



# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual CoveCare Adult Spelling Bee Rules and Procedures



## Regular Round—10 words to a round

Teams are eliminated after 3 incorrectly spelled words, unless a Mulligan\* is purchased.

## Championship Round—Single misspelled word elimination

1. It is recommended that all attendees be 18 years of age or older.
2. All Teams should identify a designated speller who will write the Team's response on the whiteboard provided.
3. **No Electronic Devices will be allowed.** They must be silenced and not be visible. Judges will be watching!
4. **Emcees will pronounce the word, define it and use it in a sentence, and then repeat the word.** Any Team may ask the Emcees to repeat the word one more time, but no more.
5. You have **30 seconds to spell the word on the whiteboard. When Judges call time, all markers must be put down and the whiteboards must be held up** and shown to the Judges. Judges will wait until the full 30 seconds are up before notifying the Team if their spelling is correct.
  - Any Team continuing to write or attempting to change their written word after time is called will be disqualified.
  - Writing must be legible as determined by the Judge. If letters are ambiguous, the word will be treated as misspelled.
6. **Do NOT erase your whiteboard until you have been told whether or not the word is spelled correctly by the Judge.**
  - If a Team erases its word too soon, it may be disqualified.
7. **If you have spelled the word correctly as stated by the Judge, please erase and prepare for the next word.**
8. **If you have spelled the word incorrectly, please lower one of your flags and prepare for the next word.**
  - If you spell a word incorrectly and it is your THIRD incorrect spelling, your team is eliminated unless you wish to purchase a MULLIGAN. If not—please lower your third flag and remove your team name sign.
  - \*You may proceed with play if you purchase a MULLIGAN—Extra Chance (\$25). A Mulligan gives your team **ONE flag** back (meaning, you are back in the competition until you misspell another word. Then you are out...unless you purchase another Mulligan). Only **FIVE (5) Mulligans are allowed per Team** and a Mulligan can only be purchased during regular round play, NOT during the Championship Round. **If you wish to purchase a Mulligan, act quickly!** After purchasing a Mulligan, **teams must be ready to spell the immediate next word called by the Emcees.** (For more on Mulligans, see our Spelling Bee FAQs.)
9. **When there is a *maximum* of 5 remaining Teams left, the Spelling Bee enters the Championship Round.**
  - Single Elimination Round: Teams will be eliminated with the first word misspelled, until there is only one Team left, who will become the next Putnam County Spelling Champions!
  - If all remaining Teams misspell the same word, only these Teams will be allowed to try again and spell a new word.
  - If there is a tie, the Emcees will continue to offer words until there is a clear winner.
10. **Judges make the final decision on all questions. There will be no appeals.**
11. **Trophies will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners as well as to the "Most Enthusiastic Team."**

CoveCare Center used the "Spell It!" 2009-10 List from the National Spelling Bee, as well as Webster's 3<sup>rd</sup> International Unabridged Dictionary and other online resources as the reference source. If you want to practice your spelling skills, you can visit [www.myspellit.com](http://www.myspellit.com).

*Please note that pictures may be taken at this event for promotional purposes or for publication.*



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual CoveCare Adult Spelling Bee Cheering Rules



We encourage participants to cheer their team's efforts.

Costumes, props and prepared cheers are always a lot of fun.

However, please note the following:

Occasionally, given their excitement, participants have been known to become so loud that spellers throughout the room cannot concentrate. While we do not wish to stifle your enthusiasm, we have created the following simple rules to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable time at the Bee.

- There is no cheering permitted while Emcees are pronouncing each word.
- Teams have 30 seconds to collaborate on the spelling of each word and write it down on their whiteboard. Vocal cheers and loud activities may be performed after the 30 seconds are up and before the Emcees begin to call the next word.
- The "Most Enthusiastic Team" Award will be presented during the break before the Championship Round.