yes, there will be a demonstration of the process of play before the Bee begins.

7. **Will there be food?**

Yes! We will have a full dinner buffet including salad, rolls, Penne a la Vodka, Chicken Francese, and green beans. The entrance fee also includes dessert, soda, coffee and tea. A cash bar will be offered.



8. **What time will the Spelling Bee end?**

We plan for the Bee to end around 9:00pm. Of course, this may depend upon the expertise and skill of our teams, but we will do our best to keep to our timetable.

9. **How should we dress?**

The Bee is meant to be fun and casual. Most teams dress in team colors, hats, T-Shirts, etc. and bring themed props. Feel free to do the same or come in comfortable attire.

10. **I'm planning to bring my children along.**

It is recommended that attendees be 18 years of age or older. (Remember that a cash bar will be available). If you bring children, please be sure to supervise them properly to avoid any issues.

11. **Will I need to bring any additional money for anything?**

Yes, if your team wants to purchase any Mulligans or purchase a drink from the cash bar. We will also have a 50/50 drawing (1 for \$1, 6 for \$5) and, of course we'll be happy to accept donations!

12. **Can we challenge the Judge's ruling?**

Yes, you can pose a challenge. All words will be directly taken from the National Spelling Bee *Spell It* List (which also provides any alternate spelling), and we will have the official Webster's Dictionary onsite.

Have fun spelling for a great cause!
