



**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 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** for use during **regular rounds only**. Mulligans may be purchased at the Bee or in advance on our site: [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! A full dinner buffet, dessert, soda, coffee/tea is served – 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. Can I bring my children along?**

It is recommended that attendees be 18 years of age or older.

**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 raffle drawing and accepting donations at the event.

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

Yes, you can pose a challenge. We use the "Spell It!" List from the National Spelling Bee, Webster's Dictionary, and other online resources.