



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

The Spelling Bee is a team effort! Your team sits together at a table and has 30 seconds to collaborate (scrap paper is provided) on the spelling once the emcee finishes the pronunciation. 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 purchase a mulligan (see #3 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 participants. If you would like to join us but don't have a team, please contact [development@covecarecenter.org](mailto:development@covecarecenter.org) and we will try to find a team for you to join!

**3. 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 by purchasing a second chance to stay in the Bee—called a mulligan. Mulligans are \$25 each. Each team can purchase up to **5 Mulligans during regular rounds only**. You will need to quickly complete a brief form at the table and pay by cash, check or credit card. We recommend filling out the forms before the Bee begins and submitting them to your judge when your team purchases a mulligan. Mulligans may also be purchased in advance on our website: [www.covecarecenter.org](http://www.covecarecenter.org).

**4. 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.

**5. Will there be food?**

Yes! There will be a full dinner buffet including salad, rolls, Penne a la Vodka, Chicken Francese, and a vegetable. The entrance fee also includes dessert, soda, coffee and tea. A cash bar will be available.

**6. 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.

**7. 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.



**8. 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.

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

Yes, if you would like to purchase mulligans or a drink from the cash bar. We will also have a 50/50 drawing and a special raffle prize - to be announced. Of course, we are also happy to accept donations at the event.

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

Yes, you can pose a challenge. CoveCare Center uses the "Spell It!" 2009-10 List from the National Spelling Bee, as well as Webster's Dictionary and other online resources.

**Have fun spelling for a great cause!**